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## Police: Bike fatality was a hit-and-run

Officials search for answers following cyclist's death

By Melissa Da Ponte  
TAB Staff Writer

The mysterious accident that killed a 20-year-old bicyclist on Commonwealth Avenue last month has been labeled a motor vehicle homicide, Boston Police said last week.

Investigators are now searching for the driver of the car that struck Boston University student Meghan Birdsall, 20, on the service road of the inbound side of Commonwealth Avenue at about 1:45 a.m. on June 22. Police say the vehicle was a late-model, American-made car with undercarriage damage. No witnesses have come forward with information that could help officials piece together details of the accident.

For the victim's family, the unanswered questions surrounding her death are haunting. Meghan's father, George Birdsall, said he hopes someone will contact police with information that will take some of the mystery out of the events that led to his daughter's death.

"We can't bring Meghan back," he said. "But it would certainly help if we had some answers. Somewhere out there there's a car that killed some-

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## Club short on funds

West End House seeks money to continue youth services

By Melissa Da Ponte  
TAB Staff Writer

Ongoing funding problems at the West End House Boys & Girls Club are starting to threaten the future of the Allston center, which is the neighborhood's largest provider of youth services.

While the club has long been recognized as an anchor for young people in Allston-Brighton, rising operational costs and attrition among older supporters have left West End House in a vulnerable position, according to club officials.

Despite paring down hours, trimming staff and raising the annual membership fee from \$5 to \$15, club administrators say they consistently come up

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## Clowning around



Magic Alf the Clown, otherwise known as Michael Alfano, performs a bit of a juggling act on Commonwealth Avenue. He was performing at Star Market last week to promote the start of a fundraising campaign for Franciscan Children's Hospital.

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# 'Paternalistic principal' retires

After 22 years at the Hamilton School helm, John Molloy will miss the schoolchildren most of all

By Judy Wasserman  
TAB Correspondent

At first it looked like just another end-of-school-year day at the Hamilton School: chairs atop desks, floors waxed and washed, boxes of supplies stacked in corners.

A gentle breeze cooled the main office as Principal John Molloy surveyed the scene, as he had at the Strathmore Road elementary school for the past 22 years. But this time was the last time.

Molloy is retiring from the Boston Public Schools after 43 years as a teacher, coach and principal.

"I could have retired three years ago, benefit-wise, but I stayed because I enjoy what I do," he said.

But with his 65th birthday approaching, he decided now is the time.

"I'm weary. It's hard work, and you don't

always get the results you want; it can be frustrating," he said.

Still, Molloy said he will "positively miss the kids the most because, after all, they are the most important part of the job."

Cluster 5 (Allston-Brighton) Leader Patrice DiNatale said Molloy always had a "calm veneer, but still got the job done."

"I can't tell you how much of a gentleman, how much of an educator and how much of a team member he has been," said DiNatale.

Describing himself as a "paternalistic principal," Molloy recalled innumerable instances of his involvement with the school community.

For example, many years ago he became the godfather of a baby born to a Laotian woman who was an interpreter at Hamilton. When news of his retirement spread, the mother of two Hamilton alumna — who went on to Boston Latin School and became attorneys — called to thank him and wish him well. A third-grader who had experienced much of Molloy's discipline this year told him, "I'm going to miss you!"

While Molloy will miss the schoolchildren, teachers and parents, he said he will not miss the times when buses broke down or got stuck in traffic and arrived late to pick up the students. He bemoaned the fact that it happened all too often.

Complaints aside, Molloy has not observed many "dramatic changes" in the Brighton Public Schools since he began teaching. He started out as a physical education teacher and coach at

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John Molloy

**ON THE DRAWING BOARD**



The city of Boston Board of Appeal will hold a public hearing at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 14, in Room 801 of City Hall to discuss the following items:

- an appeal by the Eljen Corp. to use its properties at 76-84 Braintree St. for parking of 10 cars and seven trucks for moving-company employees and customers. Eljen is also seeking permission to park three trailers at the same site.
- an appeal by the estate of Gerald F. Clemente to change the legal occupancy at 32 Seattle St. from a one-family dwelling to a two-family dwelling.

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Mayor Thomas Menino (center) joined the general director of the Tapei Economic and Cultural Office Thomas Cheng (far right) and Asian American Bank and Trust President Vivian Huang (second from right) last week to open the new Allston branch of the Asian American Bank.

# Banking on immigrants

Asian American Bank brings new service to Allston newcomers

By Melissa Da Ponte  
TAB Staff Writer

Allston residents are graciously welcoming a new bank that focuses on the needs of the local immigrant community.

The Asian American Bank & Trust Company opened its fourth branch last week at 230 Harvard Ave. The bank is headquartered in Chinatown, and has another branch in that district as well as one in Somerville.

But the name of the bank is a little misleading.

President Vivian Huang said that while the institution, the largest Asian-American bank in New England, was formed by 33 Asian-Americans and their friends, its emphasis is on speaking everyone's language and helping newcomers of all kinds to understand the American financial system.

Employees at the four branches speak a total of 12 languages, including Spanish, Portuguese and Filipino Tagalog.

"Our customer service representatives refer to themselves as social workers," said Huang. "Because they give customers extra help and guidance, and try to understand their cultures."

About 60 percent of the bank's customers in Somerville are non-Asian, and about 25 to 30 percent in Chinatown are non-Asian.

Huang said her bank was approached about opening a local branch by associations representing Asian and Brazilian residents and merchants from Allston-Brighton.

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H. Dao Shih, vice president of the Asian American Bank & Trust Company

Shih, the bank's vice president and director, who was raised in Brazil by Chinese parents and speaks Portuguese, Mandarin and English. "That's the affinity. That's how we're different from non-immigrant banks."

At the Asian American grand opening celebration last week, entertainment was provided by a live band from South America and the food was from local Japanese, Korean and Chinese restaurants.

One Allston resident, who preferred to be identified by only his first name, Anselmo, opened an account as soon as the bank opened for business. A

native of Brazil, Anselmo speaks no English. When Anselmo entered the building, Huang asked "Portuguese? Spanish?" After hearing his answer, Huang pointed him in the direction of Shih.

Anselmo said he was referred to Asian American Bank by a friend who is also Brazilian.

This is the first account he will have at a bank in the United States, Anselmo said.

"This is close to my home," he said, "and I think you get better attention at a smaller bank that's just starting out than you do at a big bank. At smaller ones, they're trying to grow, so they give you more attention."

Asian American offers all types of loans as well as deposits and wire transfers.

The international banking component features foreign check collection, pre-export financing and international letters of credit.

Asian American also has the first copyrighted Chinese automated teller machine in New England.

The bank employs about 40 people, about five of them in the Allston branch. □

**CORRECTION**

A story on the Brighton Central Little League Minor League Red Sox failed to list Christopher Smith as one of the team's all stars. Smith plays catcher for the Red Sox and was part of the all star team that played against Allston Little League.

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COMMUNITY PROFILE

# Leonard leaves Neighborhood Services post

23-year-old heads back to native Philadelphia and Villanova law school

By Melissa Da Ponte  
TAB Staff Writer

As Sarah Leonard leaves her post at the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, she plans to take a bit of what she learned here back to her native Philadelphia — where her uncle plans to run for mayor in next year's election.

Leonard, Allston-Brighton's neighborhood coordinator at City Hall, will leave Boston at the end of July to prepare for law school at Villanova University, which she will enter in the fall. The Boston College graduate looks forward to living close to her family again, which could also prove beneficial to her uncle Marty Weinberg's campaign. (He is married to her father's sister.) His platform may include the creation of an Office of Neighborhood Services for the city of Philadelphia. The idea came from Leonard, 23.

"If that happens, I would be the point-person," she said. "Because I have firsthand experience with it."

In fact, Leonard also has firsthand experience with political campaigns. Her father, Tom, a corporate attorney, has held two citywide offices, and ran for mayor in Philadelphia when Sarah was in third grade. He also served as President Bill Clinton's campaign finance chairman in the past two elections.

"I grew up in politics," said Leonard. "I grew up stuffing envelopes, holding signs and attending campaign rallies. It got into my blood."

Two years ago, Leonard graduated from Boston College, where she studied finance and philosophy. She immediately began working for Mayor Thomas Menino.

"It was a great opportunity and I'm really grateful to the mayor for allowing me the chance," she said. "I think I've wanted to be a lawyer my whole life. But I wasn't ready to go to law school directly from college. So this job was perfect for me because it combined the two things I love most — politics and community service."

A life of law is not unique in her family. Six of her father's brothers are attorneys, and many of the women in her family are married to lawyers. Of her 75 first cousins, four are studying law. Leonard, among the oldest of her generation, is one of only two women in the family to enter the field.

As she leaves her position in Allston-Brighton, Leonard recalls the strong sense of community that helped her stay committed to her work here, but also the job chal-

lenges that tested her level of dedication. Seven days a week, 24 hours a day, she was on call for all of the district's emergencies, including fires. If she wanted to travel more than 30 minutes away from Allston-Brighton, she was responsible for finding another staff person to carry her beeper.

"It wasn't like I could just pick up on a Saturday to go to the beach in Newport," said Leonard, who lives in Brighton.

And those who have attended the

neighborhood's numerous civic meetings in the past two years could usually spot Leonard out on any night of the week, frequently with her cell phone in hand.

"There's so much going on," she said. "It's been challenging to strike a balance to make sure I'm accessible to everyone."

And Menino seems pleased with the way Leonard has risen to meet the challenges of her role as neighborhood coordinator.

"Sarah understands the needs of

the Allston-Brighton community," said Menino. "She's been a real asset to my administration and she's also been very responsive to the needs of the community. It's a real loss to my administration."

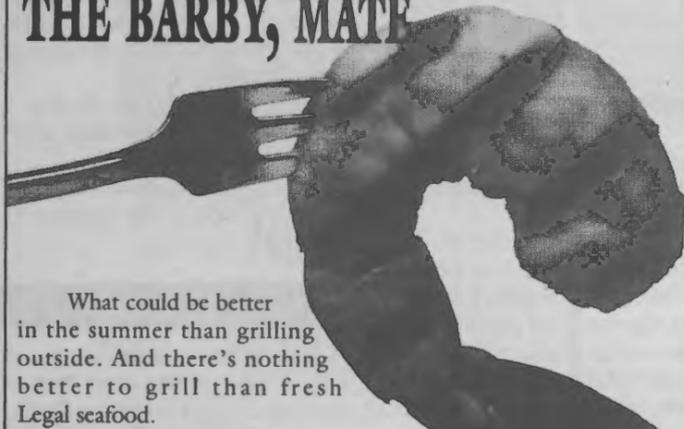
To her successor, Leonard offers a few pieces of advice: "You need to be a good listener and to have a lot of patience and diligence to accomplish your goals."

After a pause, she added one more thing. "Definitely eat your Wheaties in the morning." □



Sarah Leonard of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services is leaving her post. She will be attending Villanova University.

