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★ VOLUME 23 NUMBER 26 CHARLESTOWN, MASS. PRICE 10c THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1981 ★

### Boston Crisis Shelter Opens Its Doors

Charlestown has recently become host to a co-ed adolescent emergency shelter program called the Boston Crisis Shelter (BCS), operating out of the YMCA at City Square.

BCS is designed to give youths a place to stay while plans are being made to reintegrate them back with their family or place them in other stable living situations. It is a voluntary program which emphasizes the responsibility of the youths to obey house rules.

Marcia Day, a young woman with a southern drawl and a low-keyed stature directs the program which is capable of housing eight youths. Together with her staff of nine full-timers and one part-timer she has set up

a comfortable shelter of dorms and offices that display a younger inhabitation through the rock and roll posters randomly hung up and the stuffed animal on a teenager's bed. But the house rules, listed in a couple key corridors, reminds youths they are responsible for mature behavior and that there will be no drugs, alcohol, violence, sexual intercourse, stealing or breaking

of curfews. Youths agree with counselors at the beginning of their stay that if they break these rules they are subject to a 24 hour curfew. If they break the rules twice they risk being asked to leave.

BCS is a voluntary program. Young people must wish to stay at the shelter and to agree to house rules in order to become a resident. When admitted to the program each youth is assigned a case manager who is responsible for individual and family counseling. The case manager also acts as an advocate in working with the referring agency or in making aftercare plans. Should a youth need a placement other than his/her own home, the referring agency is responsible for completion of the placement process within the thirty day maximum stay of the resident.

Referrals to the crisis shelter are made during the day directly to BCS from the Department of Social Service, the Department of Mental Health Clinics, and such health facilities as Mass. General Hospital, Bunker Hill Health Center, the Chelsea Health Center, the Comprehen-

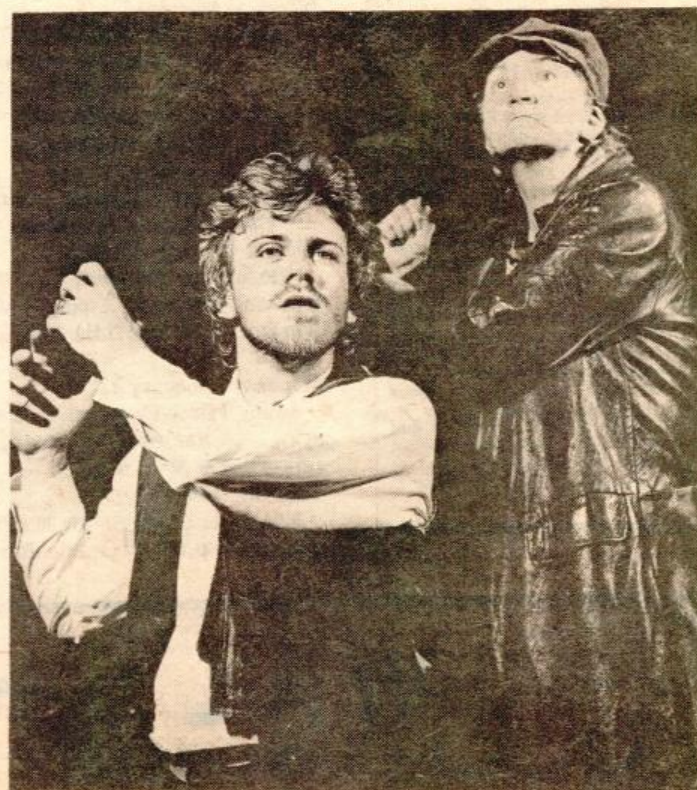
sive Emergency Service (a 24 hour emergency treatment and referral service for children and families in the Harbor Area) or from the statewide Neglect and Abuse Hotline.

To be referred, the youth must be between the ages of 12 and 17, willing to enter the program voluntarily, and able to be placed in a stable living condition within 30 days. He or she cannot be suicidal, addicted to drugs, or violently acting out and likely to hurt himself or others.

While youths live at the shelter, normal routine activities are continued such as youths attend school, preferably the school they were attending prior to the crisis. For those not in school, the day is jointly planned by a counselor and the youth as to visits, activities and chores he or she will complete during the day. The youths receive three meals per day, catered by the YMCA cafeteria and laundrying of bed linens, towels and clothing are also provided through the Y. The Erich Lindemann Mental Health Center gym and swimming pool

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### "Boston Remembers" Continued!



TWO WEEKENDS LEFT to see Boston Remembers which is being held over by popular demand until March 1.

### Annual Listing of City Residents To Begin

Police Commissioner Joseph M. Jordan, Chairman of the City of Boston Listing Board, has announced that the Annual Listing of Residents is now under way and will continue for the next few weeks.

Listing officials will call at every home to obtain the following information about Boston residents: Name, date of birth, residence as of January 1, 1981, residence on January 1, 1980, occupation and number of children under 17 in each household.

In addition to the personal data the listing official will be seeking information about dogs.

In the event you will not be available to be listed, you may

leave the information with the neighbor to be given to the listing official.

If you have any questions, please call the Listing Board, Room 108 in Boston City Hall, at 725-4304.

### Commemorates Sinking Of USS Dorchester

The Suffolk County Council of the American Legion will be present Sunday, February 22, 1981 at the 10:00 Mass at St. Francis de Sales Church, 305 Bunker Hill Street to celebrate their Annual Observance of the Four Chaplains. This service commemorates the sinking of the USS Dorchester off Greenland in February of 1942. Four Army Chaplains, a priest, two ministers and a rabbi, gave their life jackets to four young soldiers and thereby made the supreme sacrifice in giving their lives for their fellow soldiers and for America. All are invited to participate in this liturgy and to the collation that will follow in the Bishop Lawton Hall.

