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Jopa's Pizza Heavily Damaged By Easter Morning Fire



FIREFIGHTERS bring the blaze that gutted Jopa's Pizza and Sub Shop under control. The early morning March 31 fire caused an estimated \$50,000 in damage. Jopa's plans to reopen the shop at the same site. (photo by Michael Tognarelli)

by **Kathy Giordano**
Jopa's Pizza and Sub Shop at 156 Bunker Hill St. was gutted by an early Easter morning fire that caused an estimated \$50,000 in damage. The first alarm

was sounded at 2:38 a.m. on March 31 for the one-story brick building at the corner of Bunker Hill and Concord streets.

According to Boston Fire Department spokesman Lt.

Richard Powers, the fire was caused by an electrical failure behind the tonic cooler. Although the fire was extinguished rapidly, smoke and water added to the severe damage.

Proprietors Jopa and Margie Fitzpatrick said that they plan to reopen the shop at the same site as soon as possible. Margie Fitz-

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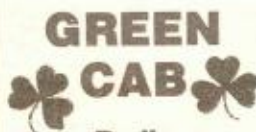
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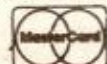
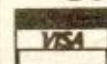
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Seven Honored With Community Appreciation Awards

Months of planning and preparation came to fruition on March 30 as the Charlestown Neighborhood Council held its first annual Community Appreciation Awards Banquet at the Knights of Columbus Hall, when seven award recipients were honored.

In an effort to make the event as open and inclusive of the community as possible, the CNC committee invited any interested resident to join them. The committee membership was closed only as deliberations began to decide on the recipients from the over 100 nominations that were submitted.

The committee devised criteria for the seven award categories which was pub-

lished for several weeks in the **Patriot** and distributed to various community organizations.

Designer Tom Gorsuch was contracted to create a plaque on which would be inscribed the names of this year's recipients as well as those to be selected for the next nine years. He was also asked to prepare an award that reflected the community. His idea, one well-received by the committee, was a paperweight containing a miniature Bunker Hill Monument, complete with a statue of Col. William Prescott with a name plate signifying the award and the recipient.

In order to fund the awards and keep the cost of

the dinner tickets to a minimum, elected officials were asked to contribute to the event. Those who were most generous in their donations included: Mayor Raymond L. Flynn, Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy, Sen. Thomas Birmingham, Rep. Richard A. Voke, Suffolk County District Attorney Newman Flanagan, Suffolk County Sheriff Robert Rufo and Boston City Councillor Robert Travaglini. The elected officials or their representative were on hand to assist in the awards ceremony.

On the night of the banquet, the spirit of community continued. There was no

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Community Benefits And Upcoming Activities Discussed At Neighborhood Council Meeting

by **Kathy Giordano**

The April meeting of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council was low-key and sparsely attended. Mitigating benefits packages and an array of upcoming events highlighted the evening's discussions.

Council members in attendance were: Chairman Dennis McLaughlin, Vice Chairman Peter Looney, Secretary Jim Mansfield, Treasurer Nancy Keyes, and members Moe Gillen, Matty O'Neil, Bud Coleman, Marty O'Brien Sr., Ellen D'Ambrosio, Kevin Roche, Kay Whelan, Bob Scalli, Kate McDonough, Tom Cunha, Ed Callahan, Dan Kovacevic, Bob Wallace, Mel Stillman and Ed O'Connell. Member Jim Conway is recuperating at Mass. General Hospital fol-

lowing surgery.

Gillen updated the council on two meetings with representatives of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) to review the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on the MWRA's proposal to use the former Revere Sugar Refinery site on Medford Street as a personnel ferry facility to transport workers to Deer Island.

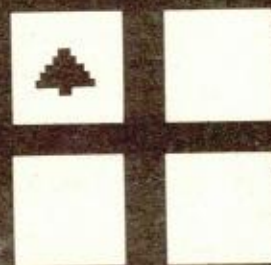
He stated that MWRA is under pressure from the court to act on the issue and had hopes that the community could resolve their differences with the authority before a federal judge steps in and makes the ferry transport operate without the benefits package being in place.

MWRA Assistant to the Executive Director Kathy

Hearn explained at an April 1 meeting that the personnel transfer site on Medford Street would provide 300 parking spaces for 350 workers by demolishing two small buildings on the site. Workers would leave Charlestown at 6:25 a.m. and return at 4 p.m. Early morning arrivals would come through Sullivan Square into the facility and police officers would be on detail at the gate in the afternoon to direct all traffic toward Sullivan Square and off neighborhood streets.

Hearn stated that these detail officers would give residents preference over worker's vehicles in entering the traffic flow. She also said that no worker walking onto the site, other than one who can prove he is a resi-

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It's A Boy . . .

Leonila and Neal Patrick Boyle of 33 Corey St., Charlestown, are proud to announce the birth of their son Sean Michael on March 24 at the Melrose/Wakefield Hospital. Sean weighed 6 pounds 3 ounces at birth.

The maternal grandfather

is Felix B. Clemena of South Leyte, Phillipine Islands.

The paternal grandmother is Edna R. Boyle of 33 Corey St., Charlestown.

Sean was welcomed home by his sister Roselyn, 7, and brothers Neal, 10, and William, 6.

It's A Girl . . .

Michelle and Randy Herdt of Charlestown are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Lauren Michelle on March 14 at 11:24 a.m. at Beth Israel Hospital. Lauren weighed 6 pounds 5 ounces and was 19 7/8 inches long at birth.

The maternal grandparents are James and Joanne McNeil of Charlestown.

The paternal grandpar-

ents are Robert and Dot Herdt of Winthrop.

The maternal great-grandmother is Mildred McNeil of Charlestown.

Lauren was welcomed home by her brother Jarrett, 3, and her sister Alanna, 20 months.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

This Week At A Glance

Thursday, April 4

- 6:30 p.m. — Parents of Teen-agers Video Discussion Series featuring "My Kid Is Driving Me Crazy," Kennedy Center, 27 Winthrop St.
- 7:30 p.m. — Charlestown Association of Parents (CAPS) Planning Meeting, 7 Ellwood St.
- 8 p.m. — Performance of "Crimes of the Heart," Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill St.

Friday, April 5

- 8 a.m. — World Health Day Celebration, Pier 1, Charlestown Navy Yard
- 10 a.m. — Adult Discussion Group meeting and Preschool Story Hour, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — 1797 Marine Detachment, Pier 1, Charlestown Navy Yard
- 7 p.m. — Penny Sale, St. Catherine Parish Hall, Tufts Street
- 8 p.m. — Fund Raiser for Bunker Hill Day Parade Chief Marshal Patricia Farris, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.
- 8 p.m. — Performance of "Crimes of the Heart," Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill St.

Saturday, April 6

- 10 a.m. — Charlestown Little League Tryouts, Ryan Playground, Sullivan Square
- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — 1797 Marine Detachment, Pier 1, Charlestown Navy Yard
- Following 4 p.m. Mass — School Benefit Bake Sale, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.
- 6:15 p.m. — Annual Michael P. Quinn Scholarship Dinner Dance, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.
- 8 p.m. — Performance of "Crimes of the Heart," Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill St.

Sunday, April 7

- Following 9 and 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Masses — School Benefit Cake Sale, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.
- 11 a.m. — Junior Park (Tom Yawkey) League Baseball Tryouts (18 years and over), Ryan Playground, Sullivan Square
- noon — Charlestown Little League Tryouts, Ryan Playground, Sullivan Square
- 3 p.m. — Morison Lecture Series presents "A Voyage in Song — Sea Chanteys and Ballads" with Daisey Nell and David Coffin, USS Constitution Museum, Charlestown Navy Yard
- 8 p.m. — Performance of "Crimes of the Heart," Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill St.

Monday, April 8

- 10:30 a.m. — Toddler Story Time for 2- and 3-year-olds accompanied by a parent, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 3:30 p.m. — Creative Dramatics for children 6 to 10, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 7 p.m. — Applications available for the Charlestown Rose Contest, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

Tuesday, April 9

- 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. — Children's Films, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 11:30 a.m. — Charlestown Healthy Aging Program (CHAP) Core Group Meeting, Constitution Co-op Apartments, 42 Park St.
- noon to 3 p.m. — Charlestown Interagencies on Aging Provider Fair, Senior Lounge, 55 Bunker Hill St.
- 6:30 p.m. — Morison Lecture Series presents "Artisans and Workers in Urban New England" with Jack Larkin, USS Constitution Museum, Charlestown Navy Yard
- 7 p.m. — Charlestown Neighborhood Council Public Safety Committee/Police Community Relations Meeting, Kent Community School, 50 Bunker Hill St.

Wednesday, April 10

- 6 to 7 p.m. — Rep. Richard A. Voke Office Hours, Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square (use Monument Avenue entrance)
- 6 to 7:30 p.m. — Pre-Alateen and Alateen Meetings, St. Catherine's Hall, below the rectory, 49 Vine St.
- 7:30 p.m. — Court St. Jude 1123, CDA Meeting, Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

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Upcoming Events

Thursday, April 11

- 12:15 p.m. — Charlestown Kiwanis Club Meeting, Barrett's on Boston Harbour Restaurant
- 6 to 8 p.m. — Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy Office Hours, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.
- 6:30 p.m. — Parents of Teen-agers Video Discussion Series featuring "The Invisible Line," Kennedy Center, 27 Winthrop St.
- 7:30 p.m. — CAPS Lecture Series featuring Bob Day, director of the Advent School, Bunker Hill Health Center, 73 High St.

Friday, April 12

- 10 a.m. — Adult Discussion Group meeting and Preschool Story Hour, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 6 to 8 p.m. — Junior Spring Dance for youngsters 6 to 12, sponsored by St. Catherine Parish, St. Catherine Hall, Tufts Street
- 8 p.m. to midnight — Charlestown Headstart Dance with Dickie McManus and The Irish Revolution, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Saturday, April 13

- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Spring Flea Market, sponsored by the Charlestown Lions Club, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St. (Rent a table for \$10, call Mike Venezia at 242-4678)
- 10:30 a.m. — Music and Songs by Hugh Hanley, sponsored by CAPS, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 12:30 p.m. — CYO Ball Hockey Banquet, St. Mary Parish Hall, Winthrop Street
- 3 p.m. — Chef's Club Reunion and Dinner, Charlestown Boys & Girls Club, 15 Green St.

Sunday, April 14

- 3 p.m. — Morison Lecture Series presents "True Tales of the Sea" with Glenn S. Gordinier, USS Constitution Museum, Charlestown Navy Yard
- 8 p.m. — Charlestown Boys & Girls Club Annual Comedy Night, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Tuesday, April 16

- 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. — Children's Films, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 12:45 p.m. — Performance of "Driven-In," a one-act comedy by Richard Hellesen, Room A-300, Bunker Hill Community College, New Rutherford Avenue
- 6:30 p.m. — Morison Lecture Series presents "Dependence After Independence: Women in the Boston Maritime Community, 1790-1810" with Elaine Forman Crane, USS Constitution Museum, Charlestown Navy Yard
- 7 p.m. — Operation Welcome Home Meeting, Patriot office, first floor, One Thompson Square

Wednesday, April 17

- 6 to 7 p.m. — Rep. Richard A. Voke Office Hours, Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square (use Monument Avenue entrance)
- 6 to 7:30 p.m. — Pre-Alateen and Alateen Meetings, St. Catherine's Hall, below the rectory, 49 Vine St.
- 8 p.m. — Performance of "Driven-In," a one-act comedy by Richard Hellesen, Room A-300, Bunker Hill Community College, New Rutherford Avenue

Plan Ahead

Thursday, April 18

- 7:30 p.m. — "Paul Revere's Midnight Ride: Dispelling The Myths," a lecture and slide show sponsored by Friends of the Library, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Friday, April 19

- 7:30 p.m. — Dance to benefit "A Hero's Welcome" Trust Fund, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Saturday, April 20

- 2 p.m. — Meat Raffle to benefit Camp Bunker Hill, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Sunday, April 21

- Following 9 a.m. Mass — Holy Name Society annual Family Communion Breakfast, Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

Friday, April 26

- 7 p.m. — Talent Contest for students in grades 1-12, St. Catherine Hall, Tufts Street

Monday, April 29

- 7 p.m. — Registration and Exhibit by St. Catherine's Girls Color Guard, Kent Community School, 50 Bunker Hill St.

Saturday, May 4

- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Open House, Courageous Sailing Center, Charlestown Navy Yard

Sunday, May 5

- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Open House, Courageous Sailing Center, Charlestown Navy Yard
- 1 to 6 p.m. — Fact Not Fiction Day for Teens, sponsored by CHAD, St. Catherine CYO, Charlestown Boys & Girls Club and Charlestown Community Schools, St. Catherine Hall, Tufts Street

Richard Getchell Dies Suddenly

Richard E. Getchell, formerly of Charlestown, died unexpectedly at his Cumberland, R.I. home on Monday, April 1. He was 49 years old.

Mr. Getchell was born and brought up in Charlestown. He attended the Clarence R. Edwards Junior High School and Charlestown High School. He was a former member of Teamsters Local 25. At the time of his death, he worked as

a warehouseman at the Pacific Anchorage Corp. in Rhode Island.

He is the son of Pearl Getchell of Dunstable Street, and the late Robert Getchell. He is survived by three children: Geri and Eric, both of Charlestown, and Kurt, a private in the U.S. Army.

Mr. Getchell is survived by 10 brothers: Robert of Melrose, John "Jake" and Arthur "Billy" of Charle-



RICHARD E. GETCHELL town, Ralph of Medford,

James of Plymouth, Lawrence of Charlestown, Paul of Haverhill, Fred of Derry, N.H., and Joseph and Gregory of Charlestown. He also leaves three sisters: Elizabeth Whitney of Ashburnham, Ruth "Jeannie" Marino of Charlestown and Pearl Capraro of Medford; three grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and nephews, and great-grandnieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at the Frank H. Carr Funeral Home, 220 Bunker Hill St. on Friday, April 5 at 10 a.m. Visiting hours are on Thursday, April 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. Interment will take place at Woodlawn Cemetery in Everett.