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## IN BRIEF

### Parade promotes bicycle safety

The first Allston-Brighton Children's Bike Safety Parade will take place on Saturday, July 25, with registration at 11 a.m. The parade will promote riding safety and emphasize the importance of wearing helmets. It will also to kick off the Police Department's upcoming bicycle unit.

The parade will begin at the District 14 police station's rear parking lot. It will last about a half-hour, traveling along Washington Street, down Market Street to Sparhawk Street, and back around to Cambridge Street. Children must have a bike helmet and be accompanied by a parent. A cookout will be held after the parade.

### Financial advice available at senior center

The Veronica Smith Senior Center offers a free financial planning seminar on the third Friday of every month.

Advisor Steven Chiu will answer questions about investments, estate taxes, long-term care planning and probate from 10 a.m.-noon Friday, July 24. He is also available for consultation at other times.

For more information about the program, call senior center director Mark Ciommo at 635-6120.

### ESL group meets at Brighton library

Adults who speak English as a Second Language are invited to expand their language skills in an ongoing ESL conversation group. The group meets four times a week at the Brighton Branch of the Boston Public Library, 40 Academy Hill Road.

Groups meet from 6-7:30 p.m. on Mondays and from 10-11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

Volunteer English-speaking tutors act as facilitators for the groups, which are free.

For more information, call 782-6032.

### Farewell fete scheduled

The West End House Boys & Girls Club is planning a tribute to its outgoing Executive Director Michael Bourg from 6:30-9 p.m. Thursday, July 16, in the Heights Room at Boston College.

Bourg is leaving the West End House to move to Cincinnati with his family.

For more information about the event, call the West End House at 787-4044.

### Junior Police Academy open to youth

The Junior Police Academy, a weeklong program for 20 youths aged 9 to 12, will run from Aug. 3-7 this year. Spaces are available.

The program will offer exposure to the various operational components of the Police Department and will also include an enrichment curriculum and field trips to various city attractions. The "recruits" will be selected from each of the 11 districts of the Boston Police Department.

The Junior Police Academy will be structured as a five-day program. Each day will cover a different aspect of operations, such as harbor patrol, the bomb squad, and the K-9 unit. Officers will also cover themes that include friendship, respect, trust, authority and assistance.

The daily program will also include a field trip to the USS Constitution, the Suffolk County House of Correction, and several neighborhood fire departments.

Police hope that each recruit will come away from the Junior Academy with a heightened awareness of what law enforcement in the city entails, as well as a commitment to become a positive force in his or her community.

For more information, call Boston Police Officer Chris Rogers at 343-4376.

### Warren Tolman plans office hours

State Sen. Warren E. Tolman (D-Watertown) will hold office hours from 5-6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 9, 1998 at the Academy Hill Branch of the Boston Public Library, 40 Academy Hill Road, Brighton. A member of Tolman's staff will be available to meet with residents and answer questions.

### Dog training classes begin

The Jackson Mann Community Center in Allston is beginning its next session of dog training classes on July 13. The classes are available for beginners and level-two students and use a nonforce, positive training method.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Jackson Mann Community Center. For more information, call 789-3647.

## SCHOOL BRIEFS

### Edison honors eighth-grade achievers

At the Edison Middle School's eighth-grade graduation June 15, the following awards were presented:

**Valedictorian:** Sothea Hem, who achieved all A's and A+'s this year.

**High Honor Roll (all A's):** Selma Dubovic, Nichelle Hodge and Li Huan Lai

**Honor Roll (all A's and B's):** Nguyen Chau, Chang Liu, Phuong Lan Nguyen, Hawa Samah, Erick Serrano, and Tuyet Tran

**Perfect Attendance:** Amy Chan, Sothea Hem, Faiza Muslim, Herb Paul, Victor Pearson, Fabio Pereira, Luichy Pina, and Tuyet Tran

### Academic Achievement Awards:

Phuong Nguyen, math; Selma Dubovic and Nichelle Hodge, science; Tuyet Tran and Nguyen Chau, language arts; and Stalin Baez, bilingual excellence.

**Mary Devereaux Award:** Shakir Amin and Tiffany Gong

**Charlotte Fellman Award for Music and Artistic Achievement:** Selma Dubovic and Mellissa Dujour

**McLaughlin Reading Award:** Carmen Murphy and Tuyet Tran

**O'Neil Writing Award:** Dena Lopez and Renand Salvant

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## POLICE LOG

# Masked robbers tied her up, employee says

### Mobile Media worker says one perpetrator even phoned her husband

By Melissa Da Ponte  
TAB Staff Writer

An employee of Mobile Media at 15 Soldiers Field Road in Brighton was tied up with rope by two men who robbed the business of an undisclosed amount of money on June 25, according to police reports.

The woman told police that as she left the building at about 11:20 p.m., two men grabbed her from behind. Both men were wearing plastic masks and one was talking to another person via walkie-talkie, she said. One man told the woman to disarm the alarm system, but she reportedly explained that she had nothing to do with the front of the building.

According to the employee's account to Boston Police, the men led her to a chain-link room, where they tied up her hands and feet with clothes-line type rope. One of the men reportedly asked the woman for her home phone number and then called her husband at home.

The men then left the woman and went down the hallway to the front of the building. There, they cut a locked, link gate to enter an area

where Mobile Media's offices and vault are located. The men took an unknown amount of goods, according to police.

Officers responded to the scene just after 1 a.m., after the woman's husband called police to report that his wife had not returned home from work and that he had received a call from an unknown man who said his wife was involved in an emergency.

When police arrived at the building, they called out announcing their presence. They heard the woman yell for help, saying she had been robbed and was tied up in a chain-link area down the rear hallway. The chain door to this section was jammed, but the woman had untied herself. After police got the door open, they asked the woman if she was injured or needed an ambulance, but she declined and was able to calm down, according to police.

The woman told police the men had told her not to worry, that they wouldn't hurt her, and that "the insurance company [would] take care of everything." The woman's husband picked her up at Mobile Media and took her home.

Police officers obtained a security videotape and handed it over to police detectives. The building was secured and additional officers were dispatched to the scene to watch the building until morning. The incident is under investigation. □

### Fire displaces Ashford Street tenants

1 Police responded to a fire at 45 Ashford St. in Allston on June 27 at 8:35 a.m. No injuries were reported, but at least 28 residents had to be transported to temporary shelter in the area.

According to police reports, fire officials believe the fire started accidentally in apartment number 4. Damage to the building was estimated at \$150,000.

Numerous fire engines and one ambulance responded to the scene. After the fire was extinguished, officials notified the Red Cross, and the residents of the building were transported to 275 Babcock St. to be housed temporarily. The building's management company was notified, and the building was secured.

### Street robbers take \$60

2 At 11:15 p.m. on June 26, police responded to a radio call of a robbery in progress at 1610 Commonwealth Ave., according to police reports.

When the officers arrived, the victim told police he had been walking with a female companion behind 35 Fidelis Way, near the basketball courts. The two were approached by two teenage boys, who allegedly removed their own shirts to cover their faces, then stated, "Give us your money. We won't hurt you."

After the two gave the men about \$60 in cash, the men fled toward Fidelis Way. Police searched the area but did not find the suspects. The first suspect was described as black, about 16 or 17 years old, 5



feet 10 inches tall with a medium build. He was wearing baggy blue jeans and a white shirt at the time of the incident.

The second suspect was described as black, about 16 or 17 years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall and 200 pounds. He was wearing black shorts and a black shirt at the time of the incident.

### Crack cocaine bust yields three arrests

3 Police arrested three people on drug-related charges at 8 p.m. June 26, according to police reports.

Members of the Boston Police Department's drug control unit, while conducting an investigation in the area of North Harvard Street and Western Avenue, reportedly observed a woman go to a telephone, where she appeared to page someone. A short time later she was observed crossing Harvard Avenue and then having a brief conversation with a man. After that, she walked back across the street to the area of the telephone.

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## POLICE LOG

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same woman, who was now standing next to a newspaper box. The man allegedly placed a plastic bag on the box and said to the woman, "You forgot your change," according to the reports. Police said they later learned that the plastic bag contained about three grams of crack cocaine.

The man walked back in the direction of a convenience store where he had been, and the woman picked up the plastic bag from the newspaper box. She allegedly gave the bag to a second man.

After watching this, police arrested the second man, Michael Pennachio, 33, of 27 Tedford St. in Revere. He was charged with possession of cocaine. Police seized the plastic bag of crack cocaine from him, according to the reports.

At that point police also arrested the woman, Sherry Owen, 40, of 10 Waverly St. in Brighton. She was charged with distribution of crack cocaine and conspiracy to violate drug laws.

The drug unit went to the convenience store and arrested the first man, Phu Chim, 27, of 10 Waverly St. #2. in Brighton. He was charged with the distribution of crack cocaine and conspiracy to violate drug laws. Police also seized \$754 in cash from him.

### Heroin was in plastic bags, police say

**4** On June 29 at 7 a.m., police arrested three people on charges related to the distribution of heroin, according to police reports.

Members of the drug control unit, while conducting a drug investigation in the area of Harvard Avenue and Cambridge Street, allegedly saw a woman meet with a man who gave her cash. In return, the woman allegedly gave the man glassine bags of heroin, according to the report. The man was accompanied by another man.

Police stopped the first man, Tibor Lengyel, 35, of 64 Ferry St. in Everett, and reportedly recovered from him five glassine bags of heroin stamped with the word "Caballo." He was arrested and charged with possession of heroin.

The woman, Maureen Ryan, 31, of 25 North Beacon St. #105, Brighton was stopped by a detective on Cambridge Street. Police reported that Ryan was carrying an additional nine bags of heroin stamped with the word "Caballo." Police also seized two beepers and \$1,011 in cash from Ryan. She was charged with possession of heroin with the intent to distribute.

The second man, who was with Lengyel when he allegedly purchased the heroin, will be summoned to Brighton District Court for being knowingly present where heroin was found.

### Newton man charged in graffiti act

**5** Police arrested a Newton man for alleged graffiti-related violations in Allston on June 21, according to police reports.

At about 1:10 p.m., police reportedly saw a man place a sticker that read "Stocklan" on a city of Boston stop sign at Franklin and Braintree

streets. The officers arrested the man, Gregory Stocklan, 29, of 1200 Lacross St. in Newton, for violation of graffiti laws.

Police reported that the man and his brother admitted to placing several other stickers on other property in the area.

The following day, a police officer went to the area at Franklin and Braintree streets and photographed the observed violation. The officer reported that he also noticed eight other stickers affixed to various locations in the area. The officer photographed these "Stocklan" stickers on several signs.

The photographs were forwarded to Brighton District Court.

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### Hamilton School principal retires

**MOLLOY, from page 3**  
Edison Middle School in 1955, just after the Korean War. He recalled that school did not start until Oct. 1 that year because of the polio epidemic.

