



Robert Whynot at the Vocational Adjustment Center. His leadership helps change the lives of clients.

# Whynot finds rewards helping center clients

By Christine Granados  
Special to the Citizen-Journal

As an Allston-Brighton "Unsung Hero," Robert Whynot downplays his role as director for the Vocational Adjustment Center. He would much rather talk about the staff, the trainees at the center or the Allston-Brighton community than the award he received last month.

And it is with the utmost pride that Robert Whynot speaks of all people in-

involved with the VAC. "The real heroes of our agency," he said, "are trainees who overcome their disability and improve their quality of life."

"The agency is blessed with a professional staff," he said, "the counselors, program developers are tops in their field."

However, staff members have equal adulation for

Whynot. Director of Rehabilitation Rebecca Pyle spoke of his commitment and dedication to the VAC: "He doesn't take sides, and always listens. His door is always open."

"He's always thinking of what he had in the business world," Pyle said. Even though trainees may have their disabilities, Whynot feels that they should have the same "perks," said Pyle.

Whynot sponsors an annual Christmas party and

dance at the center's cafeteria, and with the help of the staff and other community groups acting as waiters, each trainee is served dinner just like in a restaurant.

"He has instilled standards in every aspect of the program," said Pyle.

The VAC is a training and employment agency for people with disabilities. Whynot estimates that each day, the center provides work for about 130 people.

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# Beer store plan airs in Allston

By Julie Flaherty

Citizen-Journal staff

A brew-on-premises beer store on Brighton Avenue will be the first of its kind on the East Coast, but its novelty is leaving some civic leaders with a hangover.

The Beer Plant Company—a store where people can buy beer ingredients, brewing equipment and brew their own beverages to take home—has set up shop at 136 Brighton Ave., the former First National Bank.

Owner Jeff Pzena, a Somerville resident who has owned a beer and wine making supply store in Cambridge for four years, says by the time he opens in mid-June, the Beer Plant will be only the fourth brew-on-premises facility in the country.

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# Literacy program helps community

By Christine Granados

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In its first year and a half of operation, the Family Literacy Program at the Jackson-Mann School has taken great strides in bringing families closer together through education.

The parents of students attending the Jackson Mann Community Center and Elementary School, Horace Mann Center for the hearing impaired, and the North Zone Early Learning Center have the opportunity to help their children's education while furthering their own at the same time.

A child's first teacher is a parent. However, problems occur when that parent lacks the skills to guide and help children with basic academic and social problems.

When the program started, its focus was on basic math, English, education and parenting skills. However, an advi-

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Eileen Barry

# Honan shrugs off ethics fine

By Julie Flaherty

Citizen-Journal staff

Rep. Kevin Honan is shrugging off the fine the State Ethics Commission lobbed at him last week, but vowing to keep an eye on his golf game.

Honan agreed to pay \$1,050 as penance for accepting a Boston Celtics ticket, a Ritz Carlton dinner and a game of golf at a private club in Florida from insurance lobbyists. He was one of 10 current and former lawmakers who cooperated, and were subsequently penalized in the ongoing ethics investigation meant to reveal the wine and dine connection between lobbyists and elected officials.

"They say I was influenced by playing golf," Honan said. "That's not true and I don't even golf."

Although he agreed to help in the investigation and pay the fine, Honan said he never thought he was in violation of the conflict of interest law. When asked if he thought he had done anything wrong, he said "no."

According to the disposition agreement, in 1991 Honan accepted a Boston Celtics skybox ticket from Ralph Scott, a lobbyist for John Hancock Insurance. The Celtics ticket was

worth \$70. Honan said he thought it could not be worth more than \$30.

"I was working late in the office, and at 6:30 someone comes in and offers me a ticket to the Celtics game. I said, 'sure,'" Honan said.

Honan testified that although he knew the Scott was a lobbyist, he was never lobbied by him.

Two of the violations took place on March 12, 1993 in Florida where an educational conference, sponsored by the Conference of Insurance Legislators, was being held. Honan neither registered for nor attended the conference, the disposition said.

However, he did play a round of golf courtesy of another Hancock lobbyist, and dined with a guest with other Massachusetts legislators and lobbyists. Honan testified that he did not know the lobbyists were picking up the \$3,000 tab, of which his portion was about \$150. Honan was also surprised to find out anyone would play so high a price to putt.

"When I have gone golfing, it has always cost under \$20," Honan said, mentioning a few public courses. "They

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# A peek at the unique

Allston store carries the unusual

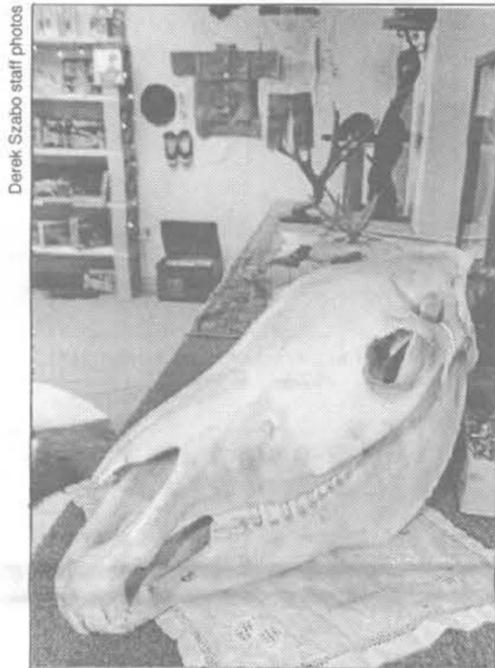
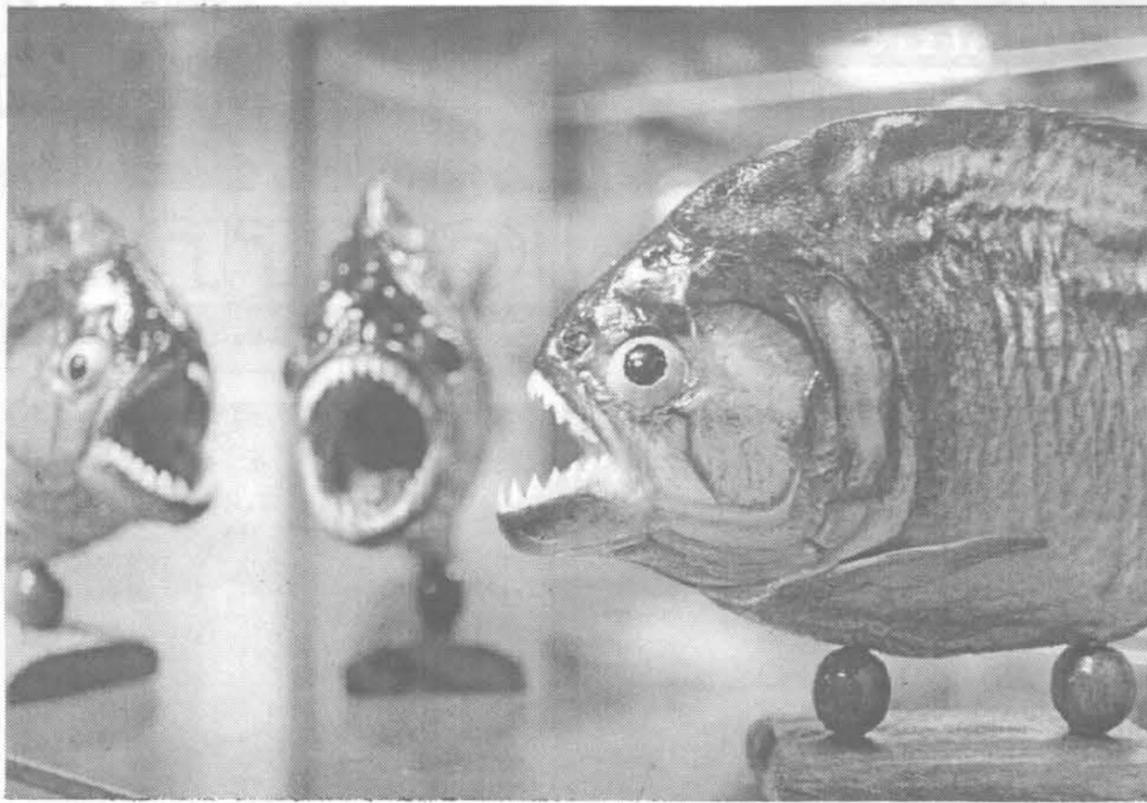
By Sean Donovan