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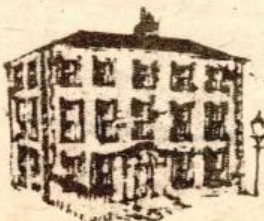
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Thursday, February 19 "Myths of Aging" with Ilene Springer, MSW - 2:00 p.m. - Lexington Street Senior Center Diamond Belt Boxing Tournament - 8:00 p.m. - Knights of Columbus Hall, 75 West School Street Friday, February 20 "Boston Remembers" - 8:00 p.m. - Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill Street Saturday, February 21 Democratic Caucus - 2:00 p.m. - Mary Colbert Apartments, Devens Street Las Vegas Night - 8:00 p.m. - Jimmy's Lounge, 129 Chelsea Street "Boston Remembers" - 8:00 p.m. - Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill Street Dancing - 8:30 p.m. til... - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street Sunday, February 22 Flea Market - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Charlestown Community Center, 14 Green Street "Boston Remembers" - 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. - Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill Street Monday, February 23 Adult Film Program - 2:00 p.m. - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street Tuesday, February 24 Films For Children - 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. - Charlestown

Branch Library, 179 Main Street Boston School Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Charlestown High School, 240 Medford Street Dance Lessons - 8 to 10 p.m. - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street Wednesday, February 25 Title I Meeting - 10:00 a.m. - Charlestown High School, 240 Medford Street Thursday, February 26 "Hearing Problems and Solutions" with Serena Vick, M.E.D. - 10:00 a.m. - Elderly Services, Kennedy Center, 27 Winthrop Street Friday, February 27 Parents' Discussion Group featuring George Mokray of N.E. Coastal Power Show speaking on "Solar For An Old House." also Pre-School story hour - 10:00 a.m. - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street Luncheon - 11:30 a.m. - Charlestown Community Center, 14 Green Street "Cooking For One or Two" with Jan Yost, RD. - 1:00 p.m. - Mary Colbert Apartments, Devens Street Las Vegas Night - 7 p.m. - St. Francis de Sales, Bishop Lawton Hall, 305 Bunker Hill Street Saturday, February 28 Benefit Dinner For Capital Area Council For Children Foster Care Committee - 8:00

p.m. - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street Las Vegas Night To Benefit Kent Community School - 8:00 p.m. - Legion Hall, 27 Chestnut Street Monday, March 2 Daughters of Isabella Meeting - 8:00 p.m. - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street Saturday, March 7 Daughters of Esabella Annual Corned Beef Dinner - 7:00 p.m. - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street Winter Party For Charlestown Preservation Society

Sunday, March 8 First Penance Liturgy - 7 p.m. - St. Francis de Sales Church, 305 Bunker Hill Street Monday, March 16 Spiritual Renewal Week begins - 7 p.m. Mass - St. Francis de Sales Church, 305 Bunker Hill Street Friday, March 20 Irish Night Dinner Dance - 8 p.m. - St. Francis de Sales Church, Bishop Lawton Hall, 305 Bunker Hill Street Saturday, April 11 Quinn Scholarship Dinner Dance - 6:15 p.m. - St. Catherine's Hall, Tufts Street

## New York Air Celebrates New Service With Champagne

New York Air today said it will give away a full-size bottle of champagne to every passenger on its \$39 weekday flights between Boston and New York now through Feb. 27 so the passengers can celebrate "Never Ever Again!" having to fly the Easter shuttle or drive to New York. The Korb champagne will be distributed to every passenger at least 20 years old getting on or off a weekday New York Air flight in Boston. This will also include passengers taking one of the five weekday direct, one-stop flights between Boston and Washington, D.C.

nell, New York Air senior vice president of marketing. "Now they have a choice other than the high-priced, no-service Eastern shuttle or their slower, more expensive automobile." O'Donnell said the champagne is in addition to New York Air's regular services which include reserved and assigned seats, free cocktails on weekdays, free soft beverages on all flights and continental breakfast on weekday early morning flights. New York Air will have 10 roundtrip flights each weekday and eight each weekend day.

## Films For Adults

The Adult Film Program will present a program on "America in the Eye of Hollywood." The film will be "Hollywood: You Must Remember This" which deals with the patriotism as portrayed in the movies during World War II and the early Forties. The program will be held on Monday afternoon, February 23, 1981 at 2 p.m. at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street.

"We want people to celebrate with us the fact that they never ever again have to fly the Eastern shuttle or drive between Boston and New York to save time or money," said Jim O'Donnell.

## Honor Roll

Brother Thomas Mulloy, Headmaster of Malden Catholic High School, announces that Paul J. Anthony, a freshman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Anthony of 81 Bunker Hill Street, has made the Honor Roll for the second marking period.

## Legal Notice

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS Probate Court Suffolk, SS Case No. 513170 To all persons interested in the estate of Michael E. Noonan late of Boston, in said County, deceased. A petition has been presented to said Court, praying that Mary A. Noonan of Boston, in the County of Suffolk or some other suitable person be appointed administratrix of said estate. If you desire to object thereto you or your attorney should file a written appearance in said Court at Boston before ten o'clock in the forenoon on the 23rd day of April 1981, the return day of this citation. Witness Mary C. Fitzpatrick, Esquire, First Judge of said Court, this 9th day of February 1981. James Michael Connolly, Register Feb. 19, 26, Mar. 5 "from the office of James J. Kiley 1 Wall Street Charlestown, MA"

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## Rent Control Board Provides For Elderly Exemptions In Rent Increase Cases

The Boston Rent Board is currently accepting applications for elderly exemptions to the recent general adjustment in controlled rents.

The general adjustment granted by the Board in January enables landlords to raise rents on controlled apartments by 10-17.5% depending on certain factors relative to their individual operating costs.

Following the precedent set when the Board granted its last general adjustment in 1977, elderly tenants meeting certain income requirements will be liable for only half of their rent increases.

To qualify for the elderly exemption, the head of the household living in a rent controlled apartment must be at least 62 years of age, and the total annual gross income for all members of the household must not exceed:

for one person	\$12,000
for two people	\$13,950
for three people	\$15,700
for four people	\$17,450
for five people	\$18,550
for six people	\$19,600
for seven people	\$20,700
for eight or more people	\$21,800

Eligible tenants must file an application in person at the

Boston Rent Control Board or at any Little City Hall. Applicants are required to submit the following items:

1. Proof of age: Birth certificate; or driver's license; or other type of identification stating date of birth.

2. Proof of income: Copy of Federal Income Tax form; or copy of Social Security, SSI or pension check; or five consecutive pay stubs for individuals who are working; or other statements of income.

A decision granting an elderly exemption shall be effective as of the date that the application was filed with the Board.

Any tenants granted an elderly exemption at the time of the last general adjustment in 1977 must file a new application with the Board to remain eligible for the exemption.

The Elderly exemption applies only to rent increases resulting from the general adjustment and will not affect a landlord's right to file a rent increase petition when the board resumes the granting of individual rent increases after May 15, 1981.

For more information contact the Rent Control Administration, 147 Milk Street, Sixth Floor, Boston, MA., 02128.