Following a two-year assignment with the U.S. Air Force, Molloy taught at Campbell Junior High School, now the Martin Luther King Jr. Middle School, and then at Cleveland Junior High through 1969. Molloy was then appointed assistant principal at Curley Junior High, where he served four years. Before coming to Hamilton in 1976, he served at the Gibson and Holland schools and was administrative assistant to the deputy superintendent for District 1, which was Brighton. Molloy, who holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Boston University and a certificate of advanced graduate study in educational administration from Northeastern University, said that in his first few years at Hamilton, the school did well. Test scores and grades were good, and the student population was diverse. With the "turmoil of desegregation" behind them, "things were not a lot different than today."

Of course, money was, and always will be, a problem, according to Molloy.

"There's never enough money" in the public schools, and even when

funds become available, the schools just play catch-up, he said.

Academically, the English as a Second Language (ESL) program stands out as an important part of the curriculum. For example, Molloy remembers how valuable the program was for the children of Russian Jews who came to this country as Refuseniks. At one time, there were about 100 students from Russia in the ESL program.

Because of the diverse student population, Molloy said he has learned more and more about international culture, and his experience has convinced him that students learn English much faster in ESL than in bilingual programs. He predicted that the bilingual program will be phased out.

Molloy also praised Hamilton's early adoption of school-based management, under which parents have an equal voice with teachers and principals in interviewing and selecting new teachers.

"We've always a small but strong parents group," Molloy said. "The parents we have are crackerjack."

In the coming school year, those parents will work with an acting principal, yet to be appointed by School Superintendent Thomas Payzant. The search for a permanent principal will begin in the spring, according to DiNatale.



John Molloy is retiring from his position as principal of the Alexander Hamilton School.

Meanwhile, Molloy will be in the newest phase of his life. He plans to coach football at a private high school in the Boston area, following the career paths of his sons John Jr., who is assistant athletic director at Brandeis University, and Mark, who teaches and coaches at Hanover High School. (A third son, Daniel, works at State Street Bank.) When not coaching, Molloy plans to relax on Cape Cod with his wife, Betty, who will resume

her kindergarten teaching in the fall at the Perkins School in South Boston, where she herself was a kindergarten.

With two-thirds of his life spent as an educator, Molloy seems eminently qualified to pass on some wise words about where and how learning takes place.

"The most important thing still is the parents," he said. "They're the first teachers. How they teach their children determines how we teach." □

### SCHOOL BRIEFS

#### Graduation activities include Mass and brunch

Eleven eighth-graders graduated June 12 from St. Anthony's School. Activities included a morning Mass, a brunch in the rectory hosted by the Rev. Daniel Hegarty, and the graduation ceremony in the evening.

Most of the students are bound for Arlington Catholic, North Cambridge Catholic or Trinity Catholic, and two will attend Mount St. Joseph Academy in Brighton, according to Paul Nagle, St. Anthony's principal.

The graduates are: Carla Alfaro of Allston; Joshua Bilbrey of Allston; Jacqueline Bowler of Brighton; Mil Delacruz of Roslindale; Kevin Doherty of Allston; Maira Duggan of Hyde Park; Scott Hoffman of Brighton; Ryan McHale of Allston; Rachael Strati of Allston; Scott Teja of Allston; and Natalie Telusma of Allston.

Maira Duggan received the Devereaux Character Award, and Ryan McHale and Joshua Bilbrey were awarded St. Anthony's Home & School Scholarships.

#### Accomplishments are recognized with awards

The Taft Middle School presented its annual awards at the eighth-grade graduation ceremony June 16:

**Devereaux Award:** David Wright and Qiling Zhou

**Principal's Award:** Carlos Aguilar and Kerri McCormack

**Dr. James Cash Sportsmanship Award:** Joshua Gentile and Mercedes Sumler

**Dean McArthur Scholarship Award:** Nathalie Armand and Jiang Hua Liu

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**Two-year Honor Roll:** Camille Britton, Michael Fung, Leana Mohamed, Quyen Tran, and Qiling Zhou

**Special Computer Awards:** Jerry Chu, Coleman Flaherty and Ping Yu Lee

**Presidential Excellence Awards:** Camille Britton, Michelle Grew, Raymond Lau, Kerri McCormack, Leana Mohamed, Amy Paseuth, Phonsavanh Sithirath, Hao B. Tran, Lequyen Tran, and Qiling Zhou

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### Boston College High School

Allston resident **Chase P. Berkeley** was named to the honor roll at Boston College High School in Boston. Berkeley is a sophomore.

### Catholic Memorial High School

The following Allston-Brighton residents have been named to the Honor Roll at Catholic Memorial High School for the fourth marking period: ninth-grader **Joseph Dickerson**, first honors; 11th-grader **Patrick Arthur**, first honors; 12th-grader **Matthew Hennessey**, first honors; and 12th-grader **Vincent Cicolini**, second honors.

### Mount Alvernia High School

Brighton residents **Betty Chin** and **Aileen Tarpey** received their high school diplomas from Mount Alvernia High School in Newton.

Chin was awarded a Certificate of Excellence in Advanced Art; a certificate of commendation for achieving effort recognition for 1997-1998; and a certificate for the completion of 321 hours of community service. She will attend Emmanuel College and major in computer graphic design and animation.

Tarpey was awarded a Certificate of Excellence in Computer Applications; a certificate of commendation for achieving effort recognition in 1997-1998; a certificate for perfect attendance for the academic year 1997-1998; a certificate for outstanding work as a staff member and sports editor of the Looking Glass newspaper; recognition as the recipient of the Boston College Brighton-Allston Scholarship; and a certificate for the completion of 281 hours of community service. She will attend Boston College and major in secondary education with a concentration in English.



Betty Chin and Aileen Tarpey of Mount Alvernia High School

mics, school attendance and community service traveled to Newport, R.I., last month and met Boston Celtics stars Bruce Bowen and Pervis Ellison at the Newport Yachting Center.

Several Allston-Brighton stu-

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Dan Crowley

### The Carroll School

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## OPINION

# Helping the West End House

Allston-Brighton residents are known for their willingness to help out a good cause.

With that in mind, we should all be thinking about how we can help one of the neighborhood's most noteworthy institutions — the West End House Boys & Girls Club.

The club, which is the area's largest provider of youth services, is watching its deficit grow and, as a result, has been put in the unenviable position of having to cut its hours and its staff. If the club is unable to find some new funding sources, it could ultimately face extinction.

Help does appear to be on the way. The Allston Board of Trade is rallying its members in an effort to raise money for the West End House. And it is likely that other organizations will pass the hat to help the club.

While it is difficult to keep reaching into our pockets to help others, it is worth considering in the case of the West End House. It is an organization that has been an important force in the lives of hundreds of area youths. And it deserves the chance to serve hundreds more.

# Pass the partnership law

The debate about domestic partnership benefits in Boston may yet find its way back before the City Council this year. And the only reason that would happen is the unfortunate failure of the state legislature and House Speaker Thomas Finneran to act.

The state legislature should pass the city's home-rule petition immediately.

Finneran had all of his excuses for not moving on the bill taken away by a Supreme Judicial Court advisory ruling June 15. Finneran requested the court's clarification on whether the state legislature's authorization was needed for cities and towns to extend benefits — such as health insurance — to domestic partners of gay and lesbian employees. Finneran also questioned whether the municipal government could define domestic partner, or if that was the state's job.

The court did not answer the first question, although the justices said there was no constitutional reason to prevent the state from passing such a law. The justices also said the cities and towns could define domestic partners on their own. Those legal questions were why Finneran was holding up on the home-rule petition Boston city officials had requested. If Finneran does not allow the House of Representatives to vote on the bill, City Councilor Thomas M. Keane Jr. is ready to bring the issue back before the City Council, which could mean more delays.

Finneran has his answers. The city of Boston has made clear its desire to extend those benefits to its gay and lesbian employees. The legislature should, in the name of fairness, vote on and pass the city's home-rule petition.



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## SPEAK-OUT!

### Rules of the road

I read with great interest the coverage of the cyclist on Commonwealth Ave. ["Bicyclist dies in mysterious accident, June 30-July 6]. I also support the opinion that more has to be done for cyclists and pedestrians who share space with the motoring public. I've been pedaling through the city for more than 12 years. Education is necessary as well as enforcement. Educate drivers through local government, state police, local police registry about precautions when approaching and passing cyclists and pedestrians. The area, particularly the intersection of Commonwealth Ave. and Brighton Ave., is extremely unsafe. Also, concerning enforcement, police must stop drivers from racing through lights as they change from yellow to red. A cyclist uses a certain set of assumptions about rules of the road and has no protection against oncoming vehicles that violate them.

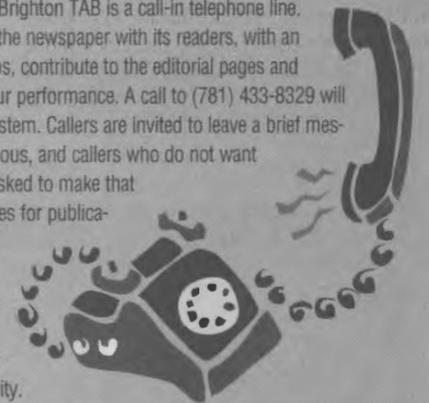
### Get us a second post office

The lack of descriptions of the plans for the new post office and sorting plant shows the lack of facts and standards to The TAB ["Post office debated," June 30-July 6]. A new post office would be great for Brighton Center. But a larger sorting plant is not. The [post office] would be great for a new strip mall that would add real services to the community. A sorting plant could

go anywhere where parking for its employees could be [private]. We have to remember that an additional 12,000 people will be using this post office now that the Aberdeen area will be using our ZIP code. Brighton has an estimated 55,000 people with one post office and one ZIP code. Newton has an estimated 84,000 people with six locations in nine ZIP codes. Allston has an estimated 22,000 people with two post offices and one ZIP code. Brookline has two post offices and two ZIP codes and they are adding one more. It is time for the Brighton community to get a second post office, most likely in the Cleveland Circle area, to help with the overload in Brighton. The post office should be staffed by postal employees and not be a contracted station.

### Speak-Out!

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## LETTERS

### Shuttle service benefits community

I am pleased that Stop & Shop has instituted — at the request of the Brighton Neighborhood Association — a round-trip shuttle service between Brighton Center, Oak Square and the company's new supermarket in Allston.

The Star Market shuttle, with similar routes, has been in operation for more than a year and is greatly appreciated by the community.

Thanks to Star Market and Stop & Shop for being good neighbors. Joe Hogan, president, Brighton Neighborhood Association

### Mark Red Cross 50th by giving blood

The American Red Cross is celebrating the 50th anniversary of its civilian blood program in the United States during 1998. In celebration, acting Gov. Paul Cellucci

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has proclaimed the season "Give Blood Summer." Eligible blood donors in Massachusetts are asked to mark the Red Cross golden anniversary by giving blood during July or August.

Summertime is traditionally a period of stress for the blood supply. It is difficult to recruit people to donate when the weather is hot. In addition, there are fewer donors to recruit with high school and college

students out of session, and many employees on vacation at the time of the company blood drive.