Residents Eligible For Tree Lottery

Charlestown will become a part of the cooperative tree-planting program for the city of Boston thanks to the generous contributions from the proceeds of the Charlestown Preservation Society's historic house tour last year. The program will take place over the next three years and will enable the planting of a total of 25 trees in Charlestown.

This year there will be eight trees available for Charlestown. The Preservation Society will pay the \$125 fee for each tree and the Parks and Recreation Department will prepare the soil, dig the holes and plant the trees.

Anyone in Charlestown is eligible to have a street tree planted by submitting an entry. Each entry will be put into a lottery and eight lucky homeowners' names

will be drawn on Monday, April 15. The tree is entirely paid for and the only responsibility the homeowner will have is to be sure the tree is watered periodically.

Send your name, address and telephone number along with the location you would like the tree planted to P.O. Box 201, Charlestown, Mass. 02129.

The drawing for the win-

ners will take place on Monday, April 15 at noon at the Patriot office at One Thompson Square. All entries must be in by Friday, April 12 at 5 p.m. Either send them or bring them to the Charlestown Post Office, Box Number 201. For further information, call Rosemary Kverek at 242-3073.

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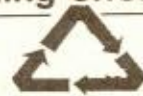
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Community Benefits And Upcoming Activities Discussed At Neighborhood Council Meeting

(continued from page one) dent of Charlestown, would be allowed to board the ferry without a pass received at the gate entrance. This pass would be given to each vehicle entering the parking lot, thus eliminating the use of residential streets for parking by the construction workers.

The inclusion of the proposed Haul Road, located between Medford Street and the site would be of great benefit to the surrounding neighborhood, Gillen stated. Hearn added that MWRA has committed to pay 25 percent of the study cost up to \$75,000 to help expedite any construction plans for the roadway. She stated that this was included in writing in the MOU.

The new MOU includes a clearer look into the benefits that could be derived from MWRA for the use of the Massport-owned land

for the transfer site. Among those outlined in the agreement are: the inclusion of the International Longshoremen's Association (ILA) participation in the bids process; MWRA's hiring and paying for police details on Medford Street during the afternoon rush hour; preference given to a licensed community organization to provide a food service to the workers on the site; career and educational counseling provided to students and adults interested in careers at the MWRA; the utilization of Charlestown High School and Bunker Hill Community College to coordinate activities beneficial to the community; jobs fairs to be held in Charlestown to inform the community of jobs available at the MWRA; a \$50,000 annual contribution by MWRA for a period of three years to fund activities beneficial to the community. These benefits, accord-

ing to Hearn, would begin as soon as the MOU is signed.

Gillen stated that meetings will be scheduled in the next month with Massport, who owns the land, and the Boston Transportation Department Commissioner Rick Dimino to review the MOU and report back to the council at the May meeting.

Keyes reported that informal discussions have taken place between the New England Aquarium, The Raymond Group, Boston Redevelopment Authority, Bunker Hill Community College and the Neighborhood Council to create the framework for upcoming mitigation benefits meetings in the community. McLaughlin stated that although construction is not presently taking place, an outline of benefits that would be derived from the future plans of The Ray-

mond Group and the aquarium should be discussed and set down.

Keyes stated that a meeting will be held within the next few weeks to start this benefits package process.

Committee members took the opportunity to solicit support for their various organizations by announcing upcoming events. McDonough reminded the council that the 4th annual Headstart Dance fund raiser will be held on Friday, April 12 at the K. of C. Hall. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the Kennedy Center, 27 Winthrop St.

Looney informed those gathered that a Family Picnic will be held on Sunday, May 19 between 1 and 5 p.m. at the Charlestown High School field. The afternoon will include entertainment and games for the whole family. The event is free and open to all who

care to attend. Each family will provide their own lunch, and cooking facilities will be available for the public to use. The event is sponsored by the Charlestown Adolescent Task Force.

Looney also stated that Charlestown Against Drugs (CHAD) will sponsor a workshop for teen-agers 13 to 18 to discuss sexually transmitted diseases, drugs and alcohol abuse and other issues of interest and concern for this age group. The

forum will be held at St. Catherine School Hall, Tufts Street on Sunday, May 5. Further information will be printed in an upcoming edition of the Patriot.

An April 8 hearing at the State House will decide the future of the Charlestown District Court, according to Looney. He requested a letter of endorsement for the court's continuance at the City Square site from the council and their presence

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Neighborhood Council Meetings

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Public Safety/Police Community Relations Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 9 at 7 p.m. at the Kent Community School, 50 Bunker Hill St.

MONTHLY MEETING

The Charlestown Neighborhood Council will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 7 at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 75 West School St.

The meetings are open to the public, and all are welcome to attend.

It's A Girl . . .

Mr. and Mrs. James J. Treanor Jr. of Vista, Calif. are proud to announce the birth of their second daughter, Sarah Emily, on March 20 at Mercy Hospital in San Diego.

The new arrival weighed 8 pounds 2 ounces and was 19½ inches in length.

The maternal grandmother is Emily Kraw of Sun Ci-

ty, Ariz.

The paternal grandfather is James J. Treanor of Dunstable Street, Charlestown.

Staff Sgt. Jay Treanor is currently serving at Camp Pendleton, Calif. as a drill instructor.

Sarah was welcomed home by her big sister Meaghan, age 3.

Not For Nothin' . . . But Have You Heard . . .



• **Hip, Hip, Hurrah . . .** to the seven recipients of the first annual Community Appreciation Awards. The Raymond Group, Bunker Hill Council 62, Knights of Columbus, Barbara Burke, Tom Desmond, Gladys Gauthier, Melanie Marsden and Tom Donahue are this year's Community Heroes! Congrats to each of you and to the committee who put together such a wonderful event . . . Can't wait for next year's banquet!

• **Gather Those Pennies . . .** and get down to St. Catherine's Penny Sale on Friday night, April 5 at the school hall starting at 7 a.m. \$1 will buy you over 100 chances to win spectacular prizes, including a color TV . . . and while you are out on the town Friday evening, stop into the K. of C. to congratulate this year's Bunker Hill Day Parade Chief Marshal Patricia Farris and take a spin or two around the dance floor. The proceeds from this event, which gets underway at 8 p.m., will go toward providing bands for the parade. See you there!

• **Farewell . . .** to Father Robert Burns of St. Mary Parish who has left the parish after four years of dedicated service. We wish you well and express our gratitude for a job well done!

• **Three Lovely Ladies . . .** who'll be celebrating birthdays this week are Eleanor "Cissy" Santosuosso on April 5th . . . Ellen McClellan on April 8th . . . and Winny (Geyson) Gauthier on April 9th . . . Hope it's a great year!

• **If You See . . .** the Honorable Doug Cummings working in his Cordis Street garden this week, wish him a happy birthday!

• **Would You Believe 103 . . .** years young?! Mary Clark, formerly of 15 Monument St. and now residing at the Oak Island Skilled Nursing Center in Revere, will celebrate the anniversary of her birth on May 18. She was born in 1888. The nursing home is planning a celebration and would like to invite any old Charlestown friends to attend. Call Karen O'Leary at 284-1958, Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., for more information.

• **Didn't Take Long . . .** for David Flanagan to get into the swing of things in his new home town! David was voted onto the Scituate Democratic Town Committee last Monday night at a town meeting. Our loss is a definite gain for this South Shore community!

• **Don't Forget . . .** you little leaguers . . . Tryouts take place this weekend at the Ryan Playground in Sullivan Square. Tryouts will also be held on Sunday for those 18 or over interested in Junior Park League baseball. Check the sports page for full details!

• **Unofficial . . .** notice reaches this desk that the newly constructed Hayes Square island will be dedicated on June 8th! Stay tuned.


• **Our Good Wishes . . .** to the children who will celebrate their First Communion at St. Mary Parish this Sunday, April 7th at the 9:30 a.m. Mass.


• **Get Well . . .** wishes go to Kay Didrikson of O'Reilly Way who is recuperating at home after heart surgery at MGH . . . Hope it's a speedy recovery, Kay!

• **The 22nd Annual Walk For Hunger . . .** will take place on Sunday, May 5th. You can help by walking or sponsoring a walker. You can even help by contributing to the cause. For more information, call Mary Kelley at 776-7071.

• **Check That Clock . . .** and move it AHEAD at 2 a.m. Sunday, April 7th. It's Day Light Savings Time!

• **The Days are getting longer . . .** the weather is getting warmer . . . Get out and enjoy — this is Good Humor Month!

Happy Birthday 
JILLIAN
Love & Kisses ... Your Cousin Danielle

Happy Birthday on April 10th
MARK S. MATARAZZO JR.
Love . . . Mom, Dad, Monique,
Jillian and Kristina 



If you see this girl on April 5th,
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21st . . .
Love,
Dad, Mom & Karen



Happy 5th Birthday
JILLIAN
My Little Princess
April 9th
Love,
Auntie Kelly




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Birthday
April 5th
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Love . . .
The Three Js



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SARAH ELIZABETH WERMAN
April 4th
Love,
Nana & Grandpa, Auntie Susan,
Uncle Buddy, Uncle Jimmy and Courtney



Boy Scout And Cub Scout Winter Events

by **Fernando Laguarda**

Charlestown's Boy Scout Troop 2 and Cub Scout Pack 2 recently held their winter Court of Honor. This event provided an opportunity to recognize Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts for their accomplishments during the past year.

Boy Scouts Eric Avasalu and Christopher Corrado earned the Scout Badge, the first rank in Scouting on the way to Eagle.

Timmi Monaco, Steve King and Larry Payton earned the Tenderfoot Badge, which is the next rank after Scout. The requirements for this award include overnight camping experience and basic first aid.

Cub Scouts Sean Duggan

and John Crosby earned service stars for two and three years in scouting, respectively.

In addition, at the Court of Honor, John Judge, district executive for the Greater Boston Council, Boy Scouts of America, presented the charter for Troop 2 and Pack 2 to Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion. "The Boy Scouts look forward to cooperating with the American Legion," said Judge. "We have a long history together nationally, working for the good of boys since 1919." Troop Committee Member Nick Raymond accepted the charter on behalf of Post 26, adding that the Legion "is looking forward to doing

whatever we can to help the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts in Charlestown."

In February, Troop 2 participated in the Aurora District Klondike Derby in Derry, N.H. At this event, Charlestown Scouts were called upon to demonstrate their knowledge of basic woodsman's skills, including knot tying, backpacking, signaling, fire building and pioneering. Over 500 Scouts from area troops participated in the event. The temperature hovered below freezing, but the Scouts were prepared for the cold weather, and enjoyed the day in the New Hampshire hills.

Troop 2 and Pack 2 would like to thank the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club for its hospitality in allowing a recruiting table at the clubhouse during the month of January. The event provided an opportunity for boys ages 7 to 17 to see first hand the opportunities available in Boy Scouting. As an international organization with roots back to the turn of the century, Scouting provides a unique opportunity to explore the outdoors and develop leadership skills for the future.

The Charlestown Cub Scouts meet every Tuesday at the Community School, from 6 to 7 p.m. The Boy Scouts meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Campouts, hikes, or troop events are planned for every month during the school year. It's never too late to join Scouting, and

any interested boy or parent may call Troop Committee Chairman Arthur Hurley at 242-2724, or Scoutmaster Peter Jones at 241-0425.

The Troop is planning a

raffle for its spring fund-raising event. Proceeds will be used to help defray the cost of summer camp for the boys, as well as to help purchase needed camping equipment. Parents and

Scouts will be contacting area merchants for contributions during the next week, and are grateful for all the generosity which has been shown so far.



A NEW BEGINNING: John Judge (left), district executive for the Greater Boston Council, Boy Scouts of America, presents the charter for Troop 2 and Pack 2 to Nick Raymond (right), who accepts on behalf of Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion.



MAKING FRIENDS at the Boys & Girls Club. Shown (l. to r.) are Cub Scout John Jones, Cub Scout Sean Duggan and Scoutmaster Peter Jones, Assistant Scoutmaster Fernando Laguarda, Den Leader Beth Crosby, Cub-

master Kathy Duggan, Scoutmaster Steve King hosting the Scouting information table at the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club.

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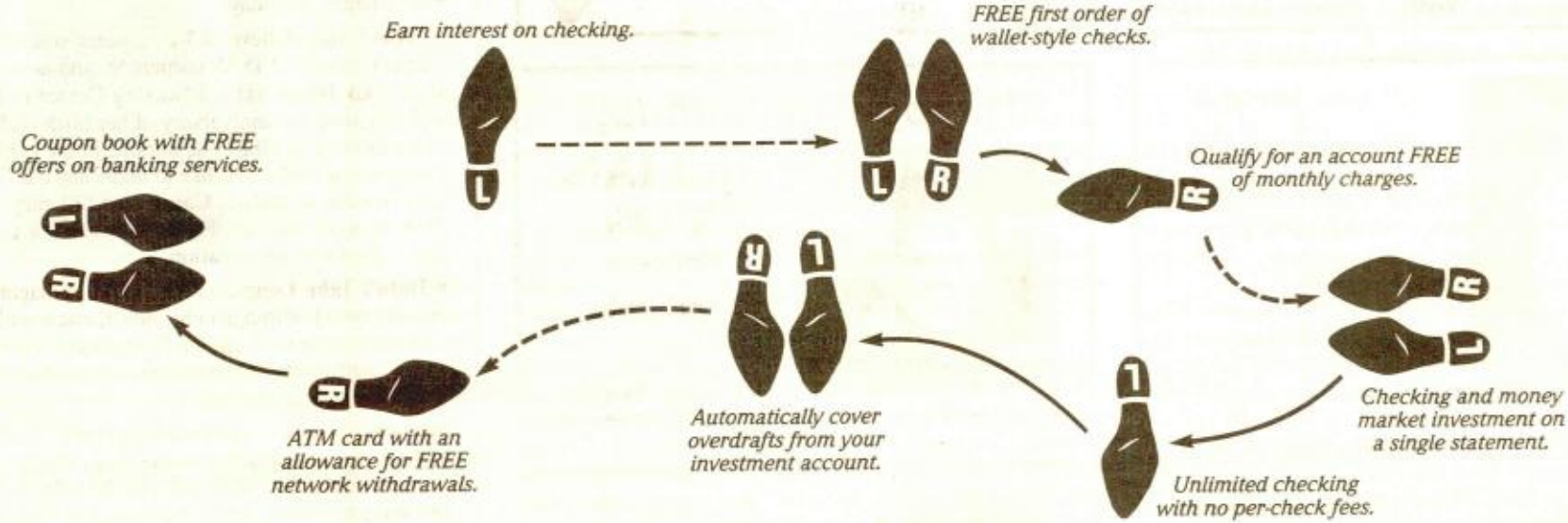
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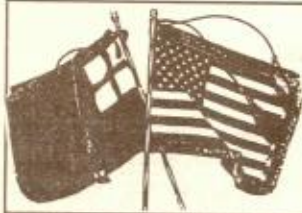
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UPDATE . . . OPERATION WELCOME HOME



From The Homefront To The Gulf

by Kathy Giordano

★ **Headed Home . . .** Bobby Borden has returned to his base in Germany . . . Joe Gallagher is due to leave the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia on April 10 for his base in Hawaii . . . and David Krasner's mother Bethlynn is delighted to report that he should be home by May 26!