## Honor Roll

Timothy W. Buckley of 35 Monument Ave. was named to the President's Honor Roll at Wentworth Institute of Technology for outstanding scholastic achievement during the first semester of the 1980-81 academic year, as announced by Dr. Edward T. Kirkpatrick, Wentworth president.

An academic average of 3.5 or better is necessary to be named to the President's Honor Roll.

Wentworth, situated in the educational-cultural center of the

Boston Museum of Fine Arts and other colleges, graduates engineering and industrial technicians and engineering technologists in programs leading to Associate in Engineering and Bachelor of Science in Engineering Technology degrees. The junior and senior year programs in the baccalaureate degree courses are conducted on a cooperative basis whereby students alternate semesters between classroom-lab studies and employment in industry.

## BB & N Antiques Show And Sale To Highlight Maritime Trade Routes



On Saturday, March 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on Sunday, March 8 from noon to 6:00 p.m., all roads will lead to the Fifteenth Annual Antiques Show and Sale at the Buckingham, Browne & Nichols School, Gerry's Landing Road, Cambridge, held to benefit the Scholarship Program. The show is sponsored by the Parents' Association.

The show will have as its focus "The Maritime Trade Routes." Recapturing the romance and glory of the era, a loan exhibit of clipper ships from the Peabody Museum of Salem, will be displayed.

To compliment the show, on Friday evening, March 6 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. there will be a preview showing of the antique treasures that were once the cargo of the Clipper Ships. On display will be china, silver, fine furniture, paintings, brass and jewelry for either pleasure or purchase. The Preview Party will also introduce a Chateau Gai Alpenweiss white wine from Moncton, New Brunswick, donated through the courtesy of Bob Merner, Canadian Consulate-General. Gourmet hors d'oeuvres will also be served. Tickets for the

Preview Party are by reservation only at 868-1010 or 491-4069.

Mr. George Patterson of City Gardens, Inc., Watertown has undertaken the set design for the show using exotic and rare plants.

Peter J. Urbon, Christies' (New York) agent for New England has invited 28 antique dealers from New England and the Eastern Seaboard to participate in the sale and show. The cargo promises to be rich with a wide range of antique treasures reminiscent of several eras. All merchandise will be guaranteed authentic as to origin and condition.

The proceeds of the Parents' Association Annual Antiques Show and Sale contributes to BB&N's scholarship program. The show's success assists with the funding which enables the distribution of scholarships to deserving students each year.

BB&N students and faculty have cooperated with the Parents' Association on this event. The show will be enhanced with the display of photographs, calligraphy and murals done by BB&N students.

## Help Wanted In The High Schools

Parents of children receiving Title I services in the high schools, your help is desperately needed by the Title I Community Liaison Paraprofessional.

An important part of your high school is the Title I reading and math program. Title I means extra help in these subjects for the students who need it the most.

Not all schools and not all children in Title I schools, get Title I help.

Title I cannot succeed without parents who know about the

program and are interested in it. To make sure your school and your children get all the Title I help available please attend our meeting and learn what Title I can mean for you and your child.

Meetings have been arranged at various high schools in the city. You are urgently requested to attend.

A meeting will be held at Charlestown High School, 240 Medford Street on Wednesday morning, February 25, 1981 at 10:00 a.m.

Anyone seeking information may call Patricia Trotman at the Title I office, 26 Court Street, Boston, 726-6243.

## Films For Children

The Winter Film For Children will present "Papageno," "Cockabody," and "A Visit From Space" on Tuesday, February 24, 1981 at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street.

Storytelling will follow the afternoon film program.

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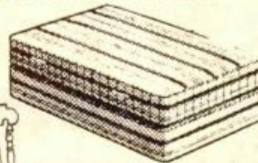
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# "Boston Remembers" Irish Heritage

The Little Flags Theatre production of "Boston Remembers" at the Charlestown Working Theatre, 442 Bunker Hill Street, Charlestown has been extended until Sunday, March 1, by popular demand.

"Boston Remembers," a musical review written by Maxine Klein, focuses on two of the

most tumultuous years in Boston History. It integrates 1886, the year Boston workers led national strikes for the eight hour day, and 1919, the year of the Boston Police strike, with the turn of the century exploitation of the Irish and the fight against unions.

The review moves through an Irish Social Club in Charlestown,

to union halls, and culminates in one of the most turbulent years in Boston history.

Weekend performances through March 1st are Friday and Saturday at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2 and 8 p.m. For ticket information and reservations, call Charlestown Working Theatre at 242-3534.

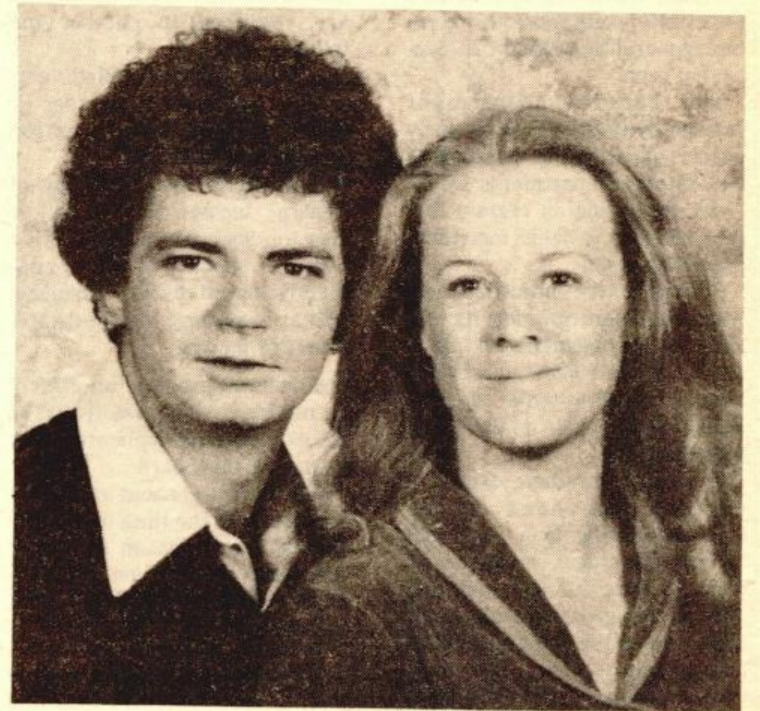
## Announces Engagement

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pellett of Florida announce the engagement of their daughter, Lisa Pellett, of 46 Main Street Charlestown to George Francis Gallagher, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Gallagher of 32 Austin

Street, Charlestown.