Unfortunately, the need for blood is continual throughout the seasons. In any weather, people are having surgery, undergoing cancer treatment, or experiencing trauma. They need blood to survive. And while people of all blood types are needed to maintain the supply, those with type O blood are particularly encouraged to answer the call. Since type O blood can be transfused to anyone, leaving that blood type in good supply is essential to help all patients.

Please help the American Red Cross help people in need. Celebrate the golden anniversary of the American Red Cross blood program by rolling up your sleeve and giving blood. Contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-GIVE-LIFE.

E. Mary O'Neill, M.D., medical director, American Red Cross Blood Services, New England Region

## COMMENTARY

# A gift of conscience

By Lewis M. Randa

This would have been my Father's Day plan: to spend the day canoeing along the Charles River with my son Mikey, 11, and a few of his friends and their dads. In the evening, Mikey and I would catch up with his 15-year-old brother, Christopher, and sister, Abbey, two years his junior. Then my wife, Meg, and I would gather up the kids and off we'd go to our favorite restaurant for southern Indian vegetarian food.

Instead, I spent Father's Day alone, seated on a steel bench in a filthy 8-by-5-foot solitary cell in a Boston jail on a hunger strike. I was in the company of a cell block of strangers — a dozen angry men arrested on charges of burglary and assault, petty theft and domestic violence.

This was my Father's Day gift to my three children.

For 25 years, I have been the executive director of The Life Experience School for disabled children and young adults and, more recently, the keeper of The Peace Abbey, The Pacifist Memorial and Veganpeace Animal Sanctuary. Each exists to promote nonviolence, cruelty-free living and social change.

Every year, my children have watched as The Peace Abbey bestowed awards on people and organizations who further the cause of peace by helping to make our world a less harsh and cruel place — Mother Theresa, the poet Maya Angelou, historian Howard Zinn, civil rights activist Rosa Parks, and the peace movement's treasured advocate, Pat Farren.

But I wanted my children to know something more.

I wanted them to know that change, especially nonviolent social change, often involves civil disobedience. Always it includes personal sacrifice. And never is it without controversy.

On June 20, Karl Schlotterbeck and I climbed a 60-foot crane above the ground on the construction site of Boston's Central Artery Tunnel Project and unfurled a 25-foot-long banner which read, "Stop digging up human service funding."

We then handcuffed ourselves to the rig and waited to be arrested.

We were protesting the fact that the Legislature and the acting governor failed to meet their moral obligations to reimburse to our program \$319,000 in tuitions. We are owed for services rendered to disabled young adults under Department of Mental Retardation's Individual Service Delivery Plan. Fortunately, the school received continuous loans from The Peace Abbey to cover costs. The Abbey was to be repaid.

Somewhere along the convoluted road of charitable, nonprofit survival, we entered into an arrangement with DMR that was unfair and obligatory. That's the way things work when it comes to human services. Corporations, when doing business with the state, are guaranteed profits for goods and services. Human services, however, are

to exist on a shoestring and are required to beg. The disparity is disheartening and disgraceful.

The gulf between unbridled capitalism and charitable sector altruism became unbearable to me.

We chose the Big Dig as the site of our protest to underscore the vast difference in the way the state balances the needs of its most vulnerable with those of contractors at work on high-profile public projects.

We didn't find a sympathetic ear for our school's plight in Paul Cellucci. The state says it cannot afford to repay our program. Yet Mr. Cellucci roams the state these days boasting of a half-billion-dollar-plus state surplus and plans to return to the taxpayers more than \$100 million in tax relief this year.

The charges against me were disorderly conduct and trespass. Both seemed absurd. I was merely expressing my opposition to disordered priorities in the conduct of state business, and the unethical trespass of generally agreed-upon standards of fairness. But the law is clear.

I refused bail and chose to spend the night in jail.

I wanted my children to know that injustice may one day hit home directly. There comes a point when one can no longer sit back and let injustice continue. One has to take a stand, even when it is unpopular and misunderstood, and means giving up some freedoms.

As I sat overnight in my stinking cell, listening to young men driven to madness by abuse, drugs, black market consumerism and personal indulgence, I had ample time to reflect on whether the point of view of social justice and radical pacifism is really correct, or merely a romantic idea.

The answer came on Monday morning as I stood handcuffed and shackled with more than 30 inmates about to enter a Boston municipal courtroom to stand before a magistrate. One of them, a man about my age (50), was facing an 18-year sentence for violating parole terms with numerous warrants outstanding — he had apparently assaulted someone the night before.

As he prepared to move through the barred corridor, he turned to me and said, "I've spent most of my life in jail and I never believed in nothing. I really don't know why you feel you gotta be in jail. Guess you're here 'cause you believe in something. I wish I could say I believed in something."

Then I knew what I wanted to say to my children. "There are still some things worth believing in and sacrificing for."

It is my wish, my prayer even, that my children learn to stand up for what they believe in. And that they feel empowered by what our family has experienced together during these difficult days.

*Lewis Randa is a Commonwealth of Massachusetts justice of the peace. Both he and Schlotterbeck have requested a trial.*

# Not on the ballot

By Steve LeBlanc

TAB Columnist

Here's some of the things voters won't be asked on the November ballot:

- Would you like your state income tax rate cut to a flat 5 percent?
- Would you like to drive along the Massachusetts Turnpike for free?
- Would you like to see lawmakers on Beacon Hill limited to eight years in office?

It's not that the questions are unimportant — in each case dozens of activists labored long and hard to try to get them on the November ballot. Their failure in each case — for different reasons — shows just how difficult it is for voters to make new laws without the help of the State House.

Take the first question.

It was supposed to be one of anti-tax crusader Barbara Anderson's crowning achievements — right up there with her championship of Proposition 2 1/2. Anderson said lawmakers broke a promise to lower the income tax rate back down to 5 percent when the fiscal crisis of the late 1980s passed. The rate is still 5.95 percent.

Anderson had a perfect issue. What she didn't have were enough signatures.

Under state law, citizens seeking to force a question on the ballot must collect a hefty number of voter signatures. This election season, that number is a whopping 64,928 — a daunting task even for Anderson's seasoned Citizens for Limited Taxation and Government.

When the final bell sounded, Anderson had fewer than 100 signatures more than she needed. Opponents, including the Massachusetts Teachers Association, launched a legal challenge to knock off invalid signatures. In the end, Anderson fell just 26 votes shy of getting the question on the ballot.

The term limits crowd didn't even get that far.

Last fall, the group of activists, lead by Dorothea Vitrac, conceded they had fallen 10,000 signatures shy.

Although they were disappointed, their real rage was directed at the state Supreme Judicial Court.

In 1994, the group successfully forced a term limits measure onto the ballot. The question won by a slim margin and became law. Then, last summer, the SJC ruled the law unconstitutional. Vitrac and fellow advocates of term limits were unable to

organize fast enough to put a revamped version of the bill on this year's ballot.

Vitrac vented her disgust at the SJC calling it a "kangaroo court" and suggesting the ruling was an attempt to appease lawmakers who have repeatedly balked at spending more money on courthouses — a charge Vitrac was unable to back up with proof.

But perhaps the most frustrating story came from the anti-toll crowd, a group convinced it had history.

Two years ago, the group tried and failed to collect enough signatures. This time around, however, they came back more energized than ever, certain the electorate would be more than happy to save their quarters.

The group cleared a first hurdle when the attorney general's office gave the question its constitutional blessing, saying it did not appear to violate state law.

Then they gathered more than enough signatures to win a place on the ballot.

The first signs of trouble came when a business group connected with the Central Artery project challenged the question in court, saying it unfairly impinged on the rights of Big Dig bondholders. Part of the problem was a law that funneled some of the money from the turnpike into the downtown project.

Backers of the question remained confident they would win the suit.

In a stunning reversal, the courts ruled against the question. In an instant, the previous year's work of collecting signatures and raising money evaporated. The group's leader, Doug Barth, called it quits, saying the group had run out of options.

Some questions have survived the legal and bureaucratic gauntlet and will appear on the ballot. One seeks to limit the influence of big money in politics by allowing public financing of candidates. Another would reduce the tax on investment or unearned income from 12 percent to 5 percent.

As frustrating as the process is, there is a method to the madness. Changing or creating laws is not something to be taken lightly — whether legislatively or through the initiative petition process. Second — and equally important — is the fact that ballot questions, unlike the legislative process, are not subject to debate. They can not be improved by the public hearing process.

That said, ballot questions are an important tool in a democracy, and one activists will likely continue to use in the future.



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## POLITICS

# Rodriguez seeks name recognition in crowded race

Former Clinton aide would like a return trip to Washington

By Linda Rosencrance  
TAB Staff Writer

The fact is Alex Rodriguez wants to win the race to succeed Joseph P. Kennedy II in Congress. But if he doesn't, he said at least he won't look back one day and regret that he never tried.

"After I heard Joe Kennedy was not going to run for reelection, my wife and I were sitting on the porch of our home in Virginia talking about whether or not I should run," said Rodriguez, 56. "And she said she didn't want to be sitting on the porch of a nursing home with me in 15 years listening to 'I should have, or I could have.'"

So, after trying unsuccessfully to get other candidates of color — Rodriguez is Latino — to jump into the race, Rodriguez left his post as deputy assistant secretary of the U.S. Treasury, headed back to Boston's South End with his wife and declared himself a candidate for the 8th U.S. Congressional District. Rodriguez wife, Bettie Baca, is a senior political appointee in the Clinton administration.

Rodriguez, a Democrat, is one of 13 candidates — 10 Democrats, one Republican, one Independent and one Socialist — vying to replace Kennedy, who is retiring, as the representative from the 8th Congressional District.

He said he's running to make sure all Americans have access to fair and affordable housing, health care, education and a sound retirement system.

## The Rogriguez file

**Name:** Alex Rodriguez

**Hometown:** South End

**Age:** 56

**Occupation:** Former Assistant Secretary of the U.S. Treasury

**Previous elected office:** None

**Personal:** Married



"People everywhere want the same things," he said. "People in Belmont — as well as Boston — want good quality education and they want a good quality retirement."

For the past 25 years Rodriguez said he has dedicated his life to serving the people of Massachusetts in a variety of capacities. And now, he said, he wants to continue that service in Congress.

And he said he's loving every minute of it.

"It's fun being in this race," he said. "It's entertaining. I really enjoy it."

But even though he's busy traveling throughout the district getting his message out, he still has time to come to the aid of future constituents, including his ex-wife.

"One morning I get a frantic phone call from my ex-wife, who lives on West Brookline Street, about a cat that fell off a roof and got caught in some vines. The reason she called me first, is because my campaign literature was right next to her telephone," Rodriguez said. "So I go over there and I'm laying in the vines trying to get the cat so he doesn't fall

five stories to the ground."

The story had a happy ending, he said, and the cat lived to climb another day, albeit it with only eight of his nine lives intact. Rodriguez, too, escaped unscathed to continue his quest to represent the 8th District on Capitol Hill.