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Animal bone necklaces. Pig embryos in jars. Tarantulas under glass. Chocolate revolvers. Where can you find all these morbid curiosities and more? No, you don't have to visit tribes deep in the jungle, nor do you have to rummage through a biology supply warehouse. If these and like items are your cup of tea, you need travel no further than Flyrabbit, a new curiosity shop that recently opened at 202 Harvard Avenue in Allston.

Owned and operated by Brooke Corey, Flyrabbit is the most recent addition to Allston's singularly unique collection of collectible and oddity stores. This one, however, is certainly unlike any you have seen before.

Stocked with items one would expect to see in a museum or haunted house, Flyrabbit offers the unusual to the macabre.



Derek Szabo staff photos

"I have a machete with a monkey head on it," Corey said, "a lot of animal bones I get from a guy in Florida, a lot of preserved specimens, bugs and snakes in jars, books on serial killers, and a bunch of taxidermy stuff."

This is not your typical store stock, but neither Flyrabbit nor its owner are typical.

Corey grew up in Bedford, where she and her three older brothers spent a lot of time playing in the woods. That's where her interest in nature, animals and their collectible value first began.

"They would always try to scare me with stuff," she recalls. "We spent a lot of time in the woods and there were always animals, especially dead ones."

In fact, her brothers were responsible for more than cultivating her interest in this area, the name of the store was their idea, too. "Flyrabbit was what my brothers used to call roadkill that had been run over so many times that you could throw it like a Frisbee. There was also flyskunk, flysquirrel and so on."

Corey recently moved back to the Bay State from Los Angeles, where she said she "couldn't find a job and got sick of bartending." It was her self-described compulsive collecting that led her to open a store.

"I have always collected this stuff, especially the bones," she said. "I wanted to start this store because I collect this stuff and I thought it would be neat to have it all in one place. I just go by my own taste. I figure that my taste isn't all that unusual."

Corey graduated from Pratt Institute, a Brooklyn, N.Y. art school. Although she was doing what she liked, she couldn't find a paying job in the field: "They don't tell you how to make money in art school. I have this fine art training, but I couldn't find a job using it."

Enter Flyrabbit. Corey decided around Christmas time that opening a store would provide her with both a job and an opportunity to do what she wants to do. "I didn't have any business experience, but I took out a book from the library and took a class about business," she said. "That's all there was to it. It's really just a bunch on tiny steps and filling out forms. Before you know it, you're registered." Flyrabbit officially opened—on April Fools Day.



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**Social**

**Herrman, Wagner will wed**

Gary I. Wagner, the son of Sheila and Thomas Wagner of Marion, is engaged to Maria Teresa Herrman, the daughter of Margaret Herrman of Allston. They will be married on Sept. 24 at St. Columbkille's Church in Brighton.

**Meaghan Elisabeth arrives**

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Devine (Kathleen C. Boyle) of Canton are the parents of a daughter, Meaghan Elisabeth, born on April 23 at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center in Boston. The new arrival weighed 9 pounds, measured 20 1/4 inches. She will be joining her 3-year-old sisters Kaitlin and Michaela.

**Walcott passes bar exam**

Gina Y. Walcott, 28, the daughter of Minnie Walcott of Allston, was notified that she passed the Massachusetts Bar Exam on Friday. She was graduated from Boston University Law School in May 1993. The Walcotts have lived on Hano Street since 1966.

**Honor rolls are announced**

Boston College High School announced its honor roll for the third quarter. Recognized Allston-Brighton residents were: Alejandro J. Necochea and Miguel A. Pollan, class of 1994; David P. Jacques, class of 1995, and Todd G. Moody, class of 1996.

Mount St. Joseph's Academy named the following students to their high honor roll for the third quarter. High honors: Annmarie DBiasie and Claire DiBiasie for grade



Gary Wagner and Maria Herrman will marry Sept. 24.

12; Mandy Lau for grade 10. Honor roll: Jennifer Coyle and Eileen McLaughlin for grade 12; Carolyn Canty and Kate Hennessey for grade 10; Lisa Dunn, Kelly Early and Jennifer Joyce for grade 9.

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**Neighbors question brewing business**

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But because they are so uncommon, brew-your-own facilities have almost no federal or state regulations. They are not classified as breweries, because the customers prepare the beverages themselves. Nor does Pzena need a liquor license, because he is only selling the hops and barley and other ingredients, not the beer itself.

And that has some civic leaders hopping mad, sure that more beer in an area that already has more than 20 bars will brew up trouble.

"It's ridiculous," said Brighton-Allston Improvement Association Co-president Theresa Hynes. "More emphasis on alcohol, without any regulation—it's not what is needed in that area."

Paul Berkeley, the president of the Allston Civic Association, is leading an investigation of the Beer Plant.

"I don't know whether it is general manufacturing or light manufacturing or a brewery, but it does not conform to the zoning of that area," Berkeley said.

Pzena disagreed, saying that the "occupancy is just retail," although he says, "It is just new enough that no one knows what to consider it."

Brew-on-premises establishments were popular in Canada, but business declined when the country put a "sin tax" on the home-away-from-home beer. Pzena's product would not be taxed, but he says the appeal of the service is not what some residents fear: huge quantities of cheap, tax-free beer for college students.

"A lot of people don't want to mess up their homes" with the brewing process, Pzena said. But with his "nice fancy brewing equipment" he claims brewers can get better temperature control and filtration.