Miss Pellett is a graduate of Fisher Jr. College. George is a graduate of Charlestown High School.

An April 25, 1981 wedding is planned.



GEORGE FRANCIS GALLAGHER AND LISA PELLETT

## C.H.S. Student Attend Communication Conference

Sixty students from four Boston high schools attended a leadership training conference at the University of Massachusetts, Harbor Campus, recently. The conference, part of the Student Involvement Program (SIP), brought together students from Charlestown, English, Jamaica Plain and Madison Park high schools.

The conference concentrated on developing skills in communication and peer counseling. The students took part in discussions, small group activities and role-playing.

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Discipline, a component of ESAA Project, SIP trains students to become leaders for open communication, positive change and peaceful desegregation.

Most of the students have met previously at their own high school for initial training sessions. Many also have been attending scheduled meetings of their SIP groups to refine their skills in leading class meetings and using "Reality Therapy" as a problem-solving tool.

Future plans include further training sessions and school-based meetings to refine and apply skills gained. Some students

will utilize their peer counseling skills in their school's Student Planning Center - alternative to suspension program.

The following students attended from Charlestown High School: Fred Aroyo, Matthew Holloway, Robin McGoff, Dwayne Walker, Byron Bell, Natassa Mason, Dan Doherty, Stacy Hill, Jean Burgio, Janet Biggins, Michelle Scalli, Compton Bowman, James Murphy, Dolores Palermo, Traci Taylor, and Lasonia Thomas.

Their faculty advisors were Paul Duval and Florence McManus

## Tops Mark

"The membership of the Disabled American Veterans is now at an all-time high today," stated Richard H. Wells of Framingham, DAV State Commander.

"Our membership has increased mainly because of the influx of Vietnam Veterans into our ranks and our continual fight to improve conditions for disabled veterans."

"We have seven full-time National Service Officers at Room E-318 in the JFK Federal Building in Boston and all of the service officers are Vietnam Veterans."

"We also have an Outreach Program for Vietnam Veterans at 933 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester."

"We now have 34,000 members in Massachusetts" stated Commander Wells.

David M. Cleary Chapter No. 109 of Charlestown also topped its membership mark of last year.

## School of Nursing Open House

The Lawrence Memorial Hospital School of Nursing in Medford is holding an Open House for persons interested in a career as a professional nurse (R.N.) The event will be held at the School of Nursing, 170 Governors Avenue, Medford, Tuesday evening, February 24, 1981 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. (Snow date is Thursday, February 26, 1981.) Student nurses, faculty members and admissions personnel will be on hand to provide information on the program and give tours of the hospital, school and dormitory.

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## Agent Wins K. of C. Award

Charlestown's Greg Leonard has been named Knights of Columbus 1980 United States Production Leader at a meeting recently. He has an office in Charlestown and works with the Joe Imbriani Agency in

Metropolitan Boston.

Greg accomplished this by personally writing new life insurance of more than seven million dollars on families in the area, which made him the production leader of the Knights of Columbus in the United States. General Agent Imbriani said, "This is the fourth consecutive year Greg has attained the number one position, and he is a credit to his family and friends in Charlestown, and to the Knights of Columbus."

## Dual Award Winner

Marjorie Mullan, Charlestown senior at Mount St. Joseph Academy was a dual award winner in recent school programs at the Academy in Brighton. Marjorie was one of eight seniors whose poetry was accepted for publication in the forthcoming semiannual Anthology "Young America Sings." Also, she won one of the third prizes in a tie-award for the best essays on the theme of "Catholic Schools - A World of Difference."

## Club To Meet

The Don Bosco Mothers' Club will meet on Wednesday, February 25th at 7:30 p.m. in the upper cafeteria of the High School at 300 Tremont Street, Boston.

We will each make a beautiful floral arrangement to take home. Please mail reservation early, or have your son drop it off at the principal's office.

Dorothy Flaherty, President  
Don Bosco Mothers' Club

## Remedial Reading Classes Resume

Remedial Reading classes will resume at the Charlestown Boys' Club on Monday, March 2, 1981. All students previously enrolled will attend on the regular day and time.

There may be a few vacancies at this time. If interested in attending you may call 242-1775 ext. 54 on March 2nd, 3rd or 4th from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

## Waterbury's New Postmaster Is Charlestown Native

Richard T. Vita has been appointed Manager/Poster of the US Postal Service's Waterbury, CT, Management Sectional Center (MSC), effective February 7, it was announced by Northeast Regional Postmaster General Jerry K. Lee, Sr.

Vita, a native of Charlestown, and currently Director of Customer Services at the Boston, MSC, will have the responsibility for postal operations in all of the Waterbury MSC area's associate post offices. He was Operations Advisor at the New Haven, CT, MSC, during 1979.

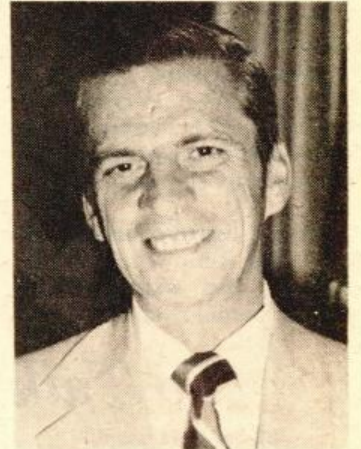
He began his postal career in June, 1957 as a Letter Carrier at Boston's Charlestown Station where he served for three years. He then began a series of supervisory/managerial assignments at several of Boston's stations and branches; National and Regional Headquarters in Washington, DC and New York City, respectively; culminating in his appointment as Postmaster of Framingham, MA in 1978. He took his current position

at Boston the following year.

Vita attended Boston's public schools and Boston University in addition to completing several Postal Service supervisory managerial development programs and courses. During 1951-73, he was deeply involved in the swimming programs of the City of Boston Parks and Recreation Department and those of the US Army, US Navy, and YmCA in Charlestown.

Extremely active in community affairs, Vita is married to the former Frances Myers of Charlestown. The couple has two daughters: Cynthia a recent graduate of Lesley College in Cambridge and Cheryl a student at Katherine Gibbs School in Boston. They currently reside in

Winchester and plan to relocate to the Waterbury area.



RICHARD T. VITA

## Honor Roll

Brother William B. Dobbins, Headmaster, has announced that the following students from Catholic Memorial High School have been named to the Honor Roll for the second marking period:

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# Boys' Club News

by Charlie McGonagle

It is good fortune and the Grace of God, I guess, which allows some of us the opportunity to celebrate a parent's seventieth birthday. And it is certainly a double dose of both when ma and dad reach that milestone with the entire family still intact.