Rodriguez began his career in Boston as a community organizer. He later became executive director of the Hattie B. Cooper Community Center in Roxbury, and for several years was assistant executive vice president of the United Planning Corporation, an affiliate of the United Way of Eastern Massachusetts.

He spent most of the '50s and '60s involved in the civil rights movement, marching with Martin Luther King Jr. He said his commitment to politics began in 1968 when he ran for state representative from the South End. He was a member of the Ward 4 Democratic Committee in the South End for 15 years and has been an active member of the Democratic State Committee for

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# Tracy plans to make history — twice

Candidate hopes to become first woman to serve in 8th District

By Jeremiah Leibowitz  
TAB Staff Writer

To win the 8th Congressional seat, Susan Tracy needs to make history ... twice.

She needs to become the first woman elected to the historic post held by retiring U.S. Rep. Joseph Kennedy. And she needs to become the first candidate elected to a first term in Congress while openly gay.

In an era of identity politics, Tracy — one of only two committed female candidates in a 13-way race — knows support from women and gays can help her stand out from a crowded field. That's why she's touting an endorsement from the National Women's Political Caucus. But Tracy also knows that her gender and sexuality will not send her to Washington.

"That has nothing to do with why I think people should vote for me," she said, seeming relaxed and friendly during an interview on a park bench near her Allston campaign headquar-

## The Tracy file

**Name:** Susan Tracy

**Hometown:** Brighton

**Age:** 37

**Occupation:** Put consulting business on hold to run for Congress.

**Previous elected office:** Two-term state representative from Allston and Brighton from 1990 to 1994.

**Personal:** Lives with her partner.



ters. "I want people to vote for me because I would be a damn good representative."

A state representative for Allston and Brighton from 1990 to 1994, Tracy points to her record as proof of her effectiveness. Her proudest accomplishments include getting a law passed in 1995 requiring companies to establish sexual harassment policies and make them known to employees.

Another law she got passed allows plaintiffs to submit a history of battering as evidence during a trial. She also got the MBTA to remove old T tracks running through her district,

which she said made the roads safer and ushered in a bit of a commercial renaissance in the area.

"I'm good at legislative work," Tracy said. "I know how to deal with people. I can compromise when I need to compromise and refuse to budge when that's what it takes to get something done."

If elected, her first priority would be preserving Social Security as a guaranteed safety net for senior citizens. She is opposed to privatizing the program because she doesn't "want to see people's futures become a roll of the dice." She supports mak-

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POLITICS

Rodriguez seeks name recognition in crowded race

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more than 10 years.

From 1977-1981, Rodriguez served as a member of the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, where he continued the fight for civil rights. In 1984 he was appointed by Gov. Michael Dukakis to head the commission — a post he held until 1991, when he became chairman of the Cambridge License Commission. Rodriguez, whose parents were natives of Puerto Rico, has also taught Puerto Rican history at Boston College. He was also a member of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Urban Design and Planning faculty, where he established a minority fellows program.

Born and raised in New York, he graduated from Goddard in Vermont, did graduate work in sociology at Indiana University, and was the first

full-time Loeb Fellow at Harvard's Graduate School of Design.

As a member of the Clinton Administration, Rodriguez said he helped the president turn the American economy around and he said he knows how Washington works.

"With me, people won't get a freshman congressman. You'll get a

seasoned person. I know how to work and make things happen in Washington," he said. "I know how to fix things. I know government on all levels, local, state and federal."

Despite his experience, however, Rodriguez said he has and will continue to have a problem with name recognition.

"We announce and we get no cov-

erage," he said, "But Ray Flynn announces and everybody covers it."

And he said he knows his campaign doesn't have the money — he currently has about \$30,000 and his goal is to raise a total of \$300,000 — other candidates have to get their messages out to voters. But, he said, he plans to run a real grassroots campaign, intended to reach out to voters

who have not yet committed to other candidates.

"I don't want to talk to people who are going to vote for George Bachrach, or Ray Flynn," he said. "I don't want to spend time trying to change their minds. I want to reach out to the people who haven't made up their minds yet. My philosophy is if you have good reason not to vote for me, then don't. But if you don't, then you have no reason not to listen to what I have to say." □

Tracy plans to make history

**TRACY, from page 12**

ing pensions transferable from job to job.

Another priority would be providing more affordable housing. To do this, she supports offering federal tax credits to renters under a certain income — she did not say how much — who pay more than 30 percent of their income for housing. She also supports using tax credits and subsidies to convince owners of so-called "expiring use" buildings to keep rents below market rates.

"Another priority would be child care," Tracy said. "Everyone knows age 0 to 3 is the most critical time, but there is no public investment in those years. That has to change."

Tracy seems like a regular person. She speaks in a normal, friendly tone and she isn't prone to hollow politician-speak. When she answers a question, she is direct, offering information instead of platitudes.

In a race that includes better-known candidates, richer candidates and more experienced candidates, Tracy hopes her regular-person status will resonate with voters.

"You know this woman," one of her campaign brochures declares. "She wasn't the flashiest, or the tallest, or the richest ... she just really knew what was needed ... and whatever it took, she got the job done."

Born and raised in Brighton, Tracy, 37, went to Catholic high school and then to Boston College. She later earned a master's in public administration at Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

Prior to her two terms as a state representative, Tracy worked for the city of Boston, coordinating services for the homeless as director of the Emergency Shelter Commission.

When she left office in 1995, she began her own consulting business, advising politicians and public and private sector clients with strategic planning and community relations. She refused to say publicly why she decided not to run for a third term.

"I think my time in the private sector had made me a better candidate and will make me a better representative in Congress," Tracy said. "I have seen that it is the job that has the power, and it's up to the person to use that power effectively." □



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## RELIGION NEWS

# Merging science with faith

**B**righton Brownie Troop 9232 completed an environmental service project when they prepared, planted and mulched a large flower bed with cosmos flowers this spring in the Allston Congregational Church yard.

The project started in the fall, when the children made greeting cards by recycling newspaper and using dyes made from fresh cosmos and dahlia flowers that were in the church yard. After the paper dried, the girls painted the greeting cards and mailed them to ill parish members. Through the project, the children learned about nature, organic gardening and stewardship, along with realizing the joy of helping others.

The project founder and teacher is E. Kay Bergersen. The Brownie troop leaders are Linda Snow and Kaysey Laurie.



Allston Congregational Church member Diane Vitieau receives her greeting card from members of Brighton Brownie Troop 9232. Vitieau is a longtime church member who once worked as an artist and artisan.



Brighton Brownie Troop 9232 members Josie Bergersen Lewis (front); Juliana and Jennifer Laurie (second row left to right) and Meggie Snow (rear) took part in a service project that provided greeting cards for sick members of the Allston Congregational Church community.



Meggie Snow, 6, received Allston Congregational Church's "Ladybug of the Year" award for being the most enthusiastic young parish gardener. She was awarded her own trowel and a ladybug Christmas tree ornament.

### St. Margaret's Day celebrated

The Church of St. Luke's and St. Margaret's will celebrate St. Margaret of Antioch's Feast Day at a special celebration at 10 a.m. Sunday, July 26.

The church is at 5 St. Luke's Ave., Allston.

### Congregation holds Gospel Jubilee

The Evangelical Charismatic Center will hold a Gospel Jubilee fund-raiser at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 11 at the center, 39 Fordham Road, Allston.

Featured performers include DiDi Jeremie, Nancy B., Carmel Desgrottes, Gilbert Mulamba & Co., and Together 4 Christ Dancers. Deacon Norris Jones, host of the Sunday Morning Gospel Connection on WRBB-FM 104.9 will be the master of ceremonies.

For more information, call the Rev. Herold Aubourg at 789-4601.

### Special devotions on July 13

The St. Gabriel Parish Community will hold special devotions in honor of the Blessed Mother at 8 p.m. Monday, July 13, at the church, 139 Washington St., Brighton. The devotions include discussion, a Rosary procession and benediction of the sacrament.

### Church gets new minister

The Rev. Thomas Bentley, interim minister of the Brighton Evangelical Congregational Church, will leave the parish on July 12.

The congregation's new permanent minister will begin on July 19. The Rev. Karen Fritz, a Newton resident, will become the first female, full-time minister in the history of this church.

Bentley, who served as the interim minister for the past three years, was

recognized by parishoners for sermons that put things into layman's terms.

"His preaching was based on passages from the Bible [which he] transferred into the everyday life of the congregation," said James W. Hatherley, who serves on the church's diaconate committee "They were inspirational to say the least."

During Bentley's tenure in Brighton, he was a distinguished athlete who carried the 1996 Olympics torch through Brighton Center en route to the Olympic games. Following his departure, he will be assigned as an interim minister in other churches.

### St. Gabriel's releases summer Mass lineup

St. Gabriel's Church, 139 Washington St., Brighton, has released its schedule of weekly Masses for the summer.

Saturday Mass will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday Masses will be held at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. The weekly Spanish Mass will be held on Sundays at noon.

### St. Gabriel's seeks vendors

St. Gabriel's Church, 139 Washington St., Brighton, will host a flea market on Saturday, July 18.

The church is now looking for vendors who are willing to have a table at the market. The cost for a table is \$15. It is also looking for community members who are willing to donate items for sale. Call the church at 254-6582.

### Flea market planned

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## OBITUARIES

### Anna T. McCarthy, 93

*Longtime teacher,  
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Anna T. McCarthy of Brighton, a former Boston public school teacher, died at her home on Wednesday, June 24, 1998 following a brief illness. She was 93.

Mrs. McCarthy taught for many years in the Boston Public Schools and at St. Columbkille School in Brighton. She was an avid bridge player and was a member of the Veronica Smith Multi-Service Senior Center in Brighton Center.

Mrs. McCarthy was the wife of the late Daniel McCarthy. She is survived by her children, Mary Ann McCarthy of Brighton, John G. McCarthy of San Francisco, Helen H. Tuohy of Medford; Daniel J. McCarthy of Newton and Henry F. McCarthy of New Orleans, La; four grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass was held Monday, June 29, at Our Lady of the Presentation Church in Brighton. Arrangements were by McNamara Funeral Home. Mrs. McCarthy is buried at Evergreen Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Rosie's Place, 889 Harrison Ave., Roxbury, MA 02119.

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Center holds an outdoor flea market to supplement its thrift shop income. The purpose is to add to its fund for community support programs.

For many years, the church has served as a community center for food assistance, clothing giveaway and community suppers.

Flea market hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Customers are always welcome, as are new vendors. For more information, call Shirley at 782-7519.

### Assumption Center offers Masses

The Assumption Center, 330 Market St., Brighton, has Mass enrollments for weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, new babies, get-well and deaths. It also offers perpetual, five-year, annual, and individual Masses.