AN INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR VIEW of the desert home of PFC David Krasner. Krasner, who was wounded twice in the conflict, should be arriving at his Bunker Hill Street home before the end of May.



Departing The Kingdom Of Saudi Arabia On April 10

Day 209 March 22, 1991
Port of Al Jubayl
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Dear Townies,

Received your Easter "Basket" today! Many of the items will come in handy over the next few weeks, while some I've given to "long timers," many of whom will be here through the summer. We thank you.

This will be my last letter to you before I depart the Kingdom on 10 April. I will return to Hawaii to resume my service assignment on the G-4 (Logistics) Staff of the 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade and to spend some much-needed time with my family.

You should know that your prayers, thoughtfulness, confidence and support have sustained me and my "Townie Troops" through these difficult and sometimes very trying months. This has truly been an historic, emotional and, yes, exciting event for all of us. Your contributions have been immense; your patriotism immeasurable. You should be as proud of yourselves as you are of us!

The last Bunker Hill Day Parade I saw was in 1975 while on Bunker Hill Day, June 13, 1976 I was on my way to the Marine Corps Officer Candidate School in Quantico, Virginia. It has been a long time coming but I look forward to this June and "the Mother of all Bunker Hill Day Celebrations!"

See you on the 17th!

Semper Fi!
Major Joe Gallagher, USMC

★ **Welcome Home Committee To Meet . . .** to start planning for the upcoming Welcome Home events scheduled to take place around Bunker Hill Day. Any interested person wanting to help out on planning events is welcome to join the committee. Bring your ideas and your willingness to do some work. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16 at 7 p.m. at **The Charlestown Patriot** office, One Thompson Square (first floor).

★ **Save Those Yellow Ribbons . . .** As the troops return from the Persian Gulf and you remove your ribbons from your home, business, light pole, automobile, coats, etc. — **don't throw them away.** No matter what their condition, bring them down to **The Charlestown Patriot** office at One Thompson Square. There are special plans afoot to recycle them as part of the Welcome Home celebration.

★ **National Day Of Prayer And Thanksgiving . . .** has been proclaimed for April 5, 6 and 7 by President George Bush for the allied victory over Iraqi forces. The three days will salute all military personnel and their families for their participation and support during Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

Hopefully, By The Time You Receive This Letter I'll Be Home

20 March 91
Saudi Arabia

Townies,

I got my Easter box today, it was great. I sure thought I wouldn't be writing another thank you from the sands of Saudi.

Our unit has been here since 17 August 90. We fought a hell of a war all the way to Kuwait City. We had one KIA and 7 WIA. We were one of the first units here and we are still here. Hopefully by the time you receive this letter I'll be home. I took pictures of the whole war. I've got seven rolls of film and will send some after I get them developed.

I love you all and hope to visit around Bunker Hill Day. Thanks again to the greatest people on earth.

Gy.Sgt. S. J. Driscoll, USMC
Semper Fi

The Support From Home Made The Difference Here

21 Mar. 91

Dear Friends,

I want to thank everyone from the bottom of my heart for all the support I've received from you, both Charlestown and Somerville. I have been absolutely overwhelmed with the cards, letters and packages. I want you to know that the support for the troops at home has made the difference here. We've been able to accomplish our mission here without complication and our victory is America's victory.

I think my father's thoughts on the war have best summarized the overall feeling of Americans at home. He expressed to me that he, of course, was not in total agreement with the politics or the idea of a war (as any father wouldn't be who was sending a son), but he also knew that what he must do is support the effort and do his part to stand behind the troops. He put aside his personal feelings for the common purpose as did millions of others, including the troops.

The overwhelming victory we won here came as a result of the combined efforts of all Americans and it might sound corny, but I believe that the words "One nation, under God, with Liberty and Justice for all," (the ones the nuns used to make me say every morning) finally came crystal clear and had a tangible meaning.

I feel very proud to be an American right now, as you all should. My unit has just returned to Saudi Arabian territory from Kuwait. The welcome we received there was wonderful and the thanks and praise of a whole nation were ours. It was very gratifying but at the same time, the death and destruction and destitution of a nation in utter disarray struck me as very ironic. I once again felt very grateful for the democracy and strength we possess as a nation, a fact that we take for granted all too often.

I can't wait to return to my country and enjoy the freedoms that have, in the past, been taken for granted. I look forward to seeing you all and celebrating the 17th of June (and maybe Patriot's Day, but I doubt I'll make it home by then), where this all began.

Thanks again,
Richard Johnson
2LT, MP

Keeping The Townie Pride Running Wild In Iraq

To The Patriot,

Sorry I haven't written in a while. Things have been a little hectic, to say the least. I'm still getting the **Patriot**, right on time as usual. Thank you so much for the great Valentine's and St. Patrick's Day cards.

Well, as you know, the war has ended and things have slowed down quite a bit. My unit is sitting in Iraq a few miles from the town of Bosrah. We moved a hell of a distance and kicked some serious tail in only 90 hours. I think the stock on the Russian T-72 tank just dropped considerably. We had about 70 casualties (70 too many), and took about 23,000 prisoners.

Here's a funny story I thought I should share with everybody that happened on the last day of the war. A 1st Armored Division soldier was driving across the desert in his truck and he got stuck. He tried to dig it out, but to no avail. Out of nowhere an Iraqi tank appeared. Needless to say he thought his days were numbered. The Iraqi tank then pulled him out and all four Iraqi soldiers surrendered to him. Boy, these army trucks are intimidating. At least we found out something the Iraqi tanks can do. Lord knows, they can't fight.

Hopefully we can get the peace treaty signed and send all the soldiers home, never to return to this God-foresaken land again. Let me extend a special thanks to Mrs. Fran Morris for the great crocheted Shamrock. I'll wear it proudly.

Thanks again for your unending thoughtfulness and generosity.

Keeping the Townie Pride running wild in Iraq.

Always grateful,
SPC Sean R. O'Connor
JAYHAWK!



JAYHAWK, otherwise known as SPC Sean O'Connor, models his new T-shirt from the young people of Camp Joy. The shirt was one of the gifts included in the Easter packages sent to the Townies serving with the forces in Operation Desert Storm.

I'm Speechless, Thank You All

To The Patriot,

Where do I start? Today is the 22nd of March and I just received the huge box of goodies you sent. I'm speechless. Your warmth and generosity is incredible.

I'd like to say thanks again to Fran Morris for the great crocheted bunny. Also let me extend a special thanks to Charlestown Brownie Troops 9307 and 9305 for their great work and awesome cookies.

I finally got some film so I figured I'd send you a picture of my great new T-shirt, thanks to all the kids of Camp Joy.

Things are quite slow at the moment. As soon as we can get this peace treaty signed we can head home. Until then I'll just have to keep the Townie pride running wild in Iraq.

Before I close, I'd like to say thanks to Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion for all the great work they have done for all the Townies serving over here in the Gulf. Take care, and God bless.

Always grateful,
SPC Sean R. O'Connor
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Jopa's Pizza Heavily Damaged By Easter Morning Fire

(continued from page one)
patrick stated: "Seven years of hard work went up in flames. We have every intention to reopen and thank

our loyal customers for their support and kindnesses."

to see all her friends and customers at the shop's reopening celebration "in the not too distant future."

She added that she hopes

Morison Lecture Series Continues At The USS Constitution Museum

The USS Constitution Museum, located in the Charlestown Navy Yard, is continuing its 1991 Samuel Eliot Morison Lecture Series.

The lectures are being presented by historians, educators and storytellers and focus on a variety of topics concerning life in the 18th century maritime community. In addition, special programs on Sunday are geared for families.

The Tuesday night lecture series is open to the public free of charge. The

Sunday afternoon series is free with the price of admission to the museum.

On Sunday, April 7 at 3 p.m., a program entitled "A Voyage in Song — Sea Chanteys and Ballads" will be presented. The event will include a series of sea chanteys and ballads performed by Daisey Nell and David Coffin. Nell is a music teacher for the North Shore Nursery School and has worked as an artist/educator since 1976. Coffin has been a performer of early

music with several Renaissance bands and a cappella choruses for many years.

"Artisans and Workers in urban New England" will be presented on Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. The lecture will be offered by Jack Larkin, chief historian of Sturbridge Village and the author of "The Reshaping of Everyday Life: 1790-1848."

The series will continue on Sunday, April 14 at 3 p.m. with "True Tales of the Sea."

Ward Two Republican Committee Meets

The Charlestown Ward Two Republican Committee met on March 26 and over half of the committee's 22 active members were in attendance, with Frank McInnis, vice-chairperson, presiding. The meeting began with the election of two new members: Jerry Benoit and John Falletti, both of whom were very active in the Weld/Cellucci campaign.

Fresh ideas concerning both bolstering membership and increasing the committee's positive role within the Charlestown community were offered. The committee unanimously approved measures which will raise funds for several Charlestown activities. In late May or early June the committee will hold a fund raiser to benefit The Life Focus Center which, unfortunately, was victimized by a

burglary last month. Additional focuses of the committee's community involvement will include: funds for the boys' Hockey Championship jackets and providing quality children's car seats for those in need.

The meeting ended after remarks by Gordon Nelson, chairperson of the Boston Republican City Committee and a vote on the next meeting date and agenda. The Ward Two Committee will

meet on Tuesday evening, May 7 to discuss updates on the fund-raising ideas mentioned above; to elect a co-chairperson and treasurer; and plan Bunker Hill Day parade activities.

If you would like to learn more about the Ward Two Republican Committee and its community functions, please contact Stephen Columbia, committee secretary, at 242-5449 for further information.

KIDSFORCE News

Birthdays, Birthdays everywhere . . . at KIDSFORCE that is! The happy day celebrants in April include none other than Cathy Kennedy-Marsden, director, who refuses to divulge how old she will be on April 10. Sharing the limelight on April 17 are Sandra

Cohaves celebrating her 10th year and Patrick Hurley who will turn 9. Allison Sargent will turn two digits on April 22 when she reaches the big 10. Getting one year closer to her teen-age years will be Leah Blackstone who is turning 12 on the 28th.

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SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

Schoolchildren Get A Look At Sister Cities

Students from the Harvard/Kent school recently visited an exhibit of art from Boston's six sister cities at the Lafayette Hotel, sponsored by the Mayor's Office of Business and Cultural Development.

Kimonos from Kyoto, cartoons and couture from Melbourne and marble sculptures from Hangzhou were among the highlights. Throughout the five days, workshops were held on Oriental handcrafted figurines and culinary creations from each city. Schoolchildren and community members alike were fascinated with the demonstrations by visiting artisans and chefs.

Rosemarie Sansone, director of the Mayor's Office of Business and Cultural Development, remarked:



STUDENTS from the Harvard/Kent school observe Chinese artisan demonstrate figurine making at the Lafayette Hotel.

"This exhibit provides a wonderful opportunity for all Boston residents to ex-

perience the rich culture and history of our sister cities."

Several Boston schools, including the Harvard/Kent, toured the exhibit.

Educational Opportunities

by Bob DeCristoforo

I am in the process of trying to get one of our young people into prep school. In talking to a counselor, it was brought to my attention that this person is reading at a sixth grade level, and that might be the thing holding him back.

I thought a lot about our conversation, and it made sense. Reading is a major part of college.

The summer before I entered Christopher Columbus High School many years ago, I received a book list of required summer reading. The list contained the likes of "Moby Dick," "Ivanhoe," "The Merchant of Venice," and "Christopher Columbus, Mariner." There were no options. A test would be given on the books the first day of school. "Moby Dick," I recall was well over 900 pages.

Required reading lists may be a thing of the past, and reading lists that do still exist I think have some options.

Required or not, the fact is simple READING is still

important and READING is still fundamental if you want to move onward and upward.

If you want to go on in school, reading is a must.

Start now so you won't find yourself in the same dilemma as my young friend. If you are reading, keep reading.

You might say books are expensive. Library cards are not. In Charlestown we're lucky, because we have a library right next to the Boys & Girls Club on Green Street.

Looking for an inexpensive gift, but a very valuable gift? Give yourself or someone you care about a library card and be sure it's used.

Named To Dean's List

Lee Arnott of Charlestown, a freshman at Emerson College, was named to the dean's list for the fall academic semester 1990. Students receiving dean's list recognition must earn a minimum 3.45 grade point average for the semester.

B.C. High Transfer Examination

Boston College High School, 150 Morrissey Boulevard, Dorchester, will administer its transfer examination on Saturday, April 6 at 8:30 a.m. to interested students seeking admission to the 10th or 11th grade. Any late applicants to the

freshman class may also sit for this exam.

Registration for the exam can be made by calling Father Francis Belcher in the admissions office at 436-3900, ext. 32. The test fee is \$15.

A Visit To Charlestown High

by Bob DeCristoforo

The Boston Public School system threw its doors open last week and anyone interested could drop in and spend as much time as they wanted to visit the school.