The price of the final product would be "cheaper than Sam Adams, but more expensive than Coors," Pzena said. Because of the biological processes involved, the strongest alcoholic beverage clients could make would be "a barley wine, at 12 1/2 percent alcohol."

One of the Beer Plant's neighbors, Marc A. Kadish, owner of the Sunset Grill & Tap, welcomes the new business, saying both businesses are looking for beer connoisseurs, not "guzzlers."

"People come to us in search of something a little different—a Belgian or a Czech or a home-made beer—that they can't find anywhere else," Kadish said.

Currently, there is one brew-on-premises facility in California, one in Colorado and another opening on the West Coast, Pzena said.

According to documents from the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, there is no federal regulation for the facilities, although it is "considering issuing regulations." ATF does have guidelines, which primarily keep the facility from falling under a brewery designation. Customers, who must be of drinking age, may brew up to 100 gallons per year, or 200 gallons per household.

The state regulator, the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission, also said the brew-your-own business could operate "without qualification as a brewery" and therefore without a brewing license.

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**News**

**Whynot key at VAC**

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"Ninety to a hundred work at the facility and there are 30 out in the community," said Whynot.

The VAC provides trainees with display, assembly work, collating and mail activity—work that many people would consider simple or monotonous. However, for the trainees who have to overcome their disabilities, the work is a daily challenge.

Some of the companies who provide work for the center include John Hancock Insurance, NYNEX, Tufts, Bradlees, Polaroid, Braun and the Audubon Society.

The center helps people increase their productivity level and strive for the highest level of employment for what they can achieve.

The VAC's ultimate goal is to place many of the workers in regular employment in the community, but only if that is what the trainee wants for him- or herself.

Upon touring the facility, Whynot speaks to many of the people on a first-name basis. He knows their achievements, great and small. He introduces a young medalist from the European Special Olympics, commends a woman in a wheelchair working on the assembly of marker packs. She has limited mobility in one hand.

Today she may piece together 10 sets—a large amount when considering what she has to overcome to do so, said Whynot.

The VAC has been in existence in one form or another since 1959, said Whynot. The center had outgrown offices and moved several times until settling on the location on North Beacon Street in 1990.

"All of our trainees are referred to us by state agencies like the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission and Department of Mental Retardation," he said.

Whynot said that while state funding has remained level the past few years, VAC costs have risen.

"[We learn] to do more for what you get," he said. "Sometimes it amazes me what we can do with funding."

Whynot was named to the Board of directors for the VAC in 1983-84, while he worked for Western Electric in Watertown. The company had long supported the program, he said, and always had a representative on the board.

A Boston area native, Whynot commutes from West



Derek Szabo staff photo

VAC Director Robert Whynot downplays his role in the success of his organization, but those who work with him know his dedication and contributions.

Falmouth, 90 minutes each way. A lot of problems get solved during that commute, he said.

He is proud of the dedication of his 24 person staff at the social service end of the business. Community development, job development, is the fastest growing part of the agency. "They are always planning ahead for the placement of people," Whynot said. "It makes my job easier."

Job coaches at the center help trainees adjust to new employment assignments. They often accompany trainees to the job site, helping them overcome nerves and demonstrating the tasks the trainees will perform. The support staff also works with things like tardiness, according to Whynot.

"We have a high retention rate," he said, "we want them to succeed."

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# Editorial

## Evening the odds

Elsewhere on these pages, in a signature opinion column, a co-president of the Allston Brighton Improvement Association poses the question, "When did community activist become a dirty word?" Michael Curran asserts that a healthy interest in the affairs of a neighborhood—and few neighborhoods can eclipse Allston Brighton in terms of cohesiveness—is good, and that those who pose questions to the Powers That Be are contributing to the civic good.

We agree. If there is one tenet a community newspaper should adhere to, it is that a well-informed, civic-minded populace is a good thing. It's good for our democracy and, not coincidentally, good for circulation. How else to learn what's going on in Allston Brighton but to read the your local newspaper?

That said, we feel we have something of an equal space obligation. Newspaper reporters, especially those who work for community newspapers, spend an amazing amount of their time at meetings convened by community activists. This seems especially so in Allston and Brighton, where a roster of grassroots organizations aimed at preserving the civic good, at least as they see it, amounts to an alphabet soup. More than once in our newsroom, a senior reporter has patiently explained to the less initiated the names and aims of various organizations. Sometimes, it seems to our editors, the explanations border on the old Bud Abbott-Lou Costello "Who's on First" routine.

Americans love an underdog. Maybe that's why readers seem to relish the idea of local activists, to use Mr. Curran's term, taking on "the big guns" and bringing them to justice. It's David and Goliath—just pick a big target, and get some stones. "Have Sling, Will Travel; Wire Paladin," to paraphrase a long-dead TV western.

How ironic, given that David-Goliath analogy, that the biggest target appears to be Boston College, an institution founded in 1863 by as strict adherents to Biblical canons as we can imagine: the Society of Jesus.

Seems all you need to get an AB coffee conversation cranked up is mention of the magical "B.C." Do that, and you'd better be patient; you're in for an earful, especially from anyone who lives near "The Expansion." No need to say "stadium expansion." Just "expansion" does the trick—although we hear stories, probably apocryphal, of a newcomer who was here weeks before realizing "expansion" didn't have an adjective in front of it.

It's funny. In the suburbs, you can't stand on a street corner five minutes without finding at least a half-dozen well-scrubbed kids wearing blood-and-gold sportswear, be it jackets, sweats, hats or otherwise. A few miles makes an amazing difference.

What's the point? This: Boston College is a serious institution, for one thing, a player in a community that needs some. Anyone who thinks the school exists to support a nationally-recognized football or basketball team needs to take a sharp look at BC's graduation rate for athletes. They like to say it's the best in the nation, though there is room to quibble (not surprisingly, another pretender to the throne is in South Bend, Indiana). But what is not in doubt is BC's commitment to serious education—at least, no one, community activists least of all, have offered proof of same.

And there's this: Boston College lists almost 2,000 full-time employees. Not all of them live in Allston Brighton, or even in Boston. But using \$25,000 as a quick-and-dirty annual salary (likely very quick and very dirty), that works out to a cool \$50 million.

Not counting retail sales to BC students.