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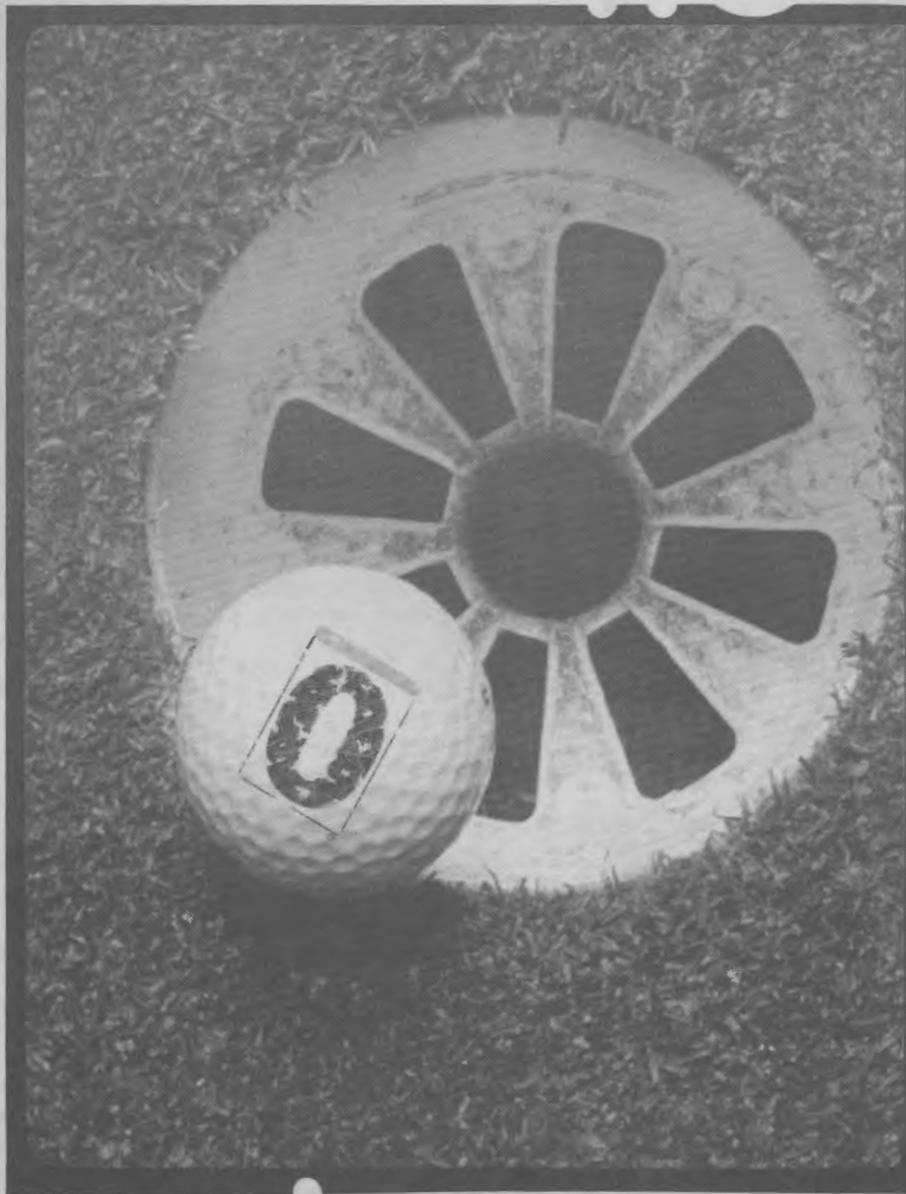
St. Columbkille Church, 321 Market St., Brighton, invites the community to participate in its Contemporary Liturgy Community at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday. The group gathers after Mass for coffee and doughnuts.

### Children's choir practices on Thursdays

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POLITICS

# Senate race gets a Republican face

Republican Guy A. Carbone of Belmont announced last week that he will take on Brighton Democrat Steve Tolman in the race to succeed Tolman's brother, Warren, in the state Senate.



By Jeff Osborne

Carbone, who may not have much name-recognition in Allston-Brighton, has been a familiar political figure across the river in Belmont and Watertown. He is a former School Committee member and Selectman in Watertown, and was appointed by the Belmont

Board of Selectmen in 1993 to serve on the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority advisory board.

In this role, Carbone has been extremely critical of the MWRA, which he said is wasting considerable taxpayer money.

Carbone said he faces a tough challenge as a Republican, but he said if given an equal chance to talk about local issues, he believes he can make a strong case for his candidacy.

"Leadership and specious campaign oratory are mutually exclusive," Carbone said in a written release last week. "I believe that I have a proven record of leadership over many years. The voters can decide for themselves who best merits their vote."

We'll be hearing quite a bit more from both candidates in the coming

months. Since Carbone and Tolman are the only candidates from their respective parties, they will not be squaring off in the September primary. Election Day is Nov. 3.

## It's fun to win at the YMCA

As Carbone was putting his hat in the ring, Tolman last week received the Allston-Brighton YMCA's Nickerson Award. Tolman has been a member of the Y's board of directors since 1993, and — along with the rest of Brighton's legislative delegation — an advocate for expanding the role of the organization within the community.

Tolman was instrumental in drafting 1994 legislation that transferred unused MBTA property in Oak Square over to the YMCA.



Republican Guy Carbone will challenge State Rep. Steven Tolman for the state Senate seat which is being vacated by Warren Tolman.

## Addressing school violence

A compulsory school violence prevention bill has passed through the Legislature and awaits approval from the state Senate. The law would mandate that violence prevention — conflict resolution, mediation skills, etc. — be taught in state public schools.

"This program provides kids with a base early on in school for how to deal with conflict," said state Rep. Kevin Honan (D-Brighton), the bill's sponsor. "Youth mediation training teaches kids to resolve disagreements

before a problem escalates."

## Honan's shadow

Honan had some company at the State House last Tuesday. Teacher Toby Romer shadowed Honan, doing research for public service courses. Romer teaches at Brighton High School. The day was sponsored by the Private Industry Council of Boston.

Jeff Osborne is a freelance writer and student. His column on local politics appears weekly in The Allston-Brighton TAB.

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 The Zoning Commission of the City of Boston hereby gives notice, in accord with Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956, as amended, that a public hearing will be held on July 22, 1998, at 9:00 AM, in Room 900, Boston City Hall, in connection with a petition for approval of the Development Plan of Northeastly Development Area of Planned Development Area No. 38, 28 Buick Street, filed by the Boston Redevelopment Authority on behalf of the Trustees of Boston University. Said Development Plan would provide for the development of a structure fronting on Buick Street containing student housing for 819 students, together with accessory uses. The Proposed Project is known as 28 Buick Street, located in the Boston University Institutional Subdistrict of the Allston-Brighton Neighborhood District, and is located on a parcel of land bounded by Buick Street, the Massachusetts Turnpike, and the Westerly and Easterly Development Areas of Planned Development Area No. 38. A copy of the petition, map of the area involved, fact sheet, and development plan, may be obtained at the office of the Zoning Commission, Room 947A, Boston City Hall, between 9 AM and 5 PM any day except Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays.  
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 Jeffrey Francis Forbes of parts unknown and to,  
 To all persons interested in Jeffrey Michael Forbes of 26 Gerrish St. Boston Suffolk 02135  
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WITNESS, Elaine M. Moriarty, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Boston, this 27th day of May, 1998.  
 Richard Iannella  
 Register of Probate  
 AD #588409  
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Boston hereby gives notice, in accord with Chapter 665 of the Acts of 1956, as amended, that a public hearing will be held on July 22, 1998, at 9:15 AM, in Room 900, Boston City Hall, in connection with a petition for renewal of the Harvard University Master Plan for the Allston Campus, filed by the Boston Redevelopment Authority on behalf of Harvard University. Said Master Plan proposes the development of 590,000 - 650,000 square feet of new building space and approximately 325,000 square feet of renovated space in five existing buildings on the Allston campus, as well as other improvements identified within the Master Plan. The Harvard University Institutional Master Plan for the Allston Campus to be considered at the hearing may be viewed at the office of the Zoning Commission. A copy of the petition and a map of the area involved, may be obtained at the office of the Zoning Commission, Room 947A, Boston City Hall, between 9 AM and 5 PM any day except Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays.  
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**Igoe Estate**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**THE TRIAL COURT**  
**PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT**  
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**DOCKET NO. 98P3050**  
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 In the ESTATE OF Anna E. Igoe.  
 To all persons interested in the estate of Anna E. Igoe late of the County of Suffolk Date of Death December 14, 1997.  
 A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that the will be proved and allowed and that Ellen Bennett and Maurice H. Sullivan, Jr., both of Boston, in the County of Suffolk be appointed co-executors, without sureties on their bonds.  
 IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Boston Suffolk Probate Court Old Courthouse room 120 BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON July 30, 1998  
**Wills Only:** In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.  
 Witness, Elaine M. Moriarty, Esquire, First Justice of Said Court.  
 Date 6/24/98  
 Richard Iannella  
 Register of Probate Court  
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**Nicholson Estate**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**THE TRIAL COURT**  
**PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT**  
**SUFFOLK DIVISION**  
**DOCKET NO. 98P1421**  
**NOTICE**  
 In the ESTATE OF Mary K. Nicholson a/k/a, Mary F. Nicholson  
 To all persons interested in the estate of Mary K. Nicholson (alias) late of the County of Suffolk Date of Death May 23, 1998  
 A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that the will be proved and allowed and that William J. Kidik of Boston in the County of Suffolk be appointed executor without sureties on his bond.  
 IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Boston Suffolk Probate Court Old Courthouse room 120 BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON September 3, 1998.  
**Wills Only:** In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.  
 Witness, Elaine M. Moriarty, Esquire, First Justice of Said Court.  
 Date 6/23/98.  
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**Santacroce Estate**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**  
**THE TRIAL COURT**  
**PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT**  
**SUFFOLK, SS DIVISION**  
**DOCKET NO. 98P1391**  
**NOTICE**  
 In the ESTATE OF Marguerite A. Santacroce  
 To all persons interested in the estate of Marguerite A. Santacroce late of the County of Suffolk Date of Death April 16, 1998  
 A petition has been presented in the above captioned matter praying that the will be proved and allowed and that Constantino Santacroce of Boston, in the County of Suffolk, be appointed executor, without sureties on his bond.  
 IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Boston Suffolk Probate Court Old Courthouse room 120 BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON July 23, 1998.  
**Wills Only:** In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.  
 Witness, Elaine M. Moriarty, Esquire, First Justice of Said Court.  
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# SPORTS

## Solid as Oak

It's a Minor and Major sweep for Little League all-stars

By Chad Konecky  
TAB Correspondent

Unseasonable rains and unwavering opponents did their best to stop the Oak Square Little League from trampling through the Allston-Brighton All-Stars Championship Tournament, but in the end the host league swept both the Minor League and Major League titles last week at Smith Field and Hardiman Park.

With the tournament's usual double-elimination format washed away by the wet weather, it took just two straight wins to come away with the crown. Oak Square was more than equal to the task.

In the Minor League opening round, the Allston Little League all-stars cruised by Brighton Central, 7-2, behind an outstanding pitching performance from Chris Sullivan. That convincing win set the stage for a Hardiman Park showdown at Oak Square.