For me it was quite an experience, and I don't know who was more surprised . . . me, at what I saw . . . the faculty seeing that someone was taking advantage of the open house . . . or, the students who were even more amazed to see me walking around the building.

My tour was conducted by two members of the ROTC program, and they did an outstanding job showing me everything that I wanted to see, as well as what I was supposed to see. They were very knowled-

geable and they were certainly proud of their school. They took great pleasure in showing it off.

Much to my delight, teachers were teaching and students were learning. It was far from what I expected.

Charlestown High appears to be a place where one can get an education if one wants, and it appears to have all the necessary tools.

I know looks can be deceiving, but so can talk. This was a good opportunity to see rather than to hear about Charlestown High.

From the sign-in sheet, it didn't appear that many took the opportunity I did.

Yes, I did drop in to see the principal, and I commended him on what I saw and on the students I had met.

Happenings At The Warren Prescott

In February, third grade students at the Warren Prescott School wrote letters to the troops in Operation Desert Storm. Recently, three students, Marcella Pleas, Elena Sanchez and Isaac Ascogle, received letters from members of the Air Force in Desert Storm. They were thrilled to receive a response to their letters and are pleased to hear that the troops are returning home safely.

Highlights From Charlestown High

Charlestown High School recently received a grant from the Boston Plan for Excellence in the Public Schools to improve the CHS library collection. The grant proposal was written by a group of teachers at the school and the school librarian, Nellie Johnson. The grant award will provide the library with an expanded collection to assist the Charlestown Humanities Magnet Program. Purchases will include magazines in several languages, books, reference materials, and video tapes.

The Boston Plan For Excellence in the Public Schools Program holds a competitive proposal competition each year. It is a highly selective competition. The Boston Plan For Excellence in the Schools Program is funded by the Bank of Boston.

Cadet Lt. Col. Melissa Levine, a junior at CHS, is one of 10 Bay State students selected to attend this year's youth leadership conference at Valley Forge, Pa. sponsored by the Bay State Chapter of the Freedoms Foundation. From April 4 through 7, young people from across the nation will examine citizenship in detail at the conference. They will focus attention on national and international issues in order to better evaluate personal and national goals.

Levine is Cadet Squadron Commander in the Air Force Junior ROTC at CHS and is a member of the swim team. Besides working at the Dorchester Boys & Girls Club, she is a member of the judo club and the softball team.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

College Scholarships

• Michael P. Quinn Scholarship . . .

Applications are now available for the 22nd annual Michael P. Quinn Scholarship which will be awarded in June.

The applicant must be a resident of Charlestown since September 1990 and graduate with the class of 1991. The scholarship award is for \$1,750 for the recipient's first year of college only. The application deadline is **May 1**.

For an application, call 242-5493, 242-5445 or 242-4353.

• Old Charlestown Schoolboys' Association . . .

Applications are now available for the Old Charlestown Schoolboys' Association Scholarship which is open to any Charlestown boy or girl who is presently a senior in high school and is planning to go to college.

The application may be picked up at **The Charlestown Patriot** office at One Thompson Square, the Charlestown High School office at 240 Medford St., or by calling Scholarship Chairman John Geagan at 1-508-477-8296 or Kenneth Awbrey at 242-3573. The application deadline is **May 1**.

• Winifred Talbot Duffy Scholarship . . .

The Winifred Talbot Duffy Scholarship is given annually by the Old Charlestown Schoolgirls' Association through a contribution by James Duffy in memory of his wife.

The \$500 award is presented to a young woman who has been a permanent resident of Charlestown for at least 10 years and who has completed her freshman year at a four-year college or university.

Applications are available at **The Charlestown Patriot** office at One Thompson Square or by writing to the OCSGA Scholarship Committee, P.O. Box 376, Charlestown, Mass. 02129.

The deadline for the submission of completed applications is **April 30**. The winner will be selected in a random drawing at the Schoolgirls' reunion in May.

High School Scholarship

• Graham, Redgate, Wall Scholarship . . .

Applications are available for the Graham, Redgate, Wall Memorial Scholarship sponsored by the Bunker Hill Girls Club Alumni for a Boys & Girls Club member entering high school.

Two grants of \$500 will be awarded to applicants who are in need of financial assistance and conform to the eligibility requirements.

All completed applications and necessary documents must be received by **April 26** at 8 p.m. The scholarship will be awarded at the Girls Club Alumni Reunion on Saturday, May 18.

For more information or an application, contact Connie MacDonald at the Boys & Girls Club, 242-1775.

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Don't Pity The Vietnam Veteran

by Stephen R. Driscoll

As our troops return from the Persian Gulf, we can all bask in their glory and feel proud of their accomplishments. There was a complete victory which saw the resources of our country utilized to their fullest. Precise strategic planning and execution, sophisticated technology, logistical miracles, hard work and honest courage all were factors in this military campaign. On the surface it appears to have been too easy, but a deeper analysis reveals that, for a change, our political, military and civilian objectives were congruent.

The temptation now emerges to compare the Persian Gulf War and its victory with what has been termed the folly and debacle of Vietnam. In so doing, we also compare the returning soldiers to their counterparts of 20 years ago. There is a quick reaction of conscience in doing so for we see immediately they are so dissimilar. From Vietnam came single individuals rotated home after a 13-month tour without fanfare, whose arrival was generally only known by their family, if they were lucky. From the Gulf come whole units, intact, with press coverage, bands and loving communities with open arms and grateful hearts. This is as it should be.

From Vietnam, veterans whose sole motivation may have been duty to country, returned to a nation divided by the very nature of the conflict. Twenty years ago we were a psychologically devastated nation unsure of our part in a war, committed to an ill-defined premise and unable to understand the caliber of the men and women who waged the war politicians felt necessary.

Today, our veterans return from a conflict which was well defined, clear in its intent and executed by a military with a single-minded purpose to get in, get out and do so in the shortest space of time and with a minimum loss of American lives. Our Gulf veterans return to a country which understands, if contemporary polls mean anything, the nature and need for the confrontation and the high de-

gree of commitment and courage it required to accomplish the mission. We are proud and this is as it should be.

It might seem then relatively easy for one to pity the Vietnam veteran while we extoll the accomplishments of our troops in the Gulf. Please wait! Hold the emotion of pity in check for none is needed, none is wanted and pity would be, in any case, an insufficient and misdirected bromide for any American veteran returning from any war. In the case of the Vietnam veteran, it is most odious. Why? Simply because, with a brief reflection, we can see that the victory in the Gulf, with all of its luster, was only possible because of the price paid by our troops in Vietnam.

Our nation knows it let the Vietnam veterans down. This is no secret. Accepting this, the country's conscience has not allowed itself to repeat the costly and ghastly mistakes it made as it expended its youth, vitality and character for 20 years in Vietnam. This is as it should be.

In Vietnam, the conflict was waged mostly by a youthful, dispossessed and disenfranchised segment of American society erroneously thought to be expendable.

In the Gulf, thanks to the Abrams Plan, Operation Desert Storm was waged with the mainstream of American Society being in harm's way. Large numbers of reservists who occupy visible and substantive roles in business, medicine, the trades and education were called on to respond to a present danger. This is as it should be for we all had much to lose with Iraq unchecked in the Middle East.

The composition of our forces in the Gulf, had it not been for Vietnam, would never have galvanized our hearts and minds and focused our support to the level it did without remembering and feeling shame over Vietnam. Our nation ached for the reservists who were wrenched from their families and society to face the rigors of war; again a half a world away. This is as it should be.

Vietnam veterans now

stand on the sideline, spectators to a celebration they were denied because of the nature of the times and the perception of the conflict. Still in their hearts, the Viet vets must feel validated for, despite what even the President of the United States refers to as the "Vietnam legacy," Desert Storm's success was only possible because of the mind-set established within the American public by our collective actions surrounding the war in Vietnam. This is as it should be.

We emerge from Desert Storm as a stronger nation, just as we exited Vietnam as a dispirited country embarrassed by the shabby treat-

Residents Named Chairpersons Of 'FUNdamentally Family' FUNraiser

Olivia English and Anne Colleton, Charlestown residents, have been named committee chairpersons for this year's Children's Museum FUNraiser, "FUNdamentally Family," on Saturday, May 11, from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m.

English is chair of the Food Committee and Colleton is chair of the In-Kind Donations Committee. This year's FUNraiser will celebrate the many people and cultures which make up the family of greater Boston.

As part of the benefit, the renowned Big Apple Circus will stage a special perfor-

ment it afforded its veterans.

An accurate analysis of what is taking place now would reveal that all aspects of Desert Storm were predicated on not repeating the tactical, political and emotional mistakes of Vietnam. The patriotic renaissance we now enjoy could never have happened if the country had not come to terms with its treatment of the Vietnam veterans. This is as it should be.

So don't pity the Vietnam veterans. Instead, finally, just remember them and thank them. This is as it should be. The cost for Desert Storm was paid some time ago.

mance of "Ballerina's Horses and Clowns: The Golden Age" at the Marine Industrial Park in Boston. Following the circus there will be dinner and dancing at the Black Falcon Cruise-ship Terminal.

Proceeds will support the museum and its "Fund for the Future," which is used for research and development of innovative projects, exhibitions and programs.

Individual tickets to the FUNraiser are \$125. For tickets or more information, contact Mary Duffy at 426-6500, ext. 256.

Minor Damage In Chestnut Street Fire

by Kathy Giordano

A one-alarm fire at 47 Chestnut St. on March 28 caused an estimated \$5,000 in damage to the top floor of the three-story brick structure. Boston Fire Department spokesman, Lt. Richard Powers, stated that the fire was concentrated in a bedroom on the third floor and was believed to have been started by a lit cigarette.

Fire apparatus responded to the alarm at 10:30 p.m.

According to Chief Ronald Marston, a total of six companies were on hand to extinguish the flames.

The home is owned by Arthur and Mary Harrington. Mr. Harrington had to be taken to the New England Medical Center due to a reaction from medication he has been taking.

There were no injuries reported, and the family was allowed to return to their home after the fire was extinguished.

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Seven Honored With Community Appreciation Awards

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head table and award recipients and committee members sat at tables with family and friends. Also, each member of the committee worked at his or her duties on Saturday night and each had a part in the ceremony.

The event was dedicated to the men and women who served in Operation Desert Storm. The table decorations reflected that theme as each centerpiece contained a blue carnation and an American flag with a yellow bow.

A short delay in the start of the event due to a missing caterer's truck only upset one person — the chairman of the event — as guests took advantage of the time to socialize.

CNC Chairman Dennis McLaughlin welcomed the gathering and turned the program over to Committee Chairman Tom Cunha. He stated that many good deeds are performed in the community each year and many have gone about doing good without fanfare to benefit the residents and seven of those people would receive recognition during this ceremony. He added that the recipients were nominated by the community with one of the criteria being that the person could not have been honored publicly before.

Committee members Kathleen Giordano and Bill Galvin came forward to present the Business Award. The criteria for this award was that it be a Charlestown-based business that supports and enhances the quality of life in the Charlestown community. This award went to The Raymond Group.

Giordano and Galvin outlined just a few of the contributions made to the community by The Raymond Group, including \$4 million in land and money for affordable housing, annual contributions to organizations in excess of \$60,000, and the donation of time, energy, space in the Navy Yard, staff and support for many community fund-raising endeavors for groups such as Camp Bunker Hill, The Kennedy Center Headstart Fire Fund, St. Catherine Parish, Charlestown Boys & Girls Club Bunker Hill Day Road Race, Charlestown Against Drugs, Harborpark Day and the Headstart Christmas Party, to name just a few. James Walsh, district representative for Congressman Joseph Kennedy was called on to assist in the awards presentation.

In accepting the award, Neil St. John "Ted" Raymond, chairman, and Linda Smith, director of Governmental Affairs for The Raymond Group, expressed their appreciation to the committee and to the community. Smith stated: "On behalf of all the people at The Raymond Group, I'm honored to accept this re-



THE 1991 BUSINESS AWARD recipient Kathy Giordano. Accepting the award for The Raymond Group were Linda Smith, director of Governmental Affairs, and Neil St. John Raymond, chairman of The Raymond Group. Making the presentation at the first annual Awards Banquet were (l. to r.) committee member Bill Galvin, Jim Walsh, representing Congressman Joseph Kennedy, and committee member

cognition of our commitment to and involvement in the Charlestown neighborhood." Raymond told the gathering: "Whether you live or work in Charlestown, we all share the same goal of working together to build the best Charlestown neighborhood possible." He added that Charlestown is very much a part of The Raymond Group family as 22 of the 54 employees are from this community.



BUNKER HILL COUNCIL NO. 62, Knights of Columbus Grand Knight Paul Herrick accepts the 1991 Organization Award for Council 62. Shown (l. to r.) Suffolk County District Attorney Newman Flanagan, committee member Bob Wallace, Herrick and committee member Stephen Collins.

Bunker Hill Council No. 62, Knights of Columbus was named recipient of the Organization Award. Committee members Bob Wallace and Stephen Collins outlined the criteria and the contributions of the local K. of C.

The organization selected was to be a Charlestown-based incorporated non-profit that primarily serves Charlestown and whose goals are geared toward the betterment of the community. Wallace and Collins listed just a few of the activities that the council is involved with including providing the hall at no cost and giving support for service, elderly and youth programs, banquets and community gatherings. They stressed the K. of C.'s service and dedication to the people of Charlestown.

Suffolk County District Attorney Newman Flanagan, who boasts many years of active service with the K. of C., assisted in presenting the award to Grand Knight

Paul Herrick. Also, the plaque containing the names of all seven recipients will be placed in the foyer of the K. of C. Hall for the next year.

The Public Servant Award recipient was Barbara Burke, chief probation officer at the Charlestown District Court. Committee members Marty O'Brien Sr. and Mel Stillman were the presenters. This award recognizes a person who performs a service within

his/her job capacity but goes beyond that job description in service to the betterment of the Charlestown community.

O'Brien and Stillman spoke of the time Burke has spent in developing and implementing support programs at the court. They cited her for the Law Day



PUBLIC SERVANT AWARD recipient Barbara Burke is being congratulated by committee member Mel Stillman, Suffolk County Sheriff Robert Rufo and committee member Marty O'Brien Sr.