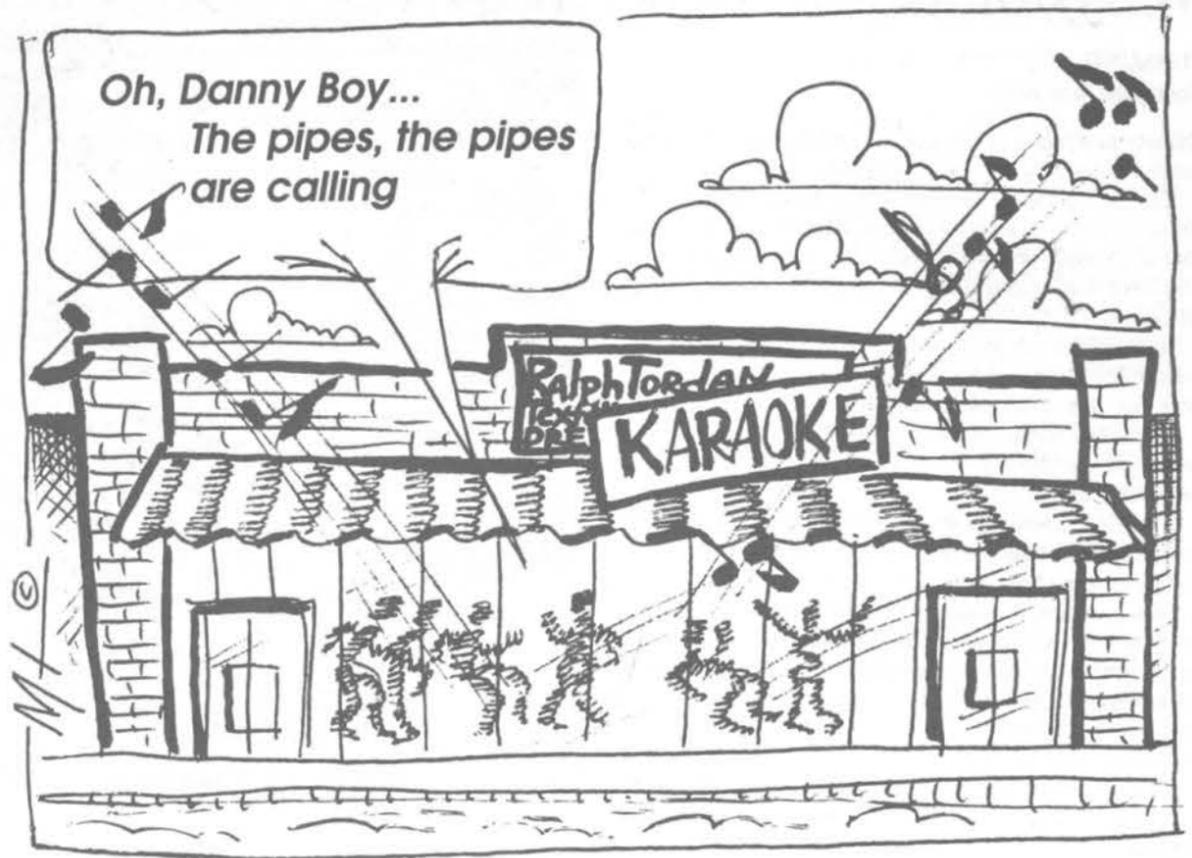
Not counting rentals to BC students who don't live on campus.

Not counting the intellectual influx, from which the entire area, including Allston Brighton, benefits.

Should Boston College put something back into the community, based on the imposition its presence, not to say its plans, brings about? You could make a good argument. But you could argue just as successfully that its very presence already brings Allston Brighton and its other neighbors considerable benefit. Just ask one of the 2,000 people who work there, or anyone with a piece of the school's \$19 million annual purchasing.

And being a major player brings its burdens. To be Boston College, and make any of the moves essential to maintain its stature as a major academic (not sports) institution, seems to us like living in fishbowl—one under which Allston Brighton people keep trying to turn up the flame. To be Boston College specifically carries certain obligations: moral, educational and, inevitably, financial.

To be a "community activist" requires an AB mailing address. Period.



## Bottom Line

A Citizen Journal reader telephoned with a beef about the Veronica B. Smith Multi-Service Senior Center. The gripe concerned after-hours use of the building by community-minded local groups. Specifically, the caller objected to paying out-of-pocket for the overtime custodial maintenance.

**Clyde Whalen**

I was advised that the building presently housing the senior center had once been a municipal structure available to the general public, that through political manipulation had become a day care center for neighborhood traditionalists.

The voice on the phone further objected to the amount of time and money spent on the rejuvenation of the property solely for the benefit of a select percentage of the population.

In a review of available options, a discussion in the public room at Station 14 brought out a couple of problems. First, the minimal space on hand results in overcrowding at meetings which concern controversial public issues. Second, some people just didn't feel at home with such a concentrated police presence.

On the other hand, the police station is a good place to hold a meeting because, due to the fact that crime keeps

irregular hours, the place never closes and you don't have to feel guilty when a custodian keeps looking at and shaking his watch to get you to shut up and leave. Another point in the station's favor as a meeting place is that for the couple of hours you are there you have as much personal protection as the president.

A second option is the Jackson Mann School at Union Square. The problem here, for the Brighton people, is getting there. Brighton people like to have things in hand. Which might account for their two libraries within a mile of each other.

Meanwhile, I made a phone call to Real Property at City Hall and was steered to Bill Murray, who suggested that a letter to the assistant commissioner of real property, a Maria Turley at Room 811, City Hall, Boston, Mass., 02201, relating the particulars, date and time of a proposed future meeting, might reasonably result in an engagement of the room without cost.

If you have a problem you'd like to have solved write it down and mail it in to Bottom Line, Box 695, Boston, Mass., 02258, or call me direct at 782-5180 after 6 p.m. Your identity will not be disclosed unless you so desire.

# Citizen Journal

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Commentary

Since when is 'activist' a dirty word in A-B?

Since when did "community activist" become a dirty word?

I recently attended a meeting where details of the compromise on the Boston College Stadium Expansion were being discussed. As you know, Boston College will be required to compensate for the expansion's impact on the Allston-Brighton community by benefitting the community in a number of ways, the details of which are being worked out. During this meeting charges were levelled at "community activists" in particular for holding up benefits.

Mike Curran

What astonished me was not the debate over the particular issue on the table but that the words "community activist" were spoken with derision and disdain, as if all decent people would agree that anyone who could be described as a "community activist" was some lower form of life. This came as kind of a surprise in those surroundings, because I thought it was pretty clear to everyone there that if it were not for "community activists" there would have been no expansion compromises and there would have been no benefits to be argued about. There would have been just

a whopping big stadium expansion with a whopping big negative impact and the Allston-Brighton community would have had to just lump it.

I have believed for so long that activists are the glue that holds our community together that I was caught off guard by the view that they are obstructionists, or nutcases, or worse. It got me thinking about what they are and what role they play.

Who are they? First of all, they are anyone who volunteers in the community—at church festivals, in the Boys and Girls club, the Little Leagues, at the Jackson Mann, services to the elderly, and all the other organizations and activities that reach out to the community. They are members of the Elks, Knights, the VFWs and the members of political and trade organizations. And, of course, they are members of the civic organizations: the Brighton-Allston Improvement Association, the Allston Civic Association,

They are the voice of our community

L.U.C.K., the Washington Heights Association, the Allston-Brighton Community Development Corporation and the Friends of Oak Square. They are everyone who truly cares about the community they live in, and if you've gotten this far in an article about your community, that probably includes you.

Are they obstructionists? Well, sometimes they sing a different tune when the high paying consultants and experts and power-brokers are all singing in harmony. I guess they aren't embarrassed to look a little different, thank God.