The hosts did just enough to capture the Minor League title — escaping from two bases-loaded jams en route to a 1-0 win. Patrick Barry played the role of hero by belting a solo home run in the third for the game's only run.

"This tournament was very competitive as opposed to years past," Brighton Central Little League coach Dan Mee said. "You have to take your hat off to Oak Square. They did a great job putting it together."

Sullivan may have been the most sympathetic figure of the tourney: The Allston Little League's right-hander allowed only three hits in the loss to Oak Square and submitted back-to-

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## Little League roundup

### Brighton Central Little League

The Brighton Central Little League playoffs were held recently at Faneuil Park, as teams in three divisions capped off championship seasons with impressive performances. League officials labeled the season a success and said that all of the athletes learned the Character/Courage/Commitment skills that are fundamental to the Little League program.

The BCLL Minor League championship game featured a showdown between the undefeated Mets and the hard-charging Angels. The Mets prevailed and captured their second championship in the past four years.

In the Major League season finale, the Tigers defeated the Red Sox.

In the Senior League, the Rangers held on to their early season lead to win the pennant by defeating a plucky Pirates team.

Following the games, the players and their families enjoyed a cookout at the park. The players from every team, including T-Ball, were introduced and received awards for their efforts this season.

### Oak Square Girls Softball

The Angels defeated the Reds, 7-3, in a makeup game. **Tiffany Sullivan** made several good plays at first base and hit a double for the Reds. Her teammates, **Lauren Bonnett** and **Amanda Pristi**, also had key hits.

In other action this week, the Devil Rays defeated the Reds, 7-4. **Katherine Maddock** pitched three shutout innings for the Reds, striking out nine and allowing only two hits. The Devil Rays had good fielding on some hard-hit

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Anthony Ogboin drives past a defender.

## Lookin' good at midseason

Summer basketball traveling team chalks up a 5-3 record so far

By Chad Konecky  
TAB Correspondent

The Allston-Brighton Athletics Committee summer basketball traveling team entered its mid-season break at 5-3 after a convincing win over Beacon Hill House. Allston-Brighton rebounded from a 73-70 setback against Revere late last month to outlast Hill House, 53-32, on the road.

"It was a victory that's become very typical for this team," coach Joe Walsh said. "We pressed, forced turnovers and got a lot of transition buckets."

A-B built a 33-17 lead at the break and cruised to a 21-point win, thanks to 10 points each from Jackson Guerrier, Ricky Ogboin and sixth man Steven Hill. The locals have become a very precise unit in executing the press. The guard rotation of Markus Williams, Jack Guerrier and Joshua Johnson has become a turnover-creating, three-headed monster for opposing back courts. And the trio is doing the job without creeping into foul trouble — Brighton collected only 13 team fouls in the win over Hill House.

"The kids have really embraced the philosophy of forcing turnovers with their feet," Walsh said. "They're not reaching in with their hands. They're cutting off the court and forcing traveling violations, errant passes and five-second calls."

It doesn't hurt to have a relentless rebounding front court featuring Ogboin — the most

valuable player of last month's Warrior Tournament in Rochester, N.H. — Ted Walsh and Philip Cathcart. Even guard Steve Ramos got into the glass-crashing act, ripping down seven boards off the bench.

Jackson Guerrier submitted what was arguably the niftiest line of the day, however, scoring 10 points on 5-of-6 shooting to go with a pair of steals.

A-B was not as fortunate against Revere, as the locals blew a 20-point halftime lead in a 73-70 loss. In his constant quest to ensure playing time to all 17 players, Walsh left the bench in a little too long. Even though the starters checked back in with a 1-point lead, a Revere three gave the visitors a lead they would never relinquish.

"We got into a situation we hadn't been in before," Walsh said. "We were forced to foul and hope they missed their free throws. They didn't."

Revere sunk 3-of-3 at the line and Jack Guerrier's three-point attempt off a

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Joe Walsh

designed play rimmed out at the buzzer.

The 12-and-under roster includes 11 guards and six forwards. The guards are: the Guerrier brothers, Derek Brown, Johnson, Anthony Ogboin, Markus Williams, Cedric Williams, Ramos, Sean Chandler, Eddie Agaze, and William Wigfall. The forwards are: Cathcart, Hill, Jamal Swanson, Philip Jordan, Walsh and



STAFF PHOTO BY DARRIN MCCOLLESTER

Allston-Brighton's Ricky Ogboin takes the ball to the basket during a recent West End House travel team game.

SPORTS

# Bare-bones but boffo

With just enough players to field a team, Phillies' talent still showed

By Chad Konecky  
TAB Correspondent

If the Brighton Central Little League were to hand out an award for courage and commitment, the hands-down winner would be the Major League Phillies.

This team of 10- to-12-year-olds battled through an entire Little League season with a bare-bones roster of just nine players — the exact number needed on the field. But despite playing with zero depth, the talented group put together a 3-5 record and boasted some of the brightest individual stars in the city of Boston.

"We had a lot of good talent on this team," said coach Mike O'Hara. "We've worked hard despite lacking a bench. It was a tough season, but we're proud of our effort."

Phillies right-hander Genna Barrett is arguably one of the most promising pitching prospects in the entire city. The 5-foot-5-inch control pitcher kept her squad in every game she started.

"I just love the game and this was a good group to play with," said Barrett, 12. "I think my accuracy is my strength as a pitcher."

Jumoke Johnson was a capable No. 2 starter for the Phillies, while Ellis Stone handled the yeoman's chore of catching every inning.

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Genna Barrett, age 12, pitcher

The Phillies' outfield was manned by Dan Mee in left field, Michael Cook in center and Steve Tolman in right. Versatile second baseman Heather Amato also logged some innings patrolling the grass beyond the diamond.

"I learned a lot about hitting and fielding this year," said Amato, 10. "And, I got to play

second, which is my favorite position."

The rest of the every-day infield featured middle infielder Michael Buckley and first baseman Jose Jordan.

"You'll see these names over and over again as they come up through the system," O'Hara said. "These kids can play."

Brighton Central Little League is one of the most comprehensive youth baseball organizations in Greater Boston, catering to players from age 5 through 15 with games and instruction at McKinney Field. The league's volunteer staff of coaches, umpires, coordinators and concession workers serve a T-ball program of 30 to 50 beginners who are 5 and 6 years old; a four-team minor-league structure; a five-team major-league program for 10-, 11-, and 12-year-olds; and a five-team senior league for players from 13 through 15 years old.

The league's in-house program culminates at the end of June with all-star and league tournaments. Some teams are headed for this month's Mayor's Cup tournament and the traditional Little League district tournaments on the road to the Little League World Series in Williamsport, Penn. □

# Oak Square stars shine

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back complete games in tournament play. He was supported by infielders Eddie Studdard, Andrew Meira, Bobby Greenwood, Billy Mattson and James Zabirek, along with outfielders Michael Dolan, Owyn Stephens, Jarrod Farran, Sam Badillo and Allen Mui. Luke Hill and Alicia Anzaldi handled the catching duties for Allston.

"The kids played great, but it wasn't quite enough to win," Allston coach Jerry Riordan said. "Now, we're looking ahead to the Mayor's Cup."

Winning the Major League title wasn't any easier for Oak Square. The team had to face a sky-high Brighton Central team in the tourney final. Central had rallied from a nine-run deficit to edge Allston 15-

13 in the opening round.

Allston took a 10-1 lead after two innings, but Brighton roared back with Genevive Moeller's two-run homer to center field serving as the big blow.

In the final, Oak Square took leads of 1-0 and 3-1 early on. But true to form, Brighton Central jumped in front 5-3 with a clutch sixth-inning rally. The joy of the rally was momentary at best. Oak Square plated four runs in the bottom of the sixth and right-hander Michael Barry closed out his complete game effort to clinch the Oak Square Little League sweep.

"It was certainly a thrill to host and win both titles," Oak Square official John Bruno said. "I think we saw some great baseball and everyone had a great time." □

# Little League roundup

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balls to first and third bases. Catherine McCarthy and Ann Marie Hines scored runs for the Reds.

## Allston Little League

The following children participated in the Interleague Tournament between Allston, Oak Square and Brighton Central:

**Major League:** Michael Anzaldi, Kafy D. Baptiste, Matt Chauncey, Danny Doherty, Keith Dooley, Eddie Espino, Danny Farren, Christine Forrester, Joey Joyce, Tony Mancini, Matt Peach, Tim Walsh, Lonel Wright.

**Minor League:** Alicia Anzaldi, Samuel Badillo, Michael Dolan, Jarrod Farren, Bobby Greenwood, Luke Hill, Billy Mattson, Andrew Meira, Alan Mui,

Owyn Stephens, Edie Studdert, Christopher Sullivan, James Zabirek.

Allston closed their season on June 27. The championship games were between the Minor League Pirates and Braves and the Major League Indians and Red Sox. The play had to be stopped because of intense downpours. However, the parents' coaches and kids were determined to finish the games even though the fields were flooded.

Two very dedicated parents, Brian Greenwood and Jimmy Sullivan, worked with the kids, and after several hours cleaned up the fields.

The games were played. The Red Sox and the Braves came out as the winners, but the whole league was champion that day.

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► **FANEUIL BRANCH LIBRARY.** 419 Faneuil St., Brighton. Ongoing: Tuesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m. Toddler storytime. Wednesdays, 10:30-11:15 a.m. Preschool storytime. Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Bedtime stories. Fridays, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Mystery stories. Call: 782-6705.

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► **ALLSTON/BRIGHTON APAC SUMMER DAY CAMP.** APAC, 143 Harvard Ave., Allston. Ongoing: Applications now available for camp session 7/6-8/14, ages 6-12. \$100. Call: 783-1485.

► **ALLSTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.** 41 Quint St., Allston. Ongoing: Preschool playgroup is a child-care group where parents take turns caring for children that meets on Thursdays from 10 a.m.-noon. Drop-ins and vouchers for

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## SUPPORT GROUPS

► **CAMBRIDGE LAVENDER ALLIANCE.** Workbench, Putnam Ave. & Mass Ave., Cam. 7/7, 7-9 p.m. All gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered citizens of Cambridge are welcome to this general meeting on pride reports, endorsement activities, and summer plans.

► **BREAST CANCER SUPPORT GROUP.** St. Elizabeth's Center of Boston, Women's Health Pavilion, St. Margaret's Building, 736 Cambridge St., Bri. Ongoing: every other Thursday beginning 7/11, 4-5 p.m. Meetings are open to individuals recently diagnosed or recovering from breast cancer. Not necessary to be a patient of St. Elizabeth's Medical Center. Call: 789-3249.

► **HAIR PULLING SUPPORT GROUP.** Newton-Wellesley Hospital, New. Call: 617-277-0174.

► **WOMEN'S SELF-ESTEEM SUPPORT/PSYCHO THERAPY GROUP.** 49 Hancock St., Cam. **Mondays**, 6-7 p.m. This group is ongoing. \$25. Call: 617-576-3095.