NEW RESIDENT being honored at the awards banquet was Tom Desmond (far right). Making the presentation to Desmond were (l. to r.) Sen. Tom Birmingham and committee members Peter Looney and Petie Helsingier.

program, the Christmas parties, poster days and last summer's basketball team. They also mentioned her work with the Friends of the Charlestown District Court, drug programs, youth programs and her help in keeping the court open. Suffolk County Sheriff Robert Rufo was called to assist with the presentation of the award to Burke.

The New Resident Award to a person who has taken up residency in Charlestown within the last 10 years and whose deeds have contributed to the quality of Charlestown life was presented to Tom Desmond. Making the presentation were Petie Helsingier and Peter Looney.

Helsingier and Looney spoke of Desmond as a role model. They told of his activities as treasurer of the Friends of the John Harvard Mall and his membership on the Kennedy Center Board. Primarily, they praised him for his work with young people and his encouragement to find outlets for their energy.

Looney said that he met Desmond three years ago on the steps of the K. of C. and at that time Desmond said he came to Charlestown to join the community, not just reside here. Looney went on to say that Desmond told him that if he could get a gym, he would start a basketball program. He did and from there went

Gauthier's years of community involvement, noting that she is a lifelong resident of Charlestown — almost 80 years young — and is still going strong. They spoke of her fund-raising efforts for many community groups and her service with the Daughters of Isabella No. 1, including her tenure as president and her 20-year chairmanship of the annual corned beef dinner. It was also noted that this past Christmas she hand-made 144 gift items for the



GLADYS GAUTHIER was the 1991 Elderly Award recipient. She is shown here with award presentors (l. to r.) Rep. Richard Voke, and committee members Kay Whelan and Judy Evers.

Calling the senior citizens the "backbone of the community," Cunha asked Kay Whelan and Judy Evers to come forward to present Gladys Gauthier with the Elderly Award. This award lauds a resident 55 years of age or older whose deeds have previously gone unheralded.

Whelan and Evers told of

Townie Santa packages. Rep. Richard A. Voke, majority leader for the House, was called on to assist with the presentation to Gauthier. Her daughter Alice Baker also presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

The Youth Award recipient was Melanie Marsden and making the presenta-

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YOUTH AWARD WINNER Melanie Marsden received her award at Saturday night's banquet. Shown (l. to r.) committee member Moe Gillen, City Councillor Robert Travaglini, Marsden and committee member Jim Mansfield.

Community Appreciation Awards

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 tion were Moe Gillen and Jim Mansfield who spoke of the importance in looking at the achievements of young people, adding that Marsden exemplified such a young person with many achievements to her credit.

Marsden was cited for her work as a Peer Leader at the Charlestown Community Schools and her activities as a member of the Keystone Club at the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club. She has also been involved in an educational program at the Charlestown District Court. In addition, she has maintained excellence in her academic work and has recently participated in a student exchange program that afforded her the opportunity to study in Australia.

Boston City Councillor Robert Travaglini assisted with the award presentation to Marsden.

CNC Chairman McLaughlin and Committee Chairman Cunha took the microphone to present the

Unsung Hero Award to Tom Donahue. The criteria for this award was that the recipient be a Charlestown resident whose deed or deeds were performed within the community and have gone publicly unhonored. These deeds could not be part of the person's job.

Cunha stated that up until now, the only ones who realized the kindness behind the "gruff, colossal exterior" of Donahue "have been the elderly whose sidewalks he has shoveled before reporting to work or the shut-ins who have needed an errand to be run." He went on to say that Donahue began his good deeds "as a third-grader at St. Mary's when he'd get up at 6 a.m. to get to the church to help John Walsh shovel coal to heat the buildings."

Cunha told of Donahue's cooking talent that has been put to use many times for family and friends in need, and his assistance in the background at many of the community's parties for



CHARLESTOWN'S UNSUNG HERO AWARD winner Tom Donahue accepts his award. Shown (l. to r.) John Riordan, director of Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, representing Mayor Flynn, Donahue, Neighborhood Council Chairman Dennis McLaughlin and Committee Chairman Tom Cunha.

children. Cunha asked: "Who hasn't had their doorbell rung early in the morning telling them to move their car for street cleaning or heard him honking his horn warning residents, like a modern-day Paul Revere, 'The sweeper is coming!!'"

Cunha quoted from one of the nomination forms for Donahue: "He adds something extra special. Often times, too often, people like him go unnoticed, but when they are not around everyone knows that something and someone special is missing."

John Riordan, director of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, joined McLaughlin and Cunha for the award presentation to Donahue on behalf of Mayor Raymond Flynn. Donahue went immediately to his mother sitting in the audience and gave her his award and a big kiss.

Among the guests in the audience that were introduced were: Judge Mary Brennan; Judge Peter Agnes; Judge Albert Burns; Chief Probation Officer of

the East Boston District Court Gerry Torgliano; Boston City Councillor Albert L. "Dapper" O'Neil; John Nucci, former president of the Boston School Committee and at-large candidate for City Council; Leo Corbett, at-large candidate for City Council; and Doug Johnson, at-large candidate for School Committee. Also best wishes were extended to CNC member Jim Conway, recuperating from surgery at Mass. General Hospital.

With the conclusion of the award ceremony, the music began and an evening of dancing got underway.

Celtic Reggie Lewis Signs On With Inner-City Youth

Concerned about the lack of positive role models for Boston's inner-city youth and the escalating rate of gang-related violence, Boston Celtic Reggie Lewis has signed on with Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston in an effort to teach these youth that the road to success is not paved with guns and drugs.

As the BGCB spokesperson, Lewis will speak to members at clubhouses in Charlestown, Roxbury and South Boston, as well as the teen center in Franklin Field about the dangers of drugs and the importance of education. Lewis will also participate in a number of fund raisers for the BGCB.

At the announcement on April 9 at the Roxbury Clubhouse, several members from all four facilities will present Lewis with a gift, making him an honorary member of the BGCB.

"Reggie is an exceptional athlete and an all around

success story. His concern about our kids and willingness and eagerness to help says a lot about his priorities. It's clear that Reggie is determined to give back to the community. The partnership between the Boys & Girls Clubs and Reggie Lewis will be an unbeatable combination," stated Robert Monahan, director of operations for BGCB.

Lewis, who grew up in Baltimore, was drafted by the Boston Celtics in 1987. He attended Northeastern University where he majored in criminal justice. In addition to basketball, Lewis enjoys listening to music and shooting pool.

'Moments In Charlestown'

"Harborpark Day 1990" will be aired on cable channels A3 and 8 on Thursday, April 4 at 7 p.m. This "Moments In Charlestown" production captures the highlights of this popular

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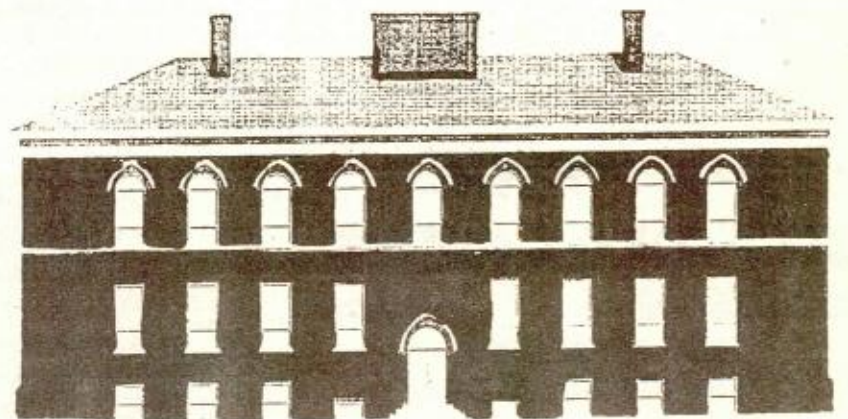
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Reduce — Reuse — Recycle

by Kathy Callahan

Landfills are quickly becoming obsolete. Land is not only scarce but it is also too valuable to be used as a disposal for materials that can be recycled. It is time to rethink how we dispose of our solid waste. We all must be willing to adjust our life styles in order to effectively make a difference.

Each person can start to make a difference by reducing the amount of waste that is generated. Re-using products is less expensive than constantly buying new ones. Recycling materials is the best alternative. After a recycling program has been in existence for a period of time, money can be derived from recycling while energy and water, two valuable resources, are being saved.

Recycling is a proven energy saver. More than half of the energy consumed in the United States is used for mining and the refining of raw materials. Paper recycling can save 23 to 74 percent of the energy required in making virgin paper. In the recycling process, 61 percent less water is used, and 73 percent less air pollution is generated. One ton of recycled paper spares 17



trees.

The following are some interesting statistics:

- 60 to 90 percent of the solid waste that goes into a landfill is recyclable.
- The national average for Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) per person per day is three and a half pounds versus the Massachusetts average of seven pounds per person per day.
- Each person is responsible for throwing away one ton of trash per year.
- 36 percent of all solid waste is paper.
- Eighty cities in Massachusetts have passed mandatory recycling laws.
- 34 percent of all communities in Massachusetts recycle.
- 100,000 marine mammals die each year due specifically to plastics.
- Costs to dispose of waste in landfills or by incineration is \$25 to \$70 a ton versus recycling costs of zero to \$35 per ton.

About 50 percent of the Commonwealth's MSW is disposed of in landfills, ap-

proximately 40 percent is incinerated and about 10 percent is recycled, most of which is due to the bottle bill and the Springfield Materials Recovery Facility.

In June 1990, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) released the state's Solid Waste Master Plan. This plan outlines goals for the progressive statewide recycling program by the year 2000 which include:

- Reduce the amount of waste generated by 10 percent.
- Recycle 46 percent of the remaining waste, and incinerate most of the rest.
- Landfills will be used only as a last resort for by-products of incineration and recycling.

Additionally, DEP plans to implement incentives to help communities establish and expand reduction and recycling programs with Financial support such as:

- No-interest loans or grants to help fund recycling programs.
- Technical and planning assistance regarding recycling and composting facilities and the development of markets for recycled materials.

(This is the first of a two-part series on recycling.)

BHCC Hosts Legislators' Day

Bunker Hill Community College will host its second annual Legislators' Day on April 9 to meet with area legislators to discuss the role of the community college in the state, the needs of the business community for skilled workers and the future of public higher education.

"We will bring together

members of our administrative staff, faculty and student body to participate in discussions, and we will provide opportunities for legislators and their staff to get a first-hand look at the college and classes in action," said Piedad Robertson, president of BHCC. "It's all part of exchanging ideas and helping legisla-

tors gain a full understanding of the value of community colleges and the role they play in maintaining and strengthening the state's economy, something which is especially vital in these difficult fiscal times."

More than 70 local, state, and U.S. legislators have been invited to attend.

'Soft Second' Loan Funds Approved By The State

The Executive Office of Communities and Development recently announced a significant step toward providing additional funds for below-market mortgages for Boston residents. This doubles the state's spending on the program which enables qualified first-time home buyers in the city of Boston to secure low cost mortgages. The Soft Second loan program was conceived as a cooperative effort among the state, banks and the city.

The program was designed last year by the state, the Massachusetts Bankers Association and major private lenders with input from the Federal National Mortgage Association. The Soft Second loan program helps low to moderate income buyers qualify for home mortgages in several ways:

- Lenders participating in the program require a down payment of only 5 percent;
- The total amount to be mortgaged is segregated into two mortgages - a first

and a "soft" second. The lender qualifies the buyer based only on the first mortgage amount. Thus, buyers who could not qualify for a loan based on the total mortgage amount may be able to qualify based only on the first mortgage amount;

- Payments on the second mortgage - the "soft" second - are limited to interest only for the first 10 years, with a significant portion of the interest covered by a loan from public funds (state or city).

Townie Priest Averts Disaster

by Dan Campbell

Father Bernard Donaghey, pastor of St. Patrick's in Oakland, Calif., saved his church, or maybe it was something more personal.

During a Mission conducted by twin brothers, priests of the Society of the Divine Word, Father Bernie, assisting in the Mass, mentioned to the Smith brothers how many vigil lights were lit and how nice this

was.

During the Mass, Father Bernie moved to the side and, looking out at his parishioners, thought what a wonderful turnout this was.

While looking out at his parishioners, Father Bernie felt a warm glow come over him. The more he looked the warmer the feeling became. Looking behind, Father Bernie discovered he had backed into the vigil candles and his backside was on fire.

Thinking quickly, Father Bernard leaped from the altar and ran to the vestibule.

The Fathers Smith finished the Mass quickly and ran to see what had happened.

Entering the vestibule, they found our hero sitting in the baptismal font. With his quick thinking, Father Bernie had saved his church

— and maybe he did save something more personal. Needless to say, Father Bernard is doing a lot of his work standing lately. Thank God that all that was hurt was a little dignity.

Anyone wishing to send a donation for asbestos pants or a soft seat to Father Bernard can send them to Father Bernard Donaghey, S.V.D., St. Patrick Church, 1023 Veralta St., Oakland, Calif.

The source of this story is Father Bernard's brother, Father John Donaghey, S.V.D. who is stationed at Society of the Divine Word, Chicago Province, Techny, Ill. 60082.

Father John's comment on this story was that it couldn't have happened to a nicer guy.

For the people who don't know these priests, they are the sons of the late Hughie and Fannie Donaghey of Donegal and Charlestown. The priests were raised on Seminary Street and still consider themselves proud Townies.

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Fund-Raising Dance To Benefit 'A Hero's Welcome'

by Ed O'Connell

A patriotic celebration saluting the men and women who have served in Operation Desert Storm is being planned for Friday, April 19 from 7:30 p.m. until midnight at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 75 West School St.

All proceeds generated from this event will be contributed directly to "A Hero's Welcome" Trust Fund. This fund was established by State Treasurer Joe Malone and Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Tom Hudner to provide bonuses for all returning service men and women from Massachusetts who have served in the Persian Gulf. It is planned that a \$500

bonus be given to all Bay State men and women who served in Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. In addition, a \$300 bonus would be given to all other Bay State men and women serving in the Armed Forces during the conflict but not called to the Gulf.