Who are community activists? They are the voice of our community. Without them the needs and hopes and dreams of the Allston-Brighton community would not be heard in the halls of power downtown or in the huge institutions or big businesses.

So, join up folks. The civic and community organizations in Allston and Brighton could use a few more "community activists."

Mike Curran, Co-president, Brighton-Allston Improvement Association Community activist

Helping our older residents avoid the risk of crime

As District Attorney, I spend a lot of time meeting with various citizens' groups around Suffolk County. When I speak to senior citizens, I've noticed two things about the audience. First I've noticed how politically and socially aware seniors are. They know what the issues are and expect answers, action and results from public officials. Second, I've learned that seniors are activists. They are involved in the community and are very well represented in neighborhood watch groups and other community organizations. In fact, seniors in the community are the local leaders in the fight against crime.

Ralph C. Martin II

There is a general perception that the elderly are disproportionately victimized by crime. However, current research indicates this is an inaccurate perception. In fact statistics show that crime victimization decreases with age. People over the age of 65 actually have a much lower rate of victimization than younger people.

But when seniors are victims, they are most likely to be victims of property crime—crimes like larceny and burglary. Here in Suffolk county, the overwhelming majority of crimes against seniors are unarmed robberies in which no physical injury takes place. For example, in 1992, there were only 65 Superior Court prosecutions of crimes committed against elderly victims. That's a very low number when compared to the thousands of crimi-

nal cases we prosecute each year.

But seniors, unfortunately are more often victims of economic crimes. They are targeted by con artists for various scams and frauds. Why? One reason is that seniors are more likely to have considerable savings and are more likely to be looking for investments. That is what the con artists play on—the elderly person's fear about maintaining a comfortable life-style on a fixed income, surviving inflation, preparing for a recession, affording good medical care and providing for spouses and children. So fraud, especially in the form of telephone deceptions, is something seniors should be on guard against.

Seniors are more often victims of economic crime

First, if you suspect that you're talking to a con artist, the best policy is simply to get off the phone. End the conversation. If you choose to continue a conversation, here are some questions you can ask to protect yourself:

- Ask the caller where they got your name. Get a specific answer. Don't accept evasions.

- Ask how long the company has been in business. Ask for customer references.
- Ask how much of your investment will go for fees and commissions. That shows you're a knowledgeable investor and my scare off the con artists.
- Ask the caller to explain all the risks involved in the investment. Someone who glosses over the down side is not being straight with you.
- Ask the caller to send you a brochure or some other written material to back up their claims. Don't let the caller get away with an explanation about how the opportunity must be pursued immediately.
- Inquire about which governmental and regulatory agencies supervise that type of business activity. And check the caller's answers before you invest. Get in touch with the Better Business Bureau in the town the caller claims to be working.

It is tempting to believe that fraud only happens to other people. Be careful. But if it does happen to you, please notify my office. The Economic Crimes Unit of the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office is well-equipped to investigate and prosecute fraud cases against the elderly. We are here to fight crime and reduce your concerns so that you, our leaders and community stalwarts, can carry out your daily activities without undue fear.

Ralph C. Martin II is the Suffolk County District Attorney.

Omaha Beach

Silver beams of moonlight  
penetrate the gloom;  
lighting up the bleakness  
of a dreary barracks room...

The hour now fast approaches  
for troops to leave the shore—  
get underway to rendezvous  
with mighty ships of war—  
then steer a zigzag course  
to the soil of a foreign land,  
and storm ashore to battle  
on a beach of bloody sand...

The carnage of the conflict—  
the madness of the scene—  
it scars the mind forever—  
recalled in countless dreams...

Will sanity prevail someday,  
or will there always be—  
the carnage of a battle  
for another Normandy?

—William Sheehy  
Allston

Legislator downplays ethics panel fine

• HONAN  
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say that golf game was worth \$130. I've never heard of golf like that."

He said it "was never my intention, nor did I realize I was in violation of anything."

"I have settled this and I have put it behind me," Honan said. "I will pay closer attention to even the appearance [of conflict of interest.]"

Liz Lattimore, a spokesperson for the State Ethics Commission, would not specify whether those people being investigated include only lobbyists, or other lawmakers as well.

"The investigation is still ongoing, but I couldn't say

any more specifically than that," Lattimore said.

The fines equal three times the "economic benefit" of the gifts, she said.

The state Ethics Commission was set up in 1978 as a nonpolitical, nonpartisan independent agency that acts as the primary enforcer of the conflict of interest and financial disclosure law.

Although he would not say he is disappointed by the commission's investigation, the disposition did show that Honan disagreed with many of its findings.

"I think it's time to get on with the business at hand," Honan said. "There are much more important things to be concerned about."

Honan pointed to \$17 million in local aid from the City of Boston that the house voted to approve Monday night, as well as a \$50,000 amendment to clean up Chandler's Pond which he helped through the house. The amendment must still be approved by the senate and signed by the governor.

Along with Rep. Susan Tracy (D-Allston-Brighton) and Rep. Warren Tolman (D-Watertown), Honan has successfully pushed to extend the MBTA trolley track renovation legislation.

"We have extended it for one year," Honan said. "So it is still in the pipeline."

When asked whether any headway has been made in finding funding for the renovation, Honan said confidently, "We'll take care of that."

Letter

Dear editor:

I and all the members of the VFW Oak-Brighton Post 2022 and Ladies Auxiliary want to thank the Allston-Brighton Citizen Journal for all past help in publishing all the results about the auctioning of the post. Also recommending that who buy the post should have a place for us to continue in the same place.

This is to inform you that we are continuing to keep the post active. We have taken the charter off the wall and we still have 152 members.

We are having our meetings at Rosie O'Grady Function Room on Market Street in Brighton. We are going to keep active as long as we can. Thank you again.

George Marchione,  
Adj., VFW Post 2022

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Send submissions in care of Letters to the Editor, the Citizen Journal, 101 N. Beacon St., Allston 02134

# Community Calendar

## Announcements

All residents in the Lake Street area are invited to attend a meeting sponsored by the Archdiocese of Boston to explain the plans of the archdiocese to purchase the Cenacle property on Lake Street. The meeting will be at the Peterson Auditorium at St. John's Seminary in Brighton on Tuesday May 24 at 7 p.m.

**Health Fair at the Winship School**, 54 Dighton St., Brighton. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information booths, food, drinks and activities.

**Harriet Baldwin School**, 121 Cory Rd. in Brighton at 10 a.m. in the school yard a **Culture Hunt** featuring an Asian dance, food from many cultures, and friendship pins made by the students will be for sale. Proceeds will go toward field trips.