We got together last Sunday and said hello to number seventy. Dad walked by the magic number last October

without batting an eyelash, and Ma recently just sang her way into a new decade, without even missing a note.

Ma's brother, John Walsh, who practices for these family get togethers by singing from St. Mary's choir loft, was in fine voice, as he led the group through chorus after chorus of songs from days gone by.

As they sang, my thoughts found their way back to yester-

day, to New Year's Eve parties on Elm Street when Ma and Dad and the gang got together to bid a fond adieu to the old year, and usher in the new year on a wagon load of songs, songs which became very familiar to me as the years drifted by.

"Down by the Old Mill Stream," "When You Were Sweet Sixteen," "I'll Take You Here Again Kathleen," "Lily Marlene," and "The Old Rugged

Cross" were just as much a part of every party as beer and pretzels were.

When we kids were supposed to be tucked away for the evening, out of earshot, dad would hold center stage for a short period of time, and entertain with a few slightly risque Irish folk songs. Although I was not supposed to be listening, I think I had learned every word of every verse of a tune called "Brown, Brown," before I was ten years of age.

My favorite, though, was Ma and Dad's duet, done in beautiful harmony, of "Among My Souvenirs." Today it remains my favorite.

I suppose, because the years have brought their numbers down a bit, the parties are fewer and the distance between songs is much greater, but maybe that's why last Sunday evening was so enjoyable, so meaningful.

There was something different at that part when Ma and Dad turned seventy. We, the kids were part of it. From the early days, when we were sent off to bed so they could get on with those things considered adult, we had gradually become more and more a part of the family parties. The years, apparently had brought a certain degree of maturity and acceptance, and last week, when Ma and Dad turned seventy, there were no years to separate us from them, us from their friends, for a while, at least, we were part of the old gang.

Maybe we, in some way, helped fill the chairs made empty over the years.

A third generation, the grandchildren, added another dimension to the gathering. Strangely, the contemporary sounds of the youngsters' music did nothing to disturb the fine

blend of voices filtering from another room in the house. On another day, maybe, they would. But not on the night Ma and Dad turned seventy.

In addition to John Walsh, who, God Bless him, knows every word to every song ever written and his wife Mae, Ma's brother, Jim "Pa" Walsh entertained the troops with a couple of his favorites. Ma's sister Kitty, always the family pastry expert, created another birthday masterpiece, as did Dotty Bowden, Ma's friend and co-worker.

Two other sisters, Mary Williams and Sister Leontine contributed to the songfest as well as to the entertainment by adding another chapter to a game both have been playing for years. I call it "Confuse the Kids."

Although we lived in the same house for the better part of twenty-five years, Aunt Mary will still, at times, call me "Leo, Paul, Charlie," and my brothers "Charlie, Paul, Leo," and "Leo, Charlie, Paul," respectively.

And Rose was there. Old friend Rose Stevens, certainly a part of the family, even if not blood related. Her outstanding sense of humor has always lent itself to the success of any family party.

My sister Helen, her husband Gene, and three of her four children, Annie, Kevin, & Kathleen enjoyed the evening. The fourth child, Karen, was home battling the flu bug. Brother Leo and his boys, Brian and Paul, my brother Paul, my wife and children, were all there last Sunday evening when Ma and Dad turned seventy.

Yes, it is good fortune and the Grace of God which allows some of us the opportunity to celebrate both parents' seventieth birthday. Thanks, up there, for giving the four of us that chance.

## To Talk Of Many Things . . .

by Sal Giarratani

The other night I watched a repeat showing of "Death Wish" on HBO and felt just a tinge of discomfort as I enjoyed it immensely!

This 1974 movie symbolizes the frustrations of a society where criminals are treated like kings and victims like you know what. Charles Bronson was superb as an architect who wages a one-man war on muggers after his wife is viciously murdered and daughter raped. A sequel showing Bronson taking his war on muggers to Chicago was never made after some apparent liberal pressure led to the producers dropping the sequel idea!

People want to be able to take back their streets from bands of roving urban terrorists which often threaten and sometimes destroy the public safety . . . people want a society where punishment is meted out to those convicted in courts — swift and sure!

America is taking a turn in the right direction as can be seen by Chief Justice Warren Burger's address to the American Bar Association in Houston!

It's about time that the law was more than just an in-

convenience for the muggers, murderers, burglars, handbag snatchers, dope pushers and the like. Attitudes are changing and much of it has to do with the new occupant on Pennsylvania Avenue!

Some of the soundest advice this column has heard comes from Joe Casper of South Boston who also happens to be in the running for city council this year. Casper is not afraid to tell it the way it is and doesn't mince words. "Permissive Judges routinely put vicious criminals on probation!"

Criminals enter and leave courtrooms with big smiles on their faces! There are criminal bums and there are judicial bums, and the only way to put a screeching stop to crime, is by getting tough! Very tough with criminals! It's about time that Judges stopped smiling and winking at insensitive criminals!"

People are madder than hell and they want government to start coming down on their side for a change!

None of us can call ourselves a free people if we are not free to walk the streets of our city day or night without fear of becoming a crime statistic.!

### FREE LUNCHES

People are becoming increasingly aware that most of those liberal pols offering a free lunch are usually out to lunch and that the only free lunch they're offering is a baloney sandwich on stale bread!

### TEDDY RUNNING FOR COVER?

When Teddy Kennedy runs for re-election in 1982, it appears he will have opposition in both the primary and general elections if the New Right has anything to say . . . Sen. Kennedy is now setting up a liberal PAC to be named the Fund for a Democrat Majority. Some are saying its to help out in 1982 but others see it as part of his 1984 plans. Someone should tell him that his organization would be better named the Fund for a Democrat Minority!

### BOTTOM LINE

Exclamation points made it big in this week's column because I wanted to place emphasis on how if we keep on keeping on we can see alien philosophies replaced by a responsible and responsive conservative one. Whether, it be busing, abortion, fiscal matters, whatever.

America is coming to terms with itself and it doesn't want to continue in the role of Fort Apache any longer!

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# The City Scene

by Dick Sinnott

MY THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR THE MANY "GET WELL" CARDS AND LETTERS - NOW LET'S SEE IF I AM:

Quick now, for two passes to a fairly clean movie. Do any of you out there know the origin of the expression "The Irish Riviera"?