This is one in a series of such events being held throughout the state. Tickets for the dance are \$10, with a cash bar and a D.J. provided.

For tickets, call Ed O'Connell at 242-3986, Darlene McCourt at 593-7169, Julian Regan at 242-5974, Jim Evers at 241-7694, Terry Ring at 241-9487 or Robin Donahue at 242-0208.

News From The Charlestown Boys & Girls Club



242-1775

• CHEF'S CLUB REUNION

On Saturday, April 13, there will be a Chef's Club Reunion for all former Chef's Club members from 1968 to the present. Howie Bunckley, who has been teaching the Chef's Club all that time is inviting all his former students back for a spaghetti meal and a generous serving of memories. The reunion will begin at 3 p.m. and there is a \$7 charge which will cover expenses with any proceeds going to the Chef's Club. If you'd like to pay Howie a visit and see what the Chef's Club is cooking up these days, please call Eileen O'Brien at the Boys & Girls Club, 242-1775, and reserve a place at the table.

• SPRING FLING DANCE

On Friday, April 5, there will be a Spring Fling Dance for boys and girls ages 12 and under in the Clubhouse Games Room. The dance will begin at 6 p.m. and end at 8 p.m., and the cost is \$2. We don't care that it snowed this past weekend — come with a springtime look.

• EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Bunny paid a visit to the Boys & Girls Club this past weekend and the hunt for the eggs left behind was on! The first place winners were Kevin Smith, Michael Christopher, Jennifer Ray, Mark Van Gorder and David Evers. Special thanks goes out to Kelly Peltier who made the arrangements for the Easter Bunny's appearance at the club.

• COMEDY NIGHT

On Sunday, April 14, the club will be holding its annual Comedy Night featuring Steve Sweeney. This year's event will be at the Knights of Columbus Hall and will begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 per person and all proceeds benefit the programs at the Boys & Girls Club. This is always a great night, and with Steve Sweeney heading the show, you know there will be lots of laughs. A total of six comics will be performing. Tickets are available at the door or at the Boys & Girls Club in advance.

• COMPUTER CLASS SIGN-UPS

A new round of computer classes are beginning at club in our Computer Lab. Sign-ups begin on Tuesday, April 9. For more information on the classes and the times they are offered, stop by the club or call Eileen at the front desk, 242-1775.

• JOKE BOOK

The Education Department is putting together a collection of the best (cleanest) jokes in Charlestown. If you've heard a good joke lately, stop by the club's library on Tuesday, April 9 and share it with Connie or Eileen. The jokes will be put into a book which will then be published and distributed throughout the club.

• NEW PROGRAM DIRECTOR

Congratulations to John Killoran who has been promoted into the Program Director's position at the club. John has been the Physical Education Director for the past two years at the club and brings a lot of experience and concern for young people to the job. John grew up in Charlestown as a member of the club. He graduated from Matignon High School and Boston University. When you see him, congratulate him and if you'd like to suggest any new programs for the club, he'd love to hear about them.

You are the parent of a teen-ager, and it makes you nuts sometimes. You suspect your son or daughter is hanging around with the wrong crowd or that he or she is behaving differently lately. You spend a lot of time fighting with your teen-ager or the two of you aren't talking at all.

Starting Thursday, April 4 the Kennedy Center is providing a four-week video and discussion series for

World Health Day Opening Ceremony In The Charlestown Navy Yard

The official opening event of the national observance of World Health Day will be held on Pier 1 in the Charlestown Navy Yard on Friday, April 5 starting at 8 a.m.

The activities will begin with the morning gun salute and the raising of the colors on USS Constitution. A brief program, based on this year's theme of preparedness in the event of disaster, will be offered, followed

My Kid Is Driving Me Crazy!

parents of teen-agers. The videos offer information on how to identify drug and alcohol problems in your child and how to help as a parent. The videos will be shown at the Kennedy Center, 27 Winthrop St., second floor, starting at 6:30 p.m. and will be followed by a discussion period until 8 p.m.

The first video, "My Kid is Driving Me Crazy," shows parents telling about their own experiences in

dealing with their teens while the young people describe their problems with growing up and drinking and drugging. The film is easy to watch and informative.

"The Invisible Line," and

"Drug-Free Kids," parts one and two, will follow the next weeks of the series.

For more information about this parents of teens video-discussion series, call Sue-Ellen Muse or Lynn Peters at 241-8866.

ed by coffee.

At 9 a.m., the Boston Fire Department and Massport fireboats will serenade the gathering with foghorn blasts, siren whistles, bells and water spray salvos.

There will also be a fitness demonstration by the crew of the USS Constitution and volunteers from FITCORP and the Federal Employees Occupational Health Unit.

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TOWNIE SPORTS LINE

Boys Ball Hockey Update

by **Danny Ryan**
The Boys Ball Hockey League is continuing its competitive action. Each team has come down anticipating a hard-fought encounter with one another, and that's what they've found.

Although the teams played tough on Tuesday night, there were no surprises. S.W.A. went out in front on a Josh Smith score, surprising the crowd. But, J.A.F.T. showed why they are undefeated and scored the next six goals and never looked back. S.W.A. played well but were outmatched by a more experienced J.A.F.T. squad, powered by four Billy Kempton goals. Todd Fisher also had four and Al Titcomb and Tommy "Tortoise" McGrath each had one. Paul Meyers and Jon Lent contributed to goals for the S.W.A. attack. Veteran goaltender Donald Doris had his first night in the pipes for S.W.A. and played well as did John Boucher at the opposite end.

The second game featured the Butt Pirates beating the Wet Bandits. The Butt Pirates jumped in front on Tommy O'Leary's first of two goals of the evening. Mike Walsh tied it up at one apiece but the Butt Pirates pulled away with the contest despite the intense play of the Wet Bandits. Derek O'Brien scored four times

for the Pirates and Brian Feeney, Kenny Giordano, Jimmy Gillen and Paul Tibbetts each scored once. Dickie Centola and Pat Owens also scored for the Bandits.

Once again the game of the week was on Thursday and the Flames were involved. Mishawum stormed out to a 4-1 halftime lead on goals by Mike Carroll, Tombo Donovan, Frank Butler and Eddie Casanova that would set the stage for the Flames' second comeback in as many weeks. They tied it up with five second-half goals, three coming from Anthony Matson and two from Joey Fitzgerald. Timmy O'Brien had two for Mishawum and sent the clash into a five-minute overtime. Matson would be the hero as he netted the game winner of a rebound with one second left.

In the second game the Ram Men defeated Bunker Hill 8-3. Robbie Upton had a hat trick to lead all scorers. Chris Brennan and Joey "Sausage" Griffin each had a pair of goals and Jamie Poole netted one to finish out the Ram Men's scoring. Bunker Hill was kept in the contest by two Joey Gilmore goals and a Danny Kelsey score.

The boys play at the Kent on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. Why not stop by and give a look see!

K. of C. Sports Beat

It has been said that a hockey comeback attempt will be made in October by the old Charlestown Milt Schmidt Hockey League Kraut line of Jackie (Pie) Dewey, Tommy (Bozo) De-Rosa and Paul (If I was only a step faster Ceda would have been All-Scholastic) Morrison.

This summer, look for

the old Kraut - now Stout - line rollerblading through the streets of Charlestown. If you see this one-time fabled scoring machine rollerblading, shooting pucks, playing ball hockey and reliving old munchkin memories . . . wish them luck. Also, if anyone has a three-foot-long skate hook, please call Ralph the German at the K. of C.

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Nate Hurwitz Basketball Tournament Update

The Nate Hurwitz Basketball Tournament continues at the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club. Games are Tuesday through Friday at 6, 7 and 8 p.m., and all day on Saturday. Stop by and catch the action.

11-AND-UNDER DIVISION

The Club Falls To Milton

The club team, coached by Joe Porter, hit a dry spell in the second half and lost to a strong Milton squad. The club's leading scorers were Frank MacDougall, Brian Ward and John White.

13-AND-UNDER DIVISION

Braintree 41, Milton 35

A powerful Braintree team ran away from Milton late in the game to preserve a win and advance to the second round.

Roxbury Boys & Girls Club 41, St. Francis 36

Untimely turnovers ruined a terrific comeback for St. Francis which resulted in a five-point loss. Roxbury will advance to the second round.

Sharon Eagles 47, Cape Cod 29

An undermanned Sharon team was able to come up with a strong performance in turning away Cape Cod. Sharon will advance to the second round, and will face Charlestown.

Charlestown 46, Milton 13

A powerful Charlestown team shown uncanny court savvy and stymied an over-matched Milton team. Danny Gibbons, Donald Doris and Robert Scalli controlled the boards throughout the game. Nick Smith, Adam Olsson and Matt Meheigan provided the court leadership. The locals will have their hands full in the second round when they face Sharon.

19-AND-UNDER DIVISION

Southwest Boston 81, Timberwolves 46

Led by All-Scholastic Bevon Thomas, top-seeded Southwest Boston cruised by a talented Timberwolves Club. So far in the tournament, Southwest Boston has clearly made a case for themselves as the team to beat.

Cape Cod 77, Tynan 74

The Cape showed a well-balanced attack and made all the key plays down the stretch to get by the Tynan School and advance to the second round.

Charlestown Little League News

TRYOUTS

The Charlestown Little League tryouts will be held this weekend at the Ryan Playground at Sullivan Square.

Tryouts will be on Saturday, April 6 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and on Sunday, April 7 between noon and 3 p.m.

All first-year players and those who played in the minor league last year must report to the tryouts. All players should bring their gloves with them.

REGISTRATION

Youngsters who have not registered for Little League may do so at the tryouts. The youngster must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and bring their birth certificate with them. The registration fee is \$25.

VOLUNTEERS

Anyone interested in volunteering as a coach or umpire should come to one of the tryouts and let your interest be known.

Junior Bowling League Update

by **Judie Dunphy**

Erins was still in control of the number one slot as of the last meeting of the Junior Bowling League super stars on March 23. They have managed to stay two up on the hard-bowling Sean Elevator team. Anything can happen, so tune in

next week as action resumes on Saturday!

Standings

| Team | Points |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Erins | 64 |
| Sean Elevator | 62 |
| Kennedy Center | 46 |
| Mama Maria's | 44 |
| Jenny's Pizza | 41 |
| B & B Oil | 33 |
| Charlestown Patriot | 32 |
| Sweeney's | 32 |
| Bunker Hill Florist | 31 |
| Kerrigan's | 24 |
| Mr. Gourmet | 15 |
| Bunker Hill Real Estate | 10 |

Stephen Burke, bowling for Jenny's Pizza, really showed his stuff on the 23rd. Steve usually holds an average of 72, but last week his lowest string proved to be higher than his average. He bowled a 73 in the first string and two super 90s in the second and third, giving him a fantastic 84.1 average for the day. Keep up the good work, Steve.

Mass A.A.U. 79, Malden 27

The score says it all!

Roxbury 62, Finalists 35

Charlestown High was represented by the Finalists, but they didn't play up to their potential and were handled by Roxbury.

G.C. Stars 76, Condon 58

Condon stayed close throughout but was worn down by the Stars.

BOBBY D'S BEAT

by

Bob DeCristoforo

■ **Teen Beach Party Dance** . . . On Saturday, April 6 all teens are invited to attend a Beach Party at St. Catherine Hall from 7 to 11 p.m. Tickets are \$5 and can only be purchased at the door. Beach or summer attire should be worn. Refreshments will be sold. This teen dance is being hosted by the Bunker Hill Teen Council.

■ **Park League Baseball** . . . From what I've been told, there hasn't been a Park League Baseball team in Charlestown for 26 years.

Well, this summer Park League Baseball is making a comeback through the efforts of Russell Farma, Eric Johnson and Joe Upton.

They held their first fund raiser at the Knights of Columbus last week, but they are going to need continued support throughout the season.

Having run a baseball program at the high school level, I know the costs . . . uniforms, baseballs, bats, helmets, catcher's gear, umpire fees . . . are just a few of the items.

At the fund raiser, Jenny's Pizza donated \$100 and challenged others in Charlestown to do the same.

■ **Billy Nolan Update** . . . Bill Nolan is alive and well and living in Virginia. The 1990 Boston College grad is playing hockey for Hampton Roads in the East Coast Hockey League (ECHL).

The team recently defeated Johnstown in the semifinals of the ECHL playoffs and they now await the championship finals against Greensboro that begin this weekend.

Bill is anxious to get home, sends his regards to all and hopes everyone had a great Easter.

The hockey career of Greg Nolan, Bill's brother, has also moved forward. Greg is a student-athlete at Suffolk University, my *alma mater*, and just finished a great year with the hockey team.

Suffolk University is one of the top hockey teams in their division and boasts one of the country's top scorers.

■ **15-And-Under Spring Ball Hockey** . . . Through the efforts of Greg MacNeil and the Bunker Hill Teen Council, a 15-and-under Spring Ball Hockey League will begin at the Boys & Girls Club on Wednesday, May 1.

For the past two months, Greg has been trying to secure some gym time for a league and after a talk with John Killoran at the club his efforts have paid off.

■ **Tip Of The Hat To The Terriers** . . . Northern Michigan's 8-7 triple overtime victory over Boston University earned them the NCAA Division I Hockey title. They deservingly have the championship plaque, but Keith Tkachuk and his Terrier teammates only lack the plaque — because they have the heart, soul and the guts of a true champion team. They gave us a year to remember and a game no one will ever forget.

■ **Vesey, Peoria Ready For Playoffs** . . . Jimmy Vesey just got 'home' to Peoria from a roadtrip to Milwaukee and San Diego. With four regular season games left, the Peoria Rivermen have already clinched first place and home ice for the International Hockey League (IHL) Playoffs.

Peoria is St. Louis Blues' top team.

■ **BHA Dates To Remember** . . . April 15 is the Talent Show registration deadline . . . and April 20 is the date of the MultiCultural Festival at City Hall Plaza.

■ **Thinking About College??** . . . Jack Sheehan can give you a lot of help. He is at the Boys & Girls Club on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. in the Teen Education Room located right in the Teen Center on High Street.