**Veronica B. Smith Multi-Service Senior Center**  
20 Chestnut Hill Ave.; 254-6100

- **Bingo** - continues at the Senior Center. Several clubs meet throughout the week. Call for more information.
- **Free Health Screenings** - provided throughout the year. Dental screening, blood pressure readings, flu shots and other medical services provided free of charge.
- **Men's Club** - meets monthly for a light breakfast and a speech. Call for more information on upcoming meetings.
- **At the Center Thursday, May 19:** - 10 p.m. Blood Pressure, 10 p.m. Needlework, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Fix-it shop, 10:30 Choral, 12 p.m. Lunch, 1 p.m. Wellness, 1 to 4 p.m. Bridge.
- **At the Center Friday, May 20:** - 10 a.m. Walking, 11 a.m. Cribbage.
- **At the Center Monday, May 23:** - 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. ESL Classes, 10 a.m. Walking, 12 p.m. Lunch, 1 p.m. Bowling, Line Dancing, 2 p.m. Tap Dancing (tentative).
- **At the Center Tuesday, May 24:** - 9 a.m. Exercise, 9:30 a.m. Crochet, 10 a.m. Garden Club, 12 p.m. Lunch, 1 to 3 p.m. Bingo.
- **At the Center Wednesday, May 25:** - 8:30 to 11:30 Art Class, 9:30-4:00 ESL classes, 10:30 Card Club, 12 p.m. Lunch, 1 to 3 p.m. Bingo.
- **At the Center Thursday, May 26:** - 10 a.m. Needlework, 10:30 Choral, 12 p.m. Lunch, 1 to 4 p.m. Bridge.
- **Membership** - costs only \$5 per year. Must be 60 or older.

**Allston-Brighton City Roots Alternative High School**  
30 Gordon St.; 635-5233

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

**Suffolk County Bar Association**  
426-8333

- A sexual harassment hotline offers a referral service to qualified lawyers who can assist victims.

**Boston Neighborhood Network TV**

- BNN-TV seeks individuals or groups talented in song, dance or musical performance for *Boston Opera Presents*, Saturdays at 10 p.m. Call Bob Kalunas at 864-7375.

**Food Stamp Outreach Program**

- Working but can't make ends meet? Call (800) 645-8333 for more information about food stamps.

**Boston University Astronomy Department**  
725 Commonwealth Avenue, 7th floor; 353-5700

- The Astronomy Department will hold free **Observatory Open Nights** every clear Wednesday at 8:30 p.m. for stargazers. Call 353-2630 Wednesdays after 5:30 to confirm.

**Cumann na Gaelige**  
899-4611

- The Irish Language Society of Boston is accepting applications for Fr. Sean Sweeney grants. A number of the \$500 grants will be awarded to qualified students to supplement the costs of taking an Irish language course in Ireland this coming summer. Call for details.

**Temple Israel**

Longwood Ave. & Plymouth St., Boston; 566-3960

- Temple Israel is reaching out to Jewish patients with longterm medical conditions, their families and healthcare providers through a service called **Tefillat Refuat Hanefesh** (Service for the healing of the soul). The service is meant to provide a place for patients, their fami-

lies and providers to find spiritual solace. The service lasts 30 minutes and is held on the first Tuesday of every month at 6:00 p.m.. All members of any community are welcome. Handicapped accessible.

**St. Elizabeth's Medical Center**  
736 Cambridge St., Brighton; 789-2330

- **Prostate Cancer Support Group** - Wednesday, May 25 at 7 p.m. Vernon Pais, chief of Urology at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center will discuss radioactive seed implants in the treatment of prostate cancer in the Seton Auditorium at the monthly meeting of the of prostate cancer support group. For more information, please contact the Department of Community Health and Occupational Services at 789-2430.

**Joseph M. Smith Community Health Center**  
51 Stadium Way, Allston; 783-0500

- **Mammography Screenings** - On Thursday June 2, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. there will be free mammography screenings with pap smears and complete physicals for women over the age of 40 and without health insurance. Please call JoAnn Brown for an appointment, 783-0500, ext. 328. The center is accessible by MBTA bus #70, #66 & #86.

**Allston Congregational Church / United Church of Christ**

41 Quint Ave., Allston; 254-2920

- **Organic Gardeners Group** - meets Saturdays between 10 a.m. and noon at the church located at 41 Quint Ave. in Allston. Contact Kay Bergersen at 254-2920 for more information.

## Events

**Boston Public Library**  
Brighton Branch Library

40 Academy Hill Rd., 782-6032

- **"Not for Seniors only" Film Program** - 2:30 p.m. May 21: *Shall We Dance?* Starring Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers.
- **Adult Book Discussion Group** - 6:30 p.m. May 23: *The Mists of Avalon*, books 3 and 4: *The King Stag* and *The Prisoner in the Oak* by Marion Zimmer Bradley. Moderator: Elizabeth Cousins.
- **Films and Stories for Young Children** - Take place Tuesdays in May at 10:30 a.m. May 24: *The Tiny Tree* and *Seven Little Ducks*.
- **Children's Film Programs** - May 25 at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. *The Cat Came Back*, *Once Upon a Mouse* and *Panama*.
- **Adult Book Discussion Group** - 12 noon and 4 p.m. May 26: *The Woman Who Owned the Shadows* by Paula Gunn Allen. Moderator: Karen L. Williams.
- **Story telling and Improvisation** - Takes place Tuesdays in May at 4 p.m. Creative dramatics and story telling led by master storyteller Barbara Lipke.
- **Teen Sports Film Series** - Thursdays in May at 3 p.m. May 19: *It's tough to make it in this league*. May 26: *Tokyo Olympiad*.
- **Local Scenes by Local Artists** - Month of May during Library hours. Local artists Elaine Mann and Virginia Termaine will exhibit oil paintings and prints of landscapes and animals.

**Faneuil Branch Library**

419 Faneuil St., Brighton; 782-6705

- **Children at Work and Play in Paul Revere's Time** - Thursday May 26, 3 p.m. A member of the Revere House Education Dept. staff will lead children ages 6 to 11 in an exploration of children at work and play in the 1700s. Games played and costumes modeled by members of the audience.

**Jackson-Mann Community Center**

500 Cambridge St., Allston

- **Allston Brighton Flea Market** - Saturday May 21, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Rain date May 22) at the Jackson-Mann parking lot. To reserve a table, make a donation, or obtain more information call: Jimmy Smith or Diane Joyce at 635-5153.

**Congregation Kadimah-Toras Moshe**

113 Washington St., Brighton; 254-1333

- **Installation Brunch** - Sunday May 22, 10:30 a.m. Sisterhood Kadimah-Toras will hold an installation brunch in the Social Hall at 113 Washington St., Brighton. The guest speaker will be Bernice "Bunny" Foilb, 1993 recipient of the Cablevision Conti Award. Ruth Small presiding.

- **VFW Post 2022** members will be selling poppies on

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 19 through 21 in the Brighton district. The Post and the Ladies Auxiliary will be holding their poppy ceremony Sunday, May 22 at 2 p.m. This ceremony will be held at Rosie O'Grady's function room located at Market Street in Brighton Center. The ceremony will be held each year to pay honor to all deceased members of the post and auxiliary. The Public is invited. Call 782-2868 for information.