Did the term mean any community South of Dorchester? Does it cover Scituate, Cohasset and Hingham or just Scituate. Let's hear some theories on this.

The best analysis of the Reagan landslide election victory, I think, has been penned by a Lynn factory worker - Charles H. Swain.

Swain's thesis is titled "Whatever Happened to the Democratic Party" and it's most reading for pols and those who think they are. The article runs 13 legal size pages and I found it to be one of the most interesting commentaries of the year.

Memo to the folks who make Lipton Tea:

I like your tea, but I think the attention-getting insert on the front of your 100-tea bag box is very deceptive. The banner proclaims "\$1.00 COUPON OFFER - See back copy of package for details."

Now wouldn't you assume the dollar mentioned would be that amount off your next purchase of Lipton tea? Ah ha, you're only half right. First you have to send your film for developing to a New York processing plant. Then you get the coupon. In other words you have to say "cheese" before you can say "tea."

A Hyde Park resident and Holy

## Expecting Twins?

The Founding Chapter of the Massachusetts Mothers of Twins Association cordially invites anyone expecting twins or with twins to a special program on Monday, Feb. 23rd at the Fox Memorial Library, 175 Mass. Ave., Arlington at 8 p.m.

The program includes a double feature. First there will be the Polymorph Film "Having Twins." This inter sting film provides basic information on having twins, prenatal care, your feelings after delivery and it shows a twin delivery.

Secondly, there will be a slide/tape show "A Diary of Twin Development" which was produced by a Midwest Mother of Twins Group. It covers prenatal care through the first 18 months of life.

Refreshments will be served and there will be a chance to discuss your questions and concerns with club members who have been through it all. From our own experience we know how little information is available to the mother-to-be who finds she is to be "twice blessed" and we hope our program will prove informative for you.

Admission is free and husbands are welcome. Our March meeting will feature as guest speaker, Dr. Mirna Aeschlemann M.D. Chief of Pediatrics at New England Memorial Hospital, Stoneham and on staff at Winchester Hospital. She is herself a mother of twins. The meeting will be held March 30th. Anyone having any questions regarding these programs or the club in general may call 891-0629 or 884-6351.

Founding Chapter Mass. Mother of Twins Assoc.

Cross grad has written a novel I'm happy to recommend for readers age 12 and over that's a beauty. The title is "Walls" (Harper & Row) by Jay Daly.

Jay lives on Fairmount Avenue and although he's a native Bostonian (with a master's from Simmons) his story is set in San Francisco. It's a quick, satisfying read of 212 pages about Frankie O'Day, one of the best high school basketball players in the city by the sea. "Walls" is a story about Frankie's journey to maturity. I gave it five stars.

Another Hyde Parker, a dental student at Georgetown University, the soon-to-be Dr. Dave Gaughan, had supper recently in Washington with our favorite comedian, George Carlin.

Among the gems Carlin told Gaughan was one about the Gay Liberation Front teaming up with the Tall People of America Assn. to fight the government's attempt to demolish a 50-foot high dike.

A Forest Hills reader, commenting on our recent roundup of top eating spots, asks why Artie's Fireside in Dedham was not included. A good question and one asked by several other readers.

We hadn't eaten at Artie's for several years until the other night and I'm happy to report the food is once again excellent. I had the junior filet mignon; my wife had scallops and the couple with us - the Edward Hargreaves of Dedham - each had London broil. The verdict as I said was "excellent."

But the main attraction for me at Artie's continues to be the absolutely wonderful organ playing

of the great Gene Palazzi, who has no peer in Greater Boston. We spent a couple of hours bar-side with Gene as he played the hits of the 40s and as always it was a superb evening.

Speaking of the hits of the 40s, do you know what the top song in America was in 1942 on this day and this month?

Why it was "He Wears A Pair of Silver Wings" by Kay Kyser, sung by Harry Babbitt. Remember?

I see where my favorite pediatrician, Dr. Robert A. Driscoll of East Milton, has a new associate. Mary B. Flannery, M.D., has joined him in the practice of peadiatrics.

Dr. Driscoll was my four sons' doctor and I think he's a marvel.

Meanwhile, I keep hearing fine things about Hyde Park's newest and pretties podiatrist. Dr. Dorothy McCarthy has moved to bigger, brighter offices on River Street and she's keeping everyone on their toes.

## Workshop To Examine 2 1/2

Senator Ted Kennedy and Governor Edward King head the list of prominent public officials and local government experts who will participate in a day-long program on March 7, entitled "The 1980's - Lean Years for Local Government," sponsored by the Massachusetts Municipal Association.

The Municipal Association conference, which will be held at the State House in Boston, will focus on the impending struggles over municipal service cuts caused by Proposition 2 1/2 and the nationwide trend toward reducing the size of government.

For more information contact the Massachusetts Municipal Association.

## Graduates As Air Force Specialist

Airman Thomas F. Whalen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Whalen of 22 Soley Street., has graduated from the U.S. Air Force operating room specialist course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

Whalen will now serve as Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

## It's A Girl...

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Smith announce the birth of their daughter Ellen Marie, born February 11 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, weighing in at 7 pounds, 2 ounces. Paternal grandmother is Mary Smith of Charlestown and fraternal grandmother is Anne Michaels also of Charlestown. Great grandfather is Kenneth McEwen, also a Charlestown resident. Ellen Marie has two sisters.

## Meeting Scheduled To Up-date Older Americans

An open meeting of the Legislative Council for Older Americans State Committee will be held Friday, February 20, 10:30 a.m., Room 222, U/Mass Bldg., Stuart and Arlington Streets, Boston.

The purpose of this meeting is to bring those present up-to-date on developments in Washington and at the State House. This meeting will deal with the State

and Federal budgets as well as latest information available on the status of the Social Security and supportive programs.

Also the formation of a SOS Committee will be completed to prepare for the defense against any attempt to weaken Social Security or other basic programs.

LCOA is seeking your support and all are welcome at this meeting on February 20th.

## Boston Crisis Shelter To Open

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are available to the youth on a regular basis.

The Shelter occupies two floors of one side of the 'Y', separating sleeping quarters for the youths. Each floor has their own bathroom. The first floor has a small bright room for group counseling sessions, offices and a lounge.