■ **College Acceptances** . . . Congratulations to Jimmy Burke (Don Bosco) who has received college acceptances from Northeastern and Bridgewater State; Chris Russell (Pope John) from Northeastern; Billy Hayes (Malden Catholic) from Merrimack; and Jason Gallagher (Boston Latin) from Merrimack.

■ **Keep In Mind** . . . Family Day is coming May 19.

C.Y.O. NEWS

by
Father Ron Coyne

- **Wrestling Matches** — Tickets for the WWF wrestling matches at the Boston Garden on Saturday, April 20 at 8 p.m. are on sale at the rectory for \$9 each.
- **CYO Girls Softball & Boys Baseball Coaches Wanted** — Anyone interested in coaching St. Catherine's CYO teams this summer is asked to come to a meeting at the rectory on Tuesday, April 9 at 7 p.m. to discuss philosophy, practice times, uniforms, registration, schedules, etc.
- **Vacation Roller-skating Party . . .** A roller-skating party for all Charlestown children, teen-agers and adults will be held at Rollerworld in Saugus on Friday, April 19. Busses will leave St. Catherine Church at 9:15 a.m. and will return at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the rectory. The cost is \$5 which includes transportation, skates and admission.

• **Talent Contest . . .** On Friday, April 26 at 7 p.m., St. Catherine School Advisory Council will sponsor a Talent Contest for children and teen-agers at the school hall. There will be two divisions (grades 1 to 6 and 7 to 12) and you may enter as an individual or a group. Acts can be comedy, skits, dances, lip synch, rap, solos or rock.

There is a \$5 fee to enter an act in the contest. Applications are available at the rectory. Acts will be judged on talent, creativity and costumes/props and cash prizes will be awarded. Refreshments will be available. The doors will open at 6 p.m. and admission is \$2.

• **St. Catherine Girls Color Guard Recruiting New Members . . .** All girls from 8 to 10 years are invited to join the St. Catherine Color Guard. Color guard involves girls who perform a routine while marching, dancing and carrying rifles, flags and sabres.

There will be an information night on Monday, April 29 at 7 p.m. at the Kent Community School, 50 Bunker Hill St. and our "Little Townies" will put on an exhibition. The registration fee for new girls is \$15. A parent or adult should accompany each girl.

This activity builds self discipline and self esteem among the girls. They compete on Saturday evenings from January to April against color guards from all over Massachusetts. The Boston Mass. Color Guard Finals will be held on Saturday, April 6 at Salem State College beginning at 1 p.m. and we will be competing with all 12 color guards in the Cadet Class.

• **Herb Reed And The Platters To Perform For St. Catherine's . . .** On Saturday, June 22, Herb Reed and The Platters will be performing at the K. of C. Hall to benefit St. Catherine's Color Guard. We are now finishing our first year of competition and realize that next year we may have twice the number of girls and will need new equipment, uniforms and more financial assistance.

The Platters will perform at 9 and 11 p.m. and each show is entirely different. Your ticket entitles you to stay for both shows. The doors open at 8 p.m. The cost is \$25 per person, and tables of 10 may be reserved. Tickets are available from the color guard managers or at the rectory. No tickets will be available without payment.

• **Special Thanks For Good Friday Play . . .** On Good Friday afternoon, people had the opportunity to take part in a special children's service which featured the reenactment of the last days of Jesus' life by the fifth and sixth grade students at St. Catherine School. Anyone who witnessed this play was deeply touched by the sincerity and simplicity of the children involved. They taught us the true meaning of Good Friday. We thank the following students for their spirit and faith: Greg Masse, Stephanie McCabe, Rosetta Canizzaro, Joe Brennan, Shane Fisher, Jillian Doherty, Paul Gould, Lisa Curley, Erin Brennan, Pat Lacey, Janelle Ortiz, Dave Evers, Angeli-que Kane and Christine Price.

• **Adult Mystery Ride . . .** Our parish will sponsor a mystery ride for adults on Wednesday evening, May 8. The bus will leave St. Catherine Church at 6 p.m. and return around 11:30 p.m. The \$25 cost will include transportation, dinner and a "surprise." Please call Mary Walsh to reserve a spot.

• **Sex, Lies And Gettin' High . . .** Charlestown Against Drugs (CHAD), in conjunction with St. Catherine CYO, the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club and Charlestown Community Schools, will sponsor a day for teen-agers on Sunday, May 5 at St. Catherine School hall from 1 to 6 p.m. The event will feature outstanding speakers on self-esteem, drug and alcohol use and abuse, teen-age sexuality, racism and prejudice, and sexually transmitted diseases. The day will end with a supper of pizza/subs and sundaes. We invite all teenagers from 13 years of age through high school to join us. You will have your choice of workshops you want to attend. We ask parents to encourage their sons/daughters to take part in this educational experience. The speakers were chosen because of their work with teen-agers.

• **Altar Boy Trip . . .** We would like to take the altar boys on a 3 or 4 day trip this summer. In order to make this a reality we will have to raise some funds. If parents would like to discuss the possibilities, please meet at the rectory on Monday, April 15 at 7 p.m. This meeting is for parents only.

Junior Park League News

Tryouts

The Junior Park League will hold tryouts on Sunday, April 7 at 11 a.m. at the Neck (Sullivan Square). Anyone 18 years and over is urged to come down and try out.

Successful Fund Raiser

The Junior Park (Tom Yawkey) League Baseball Fund-raiser Dance on March 28 was a great success! The dance raised over \$750 which will more than cover the first payment of \$700 to secure a spot for the upcoming season.

The first game should be sometime in mid-May, and we now have less than six weeks to pick and prepare

the 20 players needed to round out the team.

We would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for the use of the hall and Bill Connell for the raffle prizes. Jenny's Pizza deserves a big thank you for contributing \$100 and issuing a challenge to every business establishment in Charlestown to do the same.

A special thanks goes to the 520 Club and Jackie Sullivan for coming through with the generous support by supplying us with uniforms.

Thank you all.

Charlestown Townies
Jr. Park League Baseball

Teen Connection Corner

Girls Flag Football Update

On March 27, the Teen Connection and its spectators were treated to another evening of exciting football as the girls flag football league took another interesting turn.

The first clash of the night was between second place Newtowne and the winless and last place Parkies. However, the Parkies turned their season around as they pulled off a stunning 6-5 upset of a strong Newtowne team.

The Parkies hopped out to a 2-0 lead on touchdown passes from Mary Kay Tkachuck. Jessica Baker threw two scores, one to Shannon McLaughlin and the other to Mary Crilley. McLaughlin also contributed an interception return to give Newtowne a 3-2 halftime lead. The Parkies regained the lead on touchdowns by Jodi Neff and Kolleen Hayes. Newtowne would battle back and tie the game twice on a long touchdown run by McLaughlin. Key TD grabs by Melissa Doherty and Shawna Pelton kept the underdogs in the lead and powered the upset victory which left a three-way tie for second place.

The sole owner of the top spot is the Silver Box. They proved to be worthy of that position with an 8-2 victory over the Clovers. Corey Gallagher was high scorer with five nifty TDs, one of them coming on an interception return. Kim Campbell scored three times from different means — an interception return, a run and a catch of a Shannon Lawler pass. Cheryl Collins also threw four touchdown passes in the game. The Clovers got some offense from Lauren Jones and Courtney McLaughlin who each caught scoring passes from Nicole Matson.

The girls' season is becoming very interesting with one game separating all four teams. Anything can happen from here, we encourage support for these athletes. The girls play Wednesday nights at 6:15.

Attention!!!

On Friday, May 24 the Teen Connection will be having an adult fund raiser at the Navy Yard. All proceeds will go toward the Sports Banquet on June 6. The banquet honors over 200 teen-age athletes from Charlestown. More details to follow.

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ACTIVITIES

- **Quilting** — Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., contact Jean Reilly.
- **Arts & Crafts** — Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., contact Jean Reilly.
- **Flower Arrangements** — Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., contact Jean Reilly.
- **Ceramics** — Monday to Thursday from noon to 4 p.m., contact Christine Pizzurro.
- **Beano** — Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 12:30 p.m., contact Sheila Walsh.
- **Lunch** — Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at noon, contact Sheila Walsh.
- **Knit & Crochet** — Friday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., contact Jean Reilly.

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A bus to Stop & Shop picks up at the Golden Age Center Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

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For more information, contact Beverly Gibbons at 241-7513 or 242-2770.

Provider Fair For Charlestown Seniors

Charlestown Interagencies on Aging, a community-based task force comprised of organizations serving people over 60 who reside in Charlestown, is sponsoring a provider fair on Tuesday, April 9 at the Senior Lounge, 55 Bunker Hill St. between noon and 3 p.m.

Representatives will be available to answer ques-

tions and distribute information on a wide variety of services that are available to Charlestown seniors.

Seniors and their families are encouraged to attend. During these difficult fiscal times, it is important that everyone be aware of what services are available and how to access them.

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April 5 - 11

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Tuesday — Chicken tarragon, lyonaise potatoes, country-style vegetables, whole wheat bread, peaches

Wednesday — Corn chowder, sweet and sour meatballs, parsley potatoes, oatmeal bread, jello with fruit

Thursday — Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, summer-blend vegetables, raisins

Milk served with all meals.

A New Introduction To CHAP

There is much that is unknown about the Charlestown Healthy Aging Program (CHAP), and a new introduction to the group is what is needed.

C — means Change for the elderly to voice their health concerns.

H — means Health care's complicated system be simplified and problems resolved.

A — stands for Advocating to organize and empower the elderly on issues relating to aging.

P — means the Power of the elderly, for in unity there is strength.

Next meeting — The next meeting of Charlestown Healthy Aging Program is schedule for Tuesday, April 9 at Constitution Co-op at 11 a.m. Come and get involved.

What we've been doing — To date, the CHAP group has brought about many achievements for the elderly. The group is responsible for keeping the Rutherford Avenue senior lunch site squeaky clean. They have held workshops on Medicare, Medicaid and Medigap; set up a phone tree; held State House meetings with legislators; and were instrumental in having seats installed at Johnnie's Foodmaster. They also have held many social activities, including the "String of Pearls" concert. They do volunteer work that includes visiting elderly and the sick, and running errands.

Valentines were presented to Gov. Weld on Feb. 13 regarding the Home Health Care cuts and CHAP members visited Rep. Voke, Sen. Birmingham and Rep. DiMasi and were received warmly by their aides and promised support.

CHAP members worked tirelessly for the installation of a street light at Hayes Square which is promised to be completely erected and in operation in the next few weeks.

CHAP is making plans for the future— The latest CHAP project is to locate a basic site for people to pay their utility bills outside the Navy Yard.

April promises to be a busy month. CHAP will participate in the Provider Fair at 55 Bunker Hill St. on Tuesday, April 9 from noon to 3 p.m.

On Friday, April 19, CHAP will have a Salute to Patriots at the eating site on Rutherford Avenue. Persons interested in participating in the luncheon should call 242-0769 by April 12 to make reservations. Please bring all of your memories of Old Charlestown with you, there will be a showing of slides and nostalgia will reign. Does anyone remember the little old man with a horse-drawn wagon who used to cook waffles sprinkled with powdered sugar and sell them from the back of the wagon?

Thank you, Denise — The CHAP coordinators and members of the Core Group extend a sincere thank you to Denise Monks. Her work with CHAP and the Charlestown Community will long be remembered and truly missed. We extend her every wish for happiness and success in her new work and endeavors.

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★ EVENTS OF THE WEEK ★

Friday, April 5

- 10 a.m. - Arts & Crafts, Senior Lounge
- 10 a.m. - Seniorobics, Senior Lounge
- 11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge
- 12:45 p.m. - Bingo, Senior Lounge

Monday, April 8

- 10 a.m. - Crochet, Mary Colbert Apartments
- 10 a.m. - Seniorobics, Senior Lounge
- 11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge
- 12:45 p.m. - Bingo, Senior Lounge

Tuesday, April 9

- 10 a.m. - Crochet, Senior Lounge
- 10 a.m. - Sunshine Club, Senior Lounge
- 11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge

Wednesday, April 10

- 9:30 a.m. - Stop & Shop Bus, Anchorage Apts.
- 10 a.m. - Crochet, Mary Colbert Apartments
- 10 a.m. - Arts & Crafts and Social Services, Senior Lounge
- 11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge
- 12:45 p.m. - Bingo, Senior Lounge

Thursday, April 11

- 9:30 a.m. - Stop & Shop Bus, Senior Lounge, Golden Age Ctr., Constitution Co-op Apts.
- 10 a.m. - Crochet, Senior Lounge
- 11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge

★ ACTIVITIES ★

- **Ice Cream Social/Penny Sale** — Thursday, April 18 from 1 to 3 p.m. for \$2 make your own sundae and get 10 chances to win. Call the Senior Lounge at 241-8866 to make your reservation.

For more information on senior activities, home-maker services or transportation, contact Judi Meaney, director of Senior Services, at 241-8866.

What Is The New Health Care Proxy Law?

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! On Friday, April 5 at 10 a.m. at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St., Rose Sidman, staff attorney at the Greater Boston Elderly Legal Services, will discuss the new Massachusetts Health Care Proxy Law, Durable Power of Attorney and Conservatorship.

This program is being sponsored by the Charlestown Healthy Aging Program (CHAP) in conjunction with the library's Friday morning Adult Discussion Group.

This information meeting is for everyone, young and old. This law gives each of

us a way to make sure our wishes will be honored when we are unable to cope for ourselves. The Proxy is a document which allows you to appoint someone you trust to make medical decisions for you if you lose your ability to decide for yourself. This most important information is vital in these times of medical advances. For your own information, come one, come all, come young, come old to learn what steps you should take to protect yourself.

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Community Benefits And Upcoming Activities Discussed At Neighborhood Council Meeting

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at the hearing. Coleman informed the council of the upcoming Lions Club first annual Spring Flea Market on Saturday, April 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the K. of C. Hall. The Lions Club's annual Journey For Sight Breakfast, he stated, will be held on Saturday, May 4 at St. John's Church.

O'Connell stated that a fund raiser for the State Treasurer's "Hero's Welcome Home Fund" will be held at the K. of C. Hall on Friday, April 19 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each and can be purchased at the door.