## Volunteers

**Asian Shelter and Advocacy Project (ASAP)**

1575 Tremont St., Boston; 739-6696

- **Volunteers needed** for New England's first Asian battered women's shelter. Volunteer opportunities include: 24-hour hotline, shelter staff, safe-home network, administrative work, counseling and advocacy. If interested, please call Joyce at 739-6696.

**Boston Partners in Education**

- Tutors, reading aloud volunteers, mentors and enrichment speakers are needed to work with Boston Public School Students of all ages. Older people, homemakers, students and working people who can commit to at least one hour a month are encouraged to apply. Most volunteers serve on a weekly basis close to where they live or work. For more information call Janet Parker or M' Liz Howland at 451-6145.

**St. Elizabeth's Medical Center**

789-2590

- **Blood donations** are needed. The Donor Center is open Monday to Friday. Early morning and evening appointments are available.

**Dimock Community Health Center**

442-6758

- The Dimock AIDS Hotline seeks volunteers for four-hour shifts. The hotline provide HIV/AIDS prevention information and referrals to testing.

**National Organization for Women**

782-1056

- Volunteers are needed for phoning, mailing, data entry and crafting campaigns for women's rights. Flexible day and evening hours. Call or stop by the NOW office at 971 Commonwealth Ave.

**American International Student Exchange**

1-800-SIBLING

- AISE seeks host families for international students ages 15 to 18 for 10-month home stays. The students are fully covered by insurance and are fluent in English.

**Boston Recycling Coalition**

635-3530

- The coalition needs help spreading the word about curbside newspaper recycling. Serve as a block captain for your street. For more information, call Claire Sullivan Tues., Wed. or Fri. from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

**Massachusetts Commission for the Blind**

88 Kingston Street, Boston; 727-5550

- The commission needs volunteers to read, write letters, pay bills, drive and shop with people who are blind and visually impaired. For more information, call Elaine Smoody.

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## Police

# Alleged swindle nets \$18,000

Police are on the lookout for a Brighton Ave. fortune teller who allegedly convinced a client to give her \$18,000.

Police said Thericia Hidajat, whose business address is 178 Brighton Ave., has shoulder length brown hair, a gold necklace and earrings.

Jennifer Tao of South Burlington, Vermont told police that after numerous visits, Hidajat on April 1 said the money would allow her to break an evil spell. When the money could not be regained by May 15 the client informed police, who searched the address but found no one.

## Stabbing ends intervention

A man was stabbed while intervening in an assault Thursday, say police reports.

Robert F. Podell told police a man stabbed him in the left chest at 3:14 a.m. when he approached the man who was assaulting a woman in the parking lot behind 141 Harvard St. Podell was taken to Beth Israel Hospital.

Paul Stefano of 9 Linden St. came out onto the scene as well when he heard noise from the scuffling. Stefano told police he fled when the mugger tried to stab him, too. The mugger threw a bottle through Stefano's window, said police.

Hans Christianson, an employee at 17 Linden St., told police he saw the suspect enter a taxicab and leave the area.

Police were unable to locate the female assault victim.

## Five-story fall breaks arm

Police aided a man who fell from the roof of a five-story building at 130 Braner Road last Wednesday. Michael Hopper of Longfellow Drive had been drinking, said police reports.

When officers arrived at the scene, a neighbor directed them to the bottom of a shaft where Hopper lay prone. Hopper told police he had fallen through a skylight.

He was transported to Brigham and Women's Hospital for treatment of a broken left arm.

## Would-be jumper is saved

Fire and Police Department officials talked a man down from a second-floor scaffolding at 54 Gardner St. on May 11.

A despondent Richard Hillier was attempting suicide after being evicted from the address, police said, adding that he was armed with a razor box-cutter.

Negotiators persuaded Hillier to climb into a window and he was taken into custody, and then to St. Elizabeth's hospital.

## Mugger accosts woman

A man bearing a knife robbed a woman of \$200 Saturday at the intersection of Lawrence and Waverly Streets, say police reports.

At about 8:30 a.m. Paula Kirsch, 54, told police a six-foot tall black male brandished a knife and said "Don't give me a hard time," before taking her purse. He was of medium build and wore a navy blue sweat shirt, Kirsch told officers.

The mugger fled up Lincoln Street and got into the passenger side of a motor vehicle which sped away, say police.

The incident is under investigation.

## Knife robber hits Domino's

A man walked into Domino's Pizza at 160 Chestnut Hill Ave. May 12 and held up the store at knife-point, police reports say.

At 11:45 p.m. a man estimated to be 20 to 25 years-old, with a scruffy beard, ordered employees to give him the money in the register, say police.

The suspect fled on foot towards Embassy Road. Detectives are investigating.

—Compiled by John Dyer

## Newsreel

# Carpenters offer square deal

It's a sad but too common story when a family loses its home because of community development. But the members of Tool Carpenters Local No. 40 made a special effort to keep one fuzzy family unit from being displaced.

While demolishing the stage of the Publick Theater on Saturday, some of the workers found three baby squirrels nestled in the rotted wood. The men stopped their work to puzzle over what to do with the fuzzy intruders, whose eyes were still closed.

"One of the guys took them out and put them over on the grass," said Kenneth Riley, a local member for 12 years. "We were careful not to get the human smell on them."

The men continued their work on the other side of the stage until two Brighton residents, who are known for taking in stray animals, arrived and placed the animals in a cardboard box high in a nearby tree.

"I told them they should probably dig out some of the stuff they were sleeping in," Riley said, pointing to the wood chips and debris in the pile that was the former outdoor stage. The rescuers, who did not wish to be identified, said the construction workers also advised them to "feed the babies with an eye dropper."

The workers carried on with the job, which they had volunteered to do free of charge, but not without distraction. "The mother was running back and forth in the trees, shrieking," Riley said.

Michael Sarno, a Local No. 40 board member, said the group was donating about 60 man hours on Saturday, or nearly \$1,900 of labor. "We want to give something to the community," said Sarno, who lives in Saugus. "Just because we don't live here doesn't mean that we don't give back." He said he hoped helping the Publick Theatre would ease relations between the union and those who advocate strict enforcement of the residency law.

"When we were in big debt last year, they helped us three times," said Deborah Shernburg, the executive director of the theater. "This year, we don't have any savings, but we don't have any debt. We're still depending on the kindness of strangers."

## Harvard Ave. to be repaved

Harvard Avenue is slated for a face lift this summer, the Department of Public Works said.

Peter Scarpignato, the executive assistant director of

public works, said that \$156,000 will be used for improvements to the street late this summer.

The improvements will include sidewalk repairs and new curbs "where needed" and the resurfacing of the street.

Scarpignato could not say what percentage of the sidewalks and curbs are in need of repair, but said the area had been surveyed.

## YMCA schedules programs

The Allston-Brighton YMCA now offers yoga Friday mornings from 6:45 to 8 a.m., and ballroom dancing instruction is available for a six week session.