► **FOOD ADDICTS ANONYMOUS.** Youville Hospital, East Wing Conference Room, 1575 Cambridge St., Cam. **Thursdays**, 7-8:30 p.m. Does food control your life? There is help and hope. Free. Call: 781-647-5262.

► **THE CRIMINAL HISTORY SYSTEMS BOARD.** If you witnessed, were the victim of, or are related to a victim of a crime for which someone is serving time, you have the right to know if they escaped. Call 1-800-533-5639 to get on the list.

► **COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUP FOR CAREGIVERS.** Boston Alzheimer's Ctr., 434 Jamaicaaway, Bos. On the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month. Call: 983-2300.

► **WOMEN'S SELF-ESTEEM.** A convenient Cambridge location. Ongoing: Psychotherapy group for women using structured techniques to enhance self-esteem. \$25. Call: 576-3095.

► **OUT ON THE PARKWAYS.** Melting Pot Coffee House, 2 Belgrade Ave., Ros. Vill. Ongoing: Fourth Wednesday of each month. A social organization for gays and lesbians and their friends. Call: 364-6599.

► **FINALLY FRIDAYS.** Marks Crab House, 148 Northern Ave., Bos. **Fridays**, 8 p.m.-1 a.m. This is not just a singles event, it's a mingling event, with live music and entertainment changing each week. Call: 244-4420.

► **FEEDING OURSELVES** is a program for compulsive overeaters, chronic dieters and individuals suffering from bulimia or binge eating disorder. 10-week workshops begin in mid-May. Call: Maryellen Bradley-Gilbert, MA, 661-3727.

► **EASTERN MASSACHUSETTS WOMEN'S SOCCER LEAGUE** seeks women 17 and older interested in recreational and/or competitive soccer. Call: Kathleen Genova, 523-4683 or emwsl@earthlink.net.

► **PROJECT BREAD'S FOODSOURCE HOTLINE** is for people who are having a hard time feeding their family. Call for free and low-cost food resources and a confidential food stamp eligibility screening. Open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Call: 1-800-645-8333.

► **COMMON VOICES.** Fenway Community Health Ctr., 7 Haviland St., Bos. A confidential, drop-in social/support group for gay and bisexual men meets the third Thursday of every month from 7-9 p.m. Call: 927-6032.

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## West End House short on funds



(From right) Nataasha Small and Paula Gonzales of Brighton work at the West End House computer lab.

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short when it comes time to pay the bills. Electricity costs alone add up to between \$60,000 and \$100,000 per year, and it costs the club more than \$400 to subsidize each of its young members.

As a result, the endowment has been dwindling and will not be enough to support the \$450,000 in annual operational costs if things don't change soon. West End House has launched a capital campaign to restore the endowment from \$800,000 to the \$1 million mark.

"If fund-raising goes properly, we'll survive this crisis and become self-sufficient," said William Margolin, the club's vice president. "But if this trend continues, we wouldn't be here within two years."

West End House serves 1,500 of the district's children ages 7 to 20, regardless of their ability to pay. It offers a full range of educational, recreational and cultural programs both at the club house on Allston Street and at the new unit in the Commonwealth Housing Development in Brighton, which reaches between 200 and 300 young people. For the past three years, the club has also worked jointly with staff from the Jackson Mann Community Center to create and develop a teen center.

"I think it's very important to the kids in the neighborhood," said Jeannie Woods, president of the Allston Board of Trade, which has undertaken an effort to raise \$25,000 for the club by Sept. 30. "It keeps them busy, and that way they're not hanging on the corner. They're our future. It's the responsibility of all of us to do whatever we can."

Woods is sending letters to all her organization's members and is now asking other civic groups to do the same. In addition, the club has stepped up efforts to raise money by approaching donors, soliciting from local businesses and vamping up its usual community-level fundraisers. This year's annual April "Shoot-Out" basketball event brought in close to \$23,000, roughly \$4,000 more than last year. And West End House has recently applied for and received grants for teen programs.

But the club will likely incur another deficit this year of about \$100,000. And much of what's left in the endowment is earmarked for things such as upkeep of the building, summer camp and awards.

Margolin said that if the club had at least \$2 million, the center would eventually become self-sufficient. Administrators also hope to someday restore the club's six-day schedule and bring the staff back up from seven to nine. The club relies heavily on a volunteer corps of close to 130 people, including college students, parents and board members.

Founded in 1906 in Boston's old West End by James Storrow, for whom Storrow Drive is named, West End House is one of the charter members of the Boys & Girls Clubs of America. The club moved to Allston in 1971 after Boston's West End was dismantled.

Graduates of the Allston-Brighton location include State Rep. Kevin Honan, Boston City Councilor Brian Honan, and Joe Walsh, Boston University's director of community relations. Leonard Nimoy, who played Mr. Spock in "Star Trek," is an alumnus of the club when it was located in the West End. □



Mikala Hasberoy shoots pool at the West End House Boys & Girls Club in Allston. The club, which is the district's largest provider of youth services, is running short on money and officials hope to raise needed funds to keep the club afloat.

## Police: Bike fatality was a hit-and-run

### FATALITY, from page 1

one and ran away. I'm sure it wasn't done on purpose, but it would be better for him to come clean and for us if we just knew what



Meghan Birdsall

happened."

When police arrived in front of 1111 Commonwealth Ave. at 1:50 a.m., Birdsall was found lying on her back, unconscious and bleeding from her head. She was transported to Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and hooked up to life support. She died three days later on June 25.

Police at the scene of the accident noted that Birdsall's bicycle was not damaged, though the seat was tilted back. There were no skid marks at the scene. The street was slick with oil, and part of a car's aluminum oil pan, including a plug, was found nearby. Birdsall did not appear to have been run over.

At first, investigators considered the possibility that Birdsall had fallen from her bike.

"But the extent of her injuries ruled that out," said Boston Police Officer John Collins, who has been conducting the investigation in conjunction with Sgt. Matthew Whalen. "We believe either she was walking or dropped the bike when she got hit. The car struck her left leg and knocked her down on the right."

No oil was found on the bicycle, which

"Somewhere out there there's a car that killed someone and ran away."

George Birdsall,  
father of accident victim

was lying on the ground beside Birdsall when officers arrived. Collins said the absence of skid marks at the scene could be explained by newer brake systems that don't leave marks. But police are still just guessing about what happened, said Collins.

"It's tough because there's not a lot of physical evidence," he said. "It's all theory right now."

When a car loses its oil pan and plug, all of the oil in the engine spills out, police said. Since this means a car would become inoperable after a short distance, police believe the

car with the broken pan might still be in Allston-Brighton.

Investigators, who have already alerted repair shops, are now inspecting the underside of cars that match the description of the model identified by specialists, Whalen said. Officials have been told that the replacement of an oil pan is a complicated procedure that would probably need to be done by a dealer.

George Birdsall said he believes the driver is not the only one with an idea about what occurred on Commonwealth Avenue at that early hour. There might also have been a passenger in the car, a tow-truck driver, a mechanic consulted for advice or the repair, and friends, neighbors and family members who know that someone's car is not working because of undercarriage damage.

"The thing is, someone has the answer," he said.

To report any information about what happened on June 22, contact the Crime Stoppers hotline, at 1-800-494-TIPS. Boston University has pledged to match the Crime Stoppers reward of up to \$1,000. □

## BUSINESS NEWS

# Car wash leads the way for Franciscan Day

**A**llston Car Wash is teaming up with Franciscan Children's Hospital to promote Franciscan's fall fund-raising event, Franciscan Children's Hospital Day. Anyone who purchases from any Allston-Brighton business on Thursday,



By Rosie Hanlon

Sept. 17, or brings their car to the Allston Car Wash on Saturday, Sept. 19, will have part of their expenditures donated to the hospital and rehabilitation center.

FCH Day at the Allston Car Wash will include entertainment, children's activities, a raffle with proceeds going to the hospital and much more, according to car wash owner Mark Leavitt.

"When most people think of a children's hospital, they immediately think of the Children's Hospital in Boston," said Leavitt. "This [FCH] hospital is in our own backyard, dealing with the sickest of children and functioning on a much smaller source of funds. I am happy to see the community giving to this hospital."

This collaboration began a few months ago when Allston Car Wash adopted Franciscan Children's Hospital as its charity. "From the moment I walked into the hospital and saw the kids and spirit within the hospital, it energized me to do everything we could for these kids," stated Kara Lessard, marketing coordinator of the Allston Car Wash.

To participate in Franciscan Children's Hospital Day, contact Sylvia Hampton at 254-3800.

## Vegetarian restaurant opens in Allston

Grasshopper Restaurant recently opened at 1 North Beacon St. Owner An Le offers a diverse spread of vegetarian selections, including spicy curry gluten-chicken, gluten-beef with peppers, onion and lemongrass, stir-fried curry coconut tofu-pork, tofu-chicken with vegetables, stir-fried American broccoli with vegi-squid or vegi-shrimps, assorted noodle dishes and various specials.

"The quality of our food, along with the large variety of dishes, is very important to us here at Grasshopper Restaurant," said manager Felix Fu. "We also provide a beautiful atmosphere. It is a very comfortable place to dine. You do not have to be a vegetarian to enjoy our food — our selection caters to people of all tastes."

Grasshopper's chef, Hoai Nguyen, created the menu with Le, which includes Vietnamese, Chinese and Japanese traditional foods. Nguyen prepared dishes for Buddhist monks in Vietnam for years before coming to America.

Grasshopper Restaurant is open Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m., Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m., and Sunday, noon-10 p.m. Reservations are welcome. For more information, call Felix Fu at 254-8883.

## Brighton residents join marketing firm

Wallwork Curry, a Newbury Street advertising and marketing agency, recently hired two Brighton residents.

Lynda Richards-Stocks has joined the firm as an account executive. She is a graduate of Emerson College and has previously worked for Allen & Gerritsen and Austin Knight.

Another Brighton resident, Jennifer Richard, has joined the firm as an assistant account executive. Richard is a graduate of Indiana University and previously worked



Jennifer L. Richard

for Arnold Communications in Boston.

## Century 21 Shawmut owner attends Camp Leadership

Real estate broker Kate Brasco, owner of Century 21 Shawmut Properties in Brighton, recently attended Camp Leadership, a three-day workshop for Century 21 Realtors and brokers in Lake George, N.Y.

"Being in the company of other top-producing Century 21 System members provided me with a wonderful opportunity to network with my peers and discuss issues which are central to the real estate industry on a local level," said Brasco. "I gained invaluable insight on many subjects from



Lynda Richards-Stocks

people who are top in their respective fields of expertise, and am eager to share this knowledge with my associates at Century 21 Shawmut."

Seminar topics included technology, public relations and marketing, communication training, and management training.

Located at 134 Tremont St., Brighton, Century 21 Shawmut specializes in residential and commercial real estate in Allston-Brighton and surrounding areas.

Rosie Hanlon is executive secretary of the Brighton Board of Trade. Her column on local business appears weekly in the Allston-Brighton TAB. Hanlon invites business people to call her at 254-1180 with story suggestions.

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