What would a Neighborhood Council meeting be without some discussion on a development issue? This month was no different. Cunha, chairman of the Development Committee, reported on a March 25 meeting that addressed the YMCA proposal to relocate on Parcel 150 in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

Cunha stated that the new facility would include an equipment room, gymnasium, pool, exercise room, office space and 152 rooms. Parking would be accommodated in Building 149 for 50 cars and a shuttle service to other sites within Boston would alleviate any other need for parking spots.

Construction of the facility would be done by Peabody Construction, and artifacts taken from the City Square building prior to its demolition would be incorporated into the new facade. Cunha said that the height of the building caused much discussion at the meeting and he informed the council that the new YMCA structure would equal the height of surrounding buildings on Third Avenue.

Housing components would consist of 5 percent for handicapped individuals, 75 percent for military families and 10 percent for women and their children recovering from substance abuse. The remaining units would be kept open for emergency housing uses.

A child-care bank would be established where a person volunteering time toward child care would be able to use the facility that many hours for their own child-care needs.

Cunha stated that another meeting would be scheduled with the principals involved and the abutters of the property and a full report will be given to the council at the May meeting.

Cunha also reported that the Bylaws Committee had met and, in the absence of Chairman Conway, a full report would be given to the council no later than the June meeting. A written update by Conway was distributed to the members.

The Appreciation Awards Committee report was given by Cunha, who served as the committee's chairman. The March 30 event, he

stated, was a huge success "attended by 3,000 people!" Plans for the second annual event are being formulated and the committee's full financial report would be given at the May meeting.

O'Brien requested an update on the progress of repairs to the "40 Flights." BRA Community liaison Jim Sullivan stated that the process has not reached the point where contracts will go out for bids. McLaughlin assigned Kovacevic and

O'Brien to meet with Sullivan to set aside a meeting date to discuss the reconstruction project in a public forum.

Wallace reported that the vacant lot located behind McCarthy's Liquors in Hayes Square has become "a dumping ground." He noted that the Boston Housing Authority owns the parcel of land and should be held accountable for its condition. McLaughlin assigned Wallace to track

down the problem with the BHA and set up a meeting with concerned residents to resolve the issue.

Coleman stated that a recent trip through Sullivan Square revealed to him the deplorable condition that both Roland and Parker streets are in, stating: "It's a dump." McLaughlin assigned Wallace to also look into this issue while addressing the Hayes Square problem.

Kovacevic closed the

meeting by passing out a copy of a **Boston Magazine** article stating that the crime rate in Charlestown had risen 31 percent in the last year. He stated: "This is incorrect and damaging to Charlestown. We should make it clear to them that they're off the wall and ask them to retract the statement." Kovacevic informed the council that "we lost two potential businesses in the last week directly due to this article, two businesses

who after reading this misinformation in the magazine decided to locate their businesses elsewhere."

McLaughlin appointed Callahan to further research the crime statistics relative to Charlestown and report back to the chairman who would then draft a letter to the magazine requesting a retraction.

The next monthly Neighborhood Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 7 at the K. of C. Hall.

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• **STAFF DEVELOPMENT SPECIALIST** — Assess the staff training needs unique to the Cluster, develop and provide human service management and clinical training activities emphasizing issues relevant to the target populations, member cluster coordination team. Master's degree in human resources or education or a related field; two years relevant experience, knowledge of substance abuse field, experience in development of training materials and protocols.

• **COMMUNITY EDUCATOR** — Provide education which fosters community awareness and understanding of substance abuse prevention, treatment and recovery. Coordinate with the citywide Community Developer, member of the cluster coordination team. Knowledge of substance abuse, health education, mass media, group process. Excellent written and oral communication skills and ability to work with diverse populations.

• **PROGRAM DEVELOPER** — Responsible for forging linkages with providers of health services, child care and other services needed by recovering clients to enhance treatment effectiveness. Knowledge of human services in Boston, excellent communication skills, ability to work independently, member of cluster coordination team.

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A Special Thank You

We would like to extend a special thank you to the men of Engine 50 of the Boston Fire Department who responded quickly with oxygen on the night of March 9. Also, a special thanks to Bobby Quinn for the few extra trips.

The Cormier Family

Thank You For A Great Party!

Dear Representative Richie Voke,
What a great party you threw! Thanks for a good time and thanks for the special acknowledgement you gave the O'Brien family.

Marty and Catherine O'Brien and Family

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Thank You

Dear Gloria,
KIDSFORCE would like to sincerely thank the parents and friends who helped us celebrate our Just Say No — Spring Fling dance on March 29.

We would like to extend a special thanks to Debbie Fitzgerald-Kane and Mike Cummings for their expert leadership in organizing our games and dances. Also, thank you so much to Mel Mel and Nancy Russell for participating as volunteers during the evening's activities.

Jack Marsden, Just Say No International
Catherine Kennedy-Marsden, KIDSFORCE

Thank You, Rep. Voke

Dear Rep. Voke,
Our deepest heart-felt gratitude to you for the generous donation to KIDSFORCE. It's so inspiring to know people like you care enough to support children's programs. Our efforts to make a difference in a child's life are sometimes made harder by financial obstacles that are difficult to overcome. Thanks to you, programs like KIDSFORCE can continue to provide activities and supportive services to the youth of our town.

Again, our thanks to you for your generous support!
Gratefully yours,
Kathy Kennedy-Marsden
KIDSFORCE

Thank You All

Dear Residents of Charlestown,
I would like to thank all of the wonderful people of Charlestown who purchased chances/votes for my candidacy for Mayor of Charlestown.

I would also like to thank my family, friends and co-workers for their tremendous support throughout the campaign. There are certainly so many to thank that it is impossible to do so through this newspaper, but I will thank you all personally for your help, support and your faith in me.

Growing up in Charlestown has always been very special for me, and I will never lose sight of the fact that the wonderful people of the town should always be represented with the highest regard and respect they deserve, and that is one of the many reasons I entered the race.

You made my day!

Thank you all for being there for me, and I'll cherish all the good memories for we all had a wonderful time during the campaign. It was an experience I'll certainly never forget.

On behalf of my family and myself, I would like to thank you all and God bless!

Gratefully yours,
Winnie (Powers) Walsh

Exhibit Opens At BHCC Art Gallery

An exhibit of Geometric Abstract Expressionist Paintings by George E. Fortier has opened in the Art Gallery of Bunker Hill Community College, New

Rutherford Avenue. The exhibit will continue through April 24. A reception will be held tonight, Thursday, April 4, from 5 to 7 p.m.

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Thank You

Dear Charlestown Patriot Staff,

It certainly was an enjoyable evening at our Noel Henry party. While the music was lively and entertaining, it was the opportunity to greet both old and new friends that made the event so memorable for me.

Without my special friends who helped make my "Thank You, Charlestown" party possible, I would not have been afforded the chance to pay tribute to all those who have been truly kind enough to support me over the years. Your efforts to aid me in reaching my goal of thanks is therefore

greatly appreciated.

Of course our gathering was more than just a chance to have some fun with friends. Thanks to the good people of Charlestown, we were able to raise \$1,250 for local charities. For this, I am both very grateful and extremely proud.

Through your generosity, in terms of both time and friendship, you have made a difference in my life. In return I hope to continue to do my very best to represent the people of Charlestown on Beacon Hill.

Very truly yours,
Richard A. Voke
State Representative

You Saw That Everyone Was A Winner

Dear Rep. Voke,

On behalf of the clients, staff and board of Life Focus Center, I would like to thank you for the generous donation that you made to our program the night of your "Thank You, Charlestown" event.

Even though we were not among those selected in the drawing to share the proceeds of the evening, you saw that none of the non-profit organizations went away empty handed.

Thank you once again for your donation to LFC, and thank you for your continuing support of our program.

Jack Millerick, executive director
Life Focus Center

Unsung Hero Says 'Thanks'

Dear Gloria,

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Charlestown Neighborhood Council and the Community Appreciation Awards Committee for choosing me as the 1991 Unsung Hero recipient. It was a night I will long remember. To those residents who thought I was worthy enough to receive this award by nominating me for it, I thank you.

I want to especially thank my mother and all my family for their support and encouragement, and for being there by my side at the banquet to share this honor with me.

Sincerely,
Tom Donahue

P.S. Congratulations to the other award recipients — all most deserving of their awards.

Thank You

To the Charlestown Neighborhood Council:

I feel extremely honored to be one of the seven recipients of the Community Appreciation Awards and to be part of an evening dedicated to our Armed Forces who served in Operation Desert Storm. In my 80 years, I have never had anything like this happen to me.

I would like to thank the person who nominated me and the Appreciation Awards Committee who voted for me. Also, thank you to our elected officials who contributed to this awards night.

The award replica of the Monument is beautiful and an honor to our town. To me, it was like receiving an "Oscar."

Thank you also to my family, grandchildren, nieces and nephews, relatives and friends for being with me. This made for a rewarding time in my life that I will never forget.

To Gloria Conway and the staff of **The Charlestown Patriot**, thank you — I love you all.

Gladys Gauthier

It's A Girl . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Paquette of 49 Starr King Court, Charlestown, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Jordan Patricia on March 21 at the Winchester Hospital.

The maternal grandmother is Patricia Mahoney of Charlestown.

The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Leone of Charlestown.

Drivers Need To Be Slowed Down

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In a conversation with the Boston Police on March 22 I requested that a radar officer be placed on Green Street in Charlestown. The people who drive on Green Street usually are crossing from Main Street to Bunker Hill Street. Seeing that they do not live on Green Street, the rate of speed is excessive and these drivers need to be slowed down.

I am also writing to the Department of Transportation asking for a stop sign to be installed on Green Street at the corner of Bartlett Street.

Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

Ed Rolinson

cc: Charlestown Patriot
Commissioner Roache

'Crimes Of The Heart' To Be Performed In Charlestown



OPENS TONIGHT: The Pulitzer Prize-winning drama "Crimes of the Heart" by Beth Henley opens tonight, Thursday, April 4, at the Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill St. Produced by Wharf Rat Productions, performances will be Thursday through Sunday, April 4, 5, 6 and 7 and will benefit Boston's AIDS Action Committee. "Crimes of the Heart" is set in Hazelhurst, Miss., and tells the tender, often hilarious, yet bittersweet story of the Magrath sisters. All performances are at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10, and may be purchased at the door.

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POLICE LINE

From the desk of
Deputy Superintendent Robert E. Hayden Jr.
Area A, Boston Police Department

Tuesday, March 26

At 3 a.m., two men, described as about 20 years of age, entered Store 24 at 140 Main St. Both had scarves around their heads. They threatened the clerk and demanded money and lottery tickets. They then fled in a waiting vehicle.

At 10:30 p.m., youths who were stripping an automobile behind the building at 240 Medford St. were scared away by a passerby.

Wednesday, March 27

A fight occurred between three teen-agers at the corner of Main and Walker streets at 10 a.m.

A resident of Cordis Street reported that someone attempted to force open the front door of the dwelling at about 9:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 28

During the evening, a sea kayak was stolen from the roof of an automobile parked on Winthrop Street.

There was a small fire in a mattress at 47 Chestnut St. which was extinguished by the Fire Department.

Friday, March 29

At 2 a.m., Officers Zambella and Fitzpatrick arrested an 18-year-old resident at 98 Medford St. for public drinking.

At 3 a.m., Officer McCormick arrested a 22-year-old resident at Medford and Tufts streets for public drinking.

Saturday, March 30

At 3:50 a.m., Officers Meade and Bowman observed an automobile being driven at a high rate of speed on Main Street. When the officers attempted to stop the vehicle, the driver accelerated and drove to Bartlett Street where the driver and the passenger jumped out and attempted to flee on foot. The officers chased the suspects and apprehended a 27- and a 30-year-old resident. The vehicle was reported stolen.

Two youths threw a rock at a living room window at 7 p.m. and then fled on foot. They have been identified.

These incidents are under investigation by detectives of Area A.

Residents are reminded: If you know of any drug activity in your neighborhood, call the Boston Police Hot Line at 247-5625. It is not necessary to give your name, and all information will be investigated.



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It's A Girl . . .

Shelagh and Kevin Hayes of Dorchester are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Justine Taylor on March 18 at 11:50 a.m. at Brigham & Women's Hospital. Justine weighed 8 pounds 6 ounces and was 19 inches long at birth.

The maternal grandparents are James and Joanne McNeil of Charlestown.

The paternal grandfather is Joe Hayes of South Boston.

The maternal great-grandmother is Mildred McNeil of Charlestown.

Justine was welcomed home by her sisters Genevieve, 3, and Eileen, 2, and her brother James, 1.

Mrs. Hayes is the former Shelagh McNeil of Charlestown.

Birmingham To Hold Office Hours

Sen. Thomas F. Birmingham has announced that he will hold office hours in Charlestown on Monday, April 22 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square (use Monument Avenue entrance).

Children's Films

The Film Program for Children will be presented at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St., on Tuesday, April 9 at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

The features will be "Blackberry Subway Jam," in which Jonathan discovers that his bedroom is not a subway stop; "Let's Give Kitty A Bath," the story of two children attempting to bathe a cat; and Jiminy Cricket describes the many uses of a camel in "Nation Of Things: The Camel."

A giant realizes his selfishness causes him to be lonely and unhappy in "The Selfish Giant," shown only at 3:30 p.m.

The suggested reading in conjunction with these films are **One Little Kitten** by Tana Hoban and **Pamela Camel** by Bill Peet.



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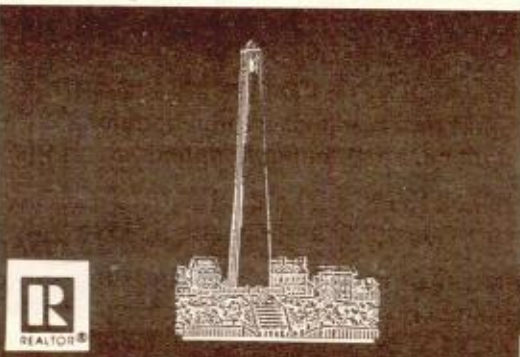


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