YMCA Summer Day Camp begins July 5. Camp Discovery for children 3 to 5 is offered, as well as Camp Summer Adventure for children 5 to 12. The Counselor in Training Program, designed to develop leadership potential in young people 12 to 15, also has the goal of creating future camp counselors.

For information on any of these programs, call 782-3535 or stop by the Allston-Brighton YMCA at 470 Washington St., Brighton.

## Laasanan benefit planned

Tanya Laasanen, a 19-year-old Allston-Brighton resident, has battle leukemia since age 13 and is scheduled for a bone-marrow transplant. In order to help the Laasanen Family defray medical costs, friends and relatives have arranged two benefit parties to help raise funds prior to donor and surgical procedures.

On June 12, a \$25 per person donation benefit will be held at Foxboro Raceway in Foxboro, Mass., from noon to 5:30 p.m. Tickets can be purchased by calling Joe Moran at 782-3687. The donation includes admission, racing program, benefit lunch and a \$2 betting voucher.

On June 25, the will be a \$10 donation benefit at St. Anthony's Hall in Allston from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Dancing, entertainment and prizes will be part of the special evening to wish Tanya luck and success on he surgery. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Ann Moran at 787-3687, Doris Antonelli at 782-1417 or Barbara Zuccala at 787-3881.

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# News

## Literacy program is working

### • LITERACY

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sory board formed to assess the needs of the parents and students.

"We changed the focus," said Diane Joyce, director of the Jackson-Mann Community Center.

The concentration of the program is now on English as a Second Language (ESL) classes which are offered on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, and American Sign Language Classes offered on Monday nights and Wednesday mornings to parents of students at the Horace Mann school.

The ESL classes have many nationalities represented; however, there is a class size limit of 16, ensuring individual attention.

"We promised the department of education a ratio of one-to-eight [for ESL classes]," said Kathy Rodriguez, family literacy coordinator and director of the Jackson-Mann Preschool. Classes often begin with a shared activity, and then break up into groups lead by the teacher and an assistant, said Rodriguez.

The sign language classes are just as successful—many of the parents who began with the program have now mastered some of the basic skills. Tutoring is now avail-

able to those students with intermediate skills, said Rodriguez.

Although family literacy is a large part of the Jackson-Mann program, there are many other subjects included in family education.

"It's not just reading and writing," said Rodriguez. "It's also communication skills, media literacy, computer literacy. It is Diane's desire, my desire to support families."

In lieu of classes one evening a month, the program sponsors a Family Night workshop. The workshop always begins with a dinner for parents and children to share. If the topic for the evening concerns parents only, child care is offered while the workshop is in progress.

However, there are workshops offered—like this month's topic on recycling activities—where parents and children learn while spending time with each other.

Other past workshops have included discussions on homework, curriculum, and positive ways of dealing with anger.

Next month's family night, on June 15, will discuss violence in the media and its affects on children.

All of these classes, services and activities come at little or no charge for the families.

**It's not just reading and writing**



Eileen Barry (in plaid) and Sharon Hamilton (at blackboard) get down to business in the Adult Literacy program in the Jackson-Mann School in Allston.

Derek Szabo staff photo

The program began with five families. Now 100-200 people can show up for a monthly workshop, said Joyce.

The literacy program evolved from a collaboration of the institutions at the Jackson-Mann, said Joyce. It took a pooling of their resources from all the institutions at the Jackson-Mann site to secure the \$25,000 grant from the Department of Education, which ends in August 1995.

She credits Helen Jones, former director of education of Boston's community centers, and now with the state Department of

Education, with getting the program off the ground.

"Helen brought us together," said Joyce. "She was aware of the funding for family literacy."

"If we're all competing it's just not going to work," said Joyce. But through the shared commitment of all the parents, teachers, administration and staff involved, the program is still going strong, and has become "the model pilot program for family literacy."

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**Sports**

# A-B Sports roundup

By John Hoffman

Special to the Citizen-Journal

Participants and volunteers in the third annual basketball tournament were honored in a ceremony last week by the West End House Boys and Girls Club and the Allston Brighton Athletic Committee.

In the Boys High School division the most valuable player (MVP) award went to Donyell Joseph. The All-Tourney team included Tom Wozniac, John Rouba, Melvin Mallard and Brighton High's Q Randall.

The Girls High MVP went to Corey Gallagher, with Starr Fuller, Gladys O'Leary, Stephanie Miller and Waitie Brunette rounding out the all star squad.

In the Junior High division the all stars were Danya Ghuairiot, Meghan Toomey, Janie Rodriguez, Brenda Longo and Melissa Kudcutis.

The Womens Recreation all stars were Carolyn Domini, Christine Root, Karen Jodoin and Chris Mingonelli. Mary Kerins captured the Most Valuable Player award.

The Womens open division MVP was Devonna Young. The all stars were Debbie Flandemeyer, Katy Delaney, Janet Hourihan and Bonnie Fitchett.

Tourney champion awards were given to Somerville, Savin Hill, Green Briar and the Yellowjackets. Somerville Mayor Mike Capuano made a special presentation to the Somerville Pride squad.

The volunteers recognized for their outstanding work were Ricky and David Chan, Sidd Videk, Robert Rudolph, Joey Walsh and David Lin. The Committee of Cliff Carney, Kenny Weiland, Kenny Bean, Gerry Walsh and Michael Bourg also received kudos for their work putting the tourney to-

gether. The check for \$1,400 was then presented to Bill Margolin, executive director of the Boys and Girls Club. Margolin concluded with thanking the man who put the tournament together, Joe Walsh.

State Rep. Susan Tracy is sponsoring a softball league for girls aged 14 to 17. The cost to enter the league is \$7, with play on Mondays at Ringer Park in Allston, and on Thursday at Hardiman Park. Games will take place between 5:30 and 8:30. Call Jimmy Smith at 635-5153 for more details.

And speaking of softball, the Womens League at Ringer Park has stated its 1994 season. In the opening game Joey's defeated Harpers Ferry 18-6. Nancy Walsh pitched brilliantly for Joey's, while Denise Gilarde shown defensively. Lee Williams was strong offensively for Joey's with three hits in the contest. Joey's owner Joey Caico and Coach Frank Bellotti were pleased with the win.

The team to beat this year looks like defending champion Gerlandos Comfortably Numb, with Dianna McCarthy on the mound. The Numb squad includes Dawn MacMillan, Debbie McCarthy, Susan Shea and Rita Cardarelli. Gerlandos also has a second team in the league led by Coach Chris McCarthy. McCarthy's squad has Mary Jane Amarilla, Kendra Lombardi and Karen Cedrone.

Tee ball player of the week is Christina McCarthy, who had six hits for her Giants squad. McCarthy also made a bare-handed catch of a line drive. Congratulations, Christina.

If you would like to nominate a player of the week, leave a message for John Hoffman at the Citizen-Journal at 254-1442, or fax the nomination, together with information supporting it, to 254-5081.



Christina McCarthy is our Tee Ball player of the week, on the strength of six hits.

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