The major goals of the BCS are to provide an atmosphere that promotes self-esteem, to help a youth learn more effective ways of dealing with problem behavior or in coping with problems that cannot be altered, to learn accep-

table ways of communicating with others and to feel a sense of power over their own life and their abilities to make responsible decisions. These objectives are accomplished through the counseling process and by creating an atmosphere where a youth feels security, trust, acceptance, and warmth.

Day has the option of turning down youths she thinks could not be ready for the independence afforded the youths in the BCS and she stresses that BCS does not want to become a dumping ground for DSS.

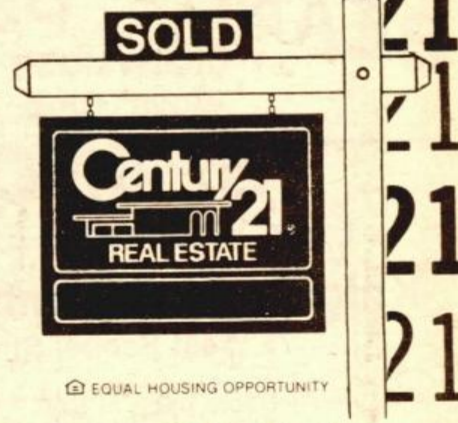
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# Townie Sports Line

## A Look At What Makes Charlestown Champs

by Maria Girvin

They don't quite have the luxuries of other clubs, but that doesn't really matter, because they've got the spirit. And they don't have any satin robes, but that's all right too because they have winners. And the lack of money which eventually means digging deep in the pocket to find a couple of dollars just to practice a little shadow boxing and a few rounds with a heavy bag isn't as discouraging as it could be because they have Dick — Dick DiVola. He's the coach, the trainer, the inspiration and creator of the Charlestown Boxing Team.

DiVola began the club in 1974 with a winner, Gene Lawrence, who in that year won the Fall River Golden Gloves Competition and later went on to win five professional fights, never once being defeated. Back then they had the Kent School to practice boxing techniques but now the Charlestown boxers train in the New Garden Gym located in the shadow of the El in North Station.

The large room is musty and sort of has a yellowish cast from burning light bulbs and the filtering of sun through filmy windows but it's a second home to many of Boston's boxers, who like Charlestown boys, haven't got any other place to practice. It was this gym that got many a boxer off to a great start such as Vinnie Curto and Honey Mellody. It's run by Al Clemente, also famous for his boxing and the boxers he made. Although an old man now, Al is the type of boxer that never forgets a fight and can

tell a boxing story that gives a boxer the strength needed to go in for one more round and a KO. KO.

"Put your punches in threes. Keep your hands up," says DiVola to Louie Renalli, a newcomer to the club who seems to have an instinct for throwing a punch. He's one of six boxers, under DiVola's eye. Gary Justice, Billy Francis, and Ronnie DiVola are three others. Recently they've gained a crowd of admirers for their winning boxing skills, especially Justice who won all his fights at the recent K. of C. Boxing Tournament.

DiVola's crew, including Justice, will be fighting at the K. of C. Diamond Belt Tournament which begins tonight. Francis who competed in the Golden Gloves, is reported to be in top fighting condition, while Justice has gained enough confidence to be thinking about going professional.

"OK, you're boxing big men Louie, take big steps," advises DiVola to six foot tall Louie. DiVola knows all about steps and weaving and when to fight offensively. "I was a knock-out artist." A KO in the first round was how he finished nine boxers in 51 of the professional fights he had in his younger days.

The high energy technique is not just for anyone but rather a small boxer. It saps the concentration of the other boxer until he becomes worn out looking for the opportunity to strike. That's when the "weaver" lands his KO. The style can be seen on Worcester Boys' Club boxer Elmer Rivera who also boxes in

the K. of C. Tournaments. "Oh, and one more thing," says DiVola, once New England Boxing champ four year in a row, "There's not a mark on my face."

There's no money in training boxers. Just satisfaction and the desire to turn out a champ, and to do that DiVola's boys follow a routine to build up strength and accuracy.

Exercises to stretch the muscles begin the routine. This is followed by shadow boxing in a mirror so the boxer can look at and improve his stance. He can make sure his elbow is in line with his leg. He can imagine his image is another boxer that is waiting for him to miscalculate; to not move fast enough.

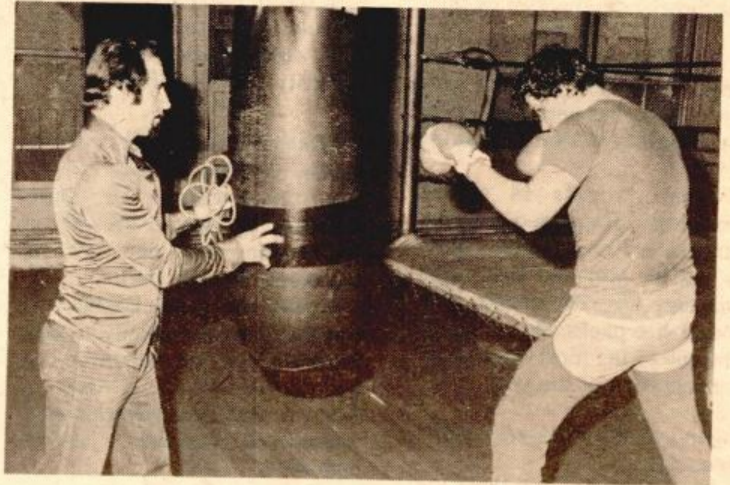
After the warm-ups, the boxer goes into the ring to spar with an imaginary contender. It's here that style is developed, where the boxer learns footwork. "Louie, snap it with the jab, not slopy. Step in. It's got to be a thrust," says DiVola peering through the ropes. The heavy bag and punching bag follows the ring work and jumping rope ends the routine — that is, until the next day — if the boxer wants to be a champ.

Training everyday is what DiVola encourages his boxers to do but sometimes their pockets

just aren't deep enough to find the money needed for a couple of hours of gym practice. DiVola wishes he could find a location for his club and the money to support it. It's a wish that keeps his club alive and moving ahead in

spite of the obstacles.

"How ya feel Louie? Shoulders a little tight? OK we'll loosen them up a little. Here, jump rope." And the training goes on....



DICK DIVOLA (l.) and Louie Renalli (r.) work on the making of a boxing champ at the New Garden Gym in North Station.

### C.Y.H.A. News

The schedule for the coming week is:

Mite II	Tuesday, February 26	8:00 p.m.
Squirt B II	Saturday, February 21	5:30 p.m.
Pee Wee A II	Sunday, February 22	11:40 a.m.
Bantam A I	Sunday, February 22	7:50 p.m.
Bantam B I	Friday, February 20	9:40 p.m.

### New England Boat Show Celebrates Silver Anniversary

The 25th annual New England Boat Show sponsored by the New England Marine Trades Association and produced by North American Expositions will be held at Commonwealth Pier Exhibition Hall February 21 through March 1. This silver anniversary edition has been completely sold out for months, and will introduce the very latest in power boats, sail boats, engines and marine electronics. Over 550 boats of every size and description will fill every inch of the 184,000 sq. ft. exhibition hall.

"A resurgence of retail ac-

tivity the latter part of the summer is an encouraging indicator that the Boating Industry is due for a banner year," according to Edward M. Flanagan, President of North American Expositions, producer of the show. "There are more big sailing boats with hull sizes from 8' to 42' in this year's show than at any time in the past," said Flanagan, noting that all of the boats, engines and accessories to be displayed are valued in excess of \$10 million dollars."

A score of 30 ft. plus power boats and sailing craft will be

majestically displayed as well as dozens of others in the big boat category.

Making its debut at the Pier will be the all new Tiara 31' Pursuit, the nation's newest and most glamorous sportfisherman. Powered by a pair of 350 hp crusaiders the luxurious \$65,000 four sleeper will be displayed by Russo's Marine along with the 30' Carver Aft Cabin which provides ample accommodations for seven persons for \$60,000. Factory exhibits from Performance, AMF, Sailboats, Grady White, Mako, Albin, Penn Van, Harris Flote Boat, and Cape Dory as well as Factory exhibits from OMC, Johnson, Evinrude, Mariner and Chrysler. Additionally there are all types of mid-sized cruisers and auxiliary sailboats, performance power boats, fishing and sports boats, one-designs and boats, catamarans and paddle boats, plus the latest marine propulsion engines products.

The modernized Commonwealth Pier Exhibition Hall is equipped with lounges and cafeteria and other facilities catering to families who will be attending the nine-day show. The exhibits themselves (boats, engines and accessories) would stretch out several miles if they were placed end to end, noted Flanagan.

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## Letters To The Editor

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### To Fight Lay-offs

To The Editor;

I filed an order in the City Council two weeks ago, and it was passed by a vote of 6-3. It had to deal with the lay-off of policemen and firefighters in this City. The order, in substance, was as follows: If one firefighter or policeman is laid off due to Proposition 2 1/2, the City Council will see that,

1. All the Little City Halls would be dropped from the budget.
2. Four deputy mayors would be dropped.
3. The rent for the Parkman House would be eliminated from the budget.
4. Four of the mayors' six cars would be excluded.
5. The public relations office led by Mr. George Regan would be reduced by \$300,000 - (this budget of \$380,000 is only to write press releases for the Mayor).
6. Twenty-three deputy commissioners would be dropped from the Boston City Hospital payroll.

When Doctor Manary was in charge of the Boston City Hospital there was 1200 beds and he ran it all alone. Now that we have 300 beds at the hospital and 900 beds have been lost since the retirement of Dr. Manary, they loaded 23 deputy commissioners

on the payroll. Day by day we are giving away the entire hospital.

As long as I am Chairman of the Public Safety Committee in this City Council, I can tell you now, that the frills and the "payroll Charlie's" of the Mayor will go off the payroll before any firefighters or policeman will go. We are short 747 policemen as it is now and 17 firefighters - and they want to layoff 700 police and 600 firefighters, NO WAY. The vote for my order was as follows: O'Neil, Langone, Tierney, Flynn, McDonough, Iannella. Voting against my order were the following - Sears, DiCara and Sansone. I hope the firefighters and the police will not forget who is against them and their families.

Albert L. "Dapper" O'Neil  
Boston City Councillor

### Thank You

February 17, 1981

Dear Mrs. Conway:

The family of the late Charles Salvo would like to take this opportunity to thank the doctors (especially Dr. Sweet) nurses and staff of the Bunker Hill Clinic for their kindness through his many, many months of illness.

The Salvo Family

### "Sounding Board"

The Mayor's Commission on the Handicapped today announced the Sounding Board, an informational telephone tape service for disabled individuals. Said Roger Cicchese, director of the commission, "This is the first cross-disability telephone information tape in the nation that we know of. There have been specific disability tapes done, but none of this magnitude." The tape will cover events, activities, job listings, medical news, travel and any information pertaining to disabilities.

The Sounding Board runs two minutes long and airs seven days a week. Monday through Friday, 5 p.m. to 9 a.m. and weekends, twenty-four hours a day. The phone number is 725-3696.

If there is anyone who would like to contribute information to the Sounding Board, please call or send the information to the Mayor's Commission on the Handicapped. 1981 has been designated by the United Nations

as the International Year of Disabled Persons.

### Irish Dinner Dance Tomorrow

The Annual Saint Francis de Sales Irish Dinner Dance takes place on Friday, March 20, 1981 at 8:00 p.m. in the Bishop Lawton Hall, 305 Bunker Hill Street. A delicious boiled dinner by Doyle and Caterer and lively music for your dancing and entertainment by the "Irish Revolution" will make for a delightful and fun filled evening. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased from Bobbi Delaney, The Committee, from the ushers at Mass, and at the rectory and school office.



## Bunker Hill: A National Treasure; A Neighborhood Training Ground

by Mayor Kevin H. White

Before taped dissertations of the history of Bunker Hill Monument were available to visitors, the young boys of Charlestown had a monopoly on the tourist trade.

For a small fee, an eager twelve year old would recite in great detail the history of the monument and its environs to any visitor who happened to show interest - and even some who didn't.

One of these boys, Robert Gillen, was later to write a thesis on the monument tradition during the course of his Naval officers' training. His story presents a picture of the tenacity and ingenuity of the youth of the neighborhood, and I would like to share some excerpts with all of you who had some part in passing on the history of the monument that has played such an important role in Charlestown life.

In earlier years, whole generations of Charlestown boys competed for a piece of the lucrative history business. Though the standard recitation of the monument's story was concise and fairly simple, attaining one's place in the privileged group of storytellers was a difficult task. Most boys had to undergo an arduous apprenticeship. They attempted to learn all the trick of the trade while not incurring the wrath of the older boys who had cornered the market before their arrival.

As the history itself was jealously guarded by the older boys and never committed to paper, a good eavesdropping technique was the key to success for a newcomer.

"There are only two approaches," writes Gillen, "that a youngster can take to eavesdrop successfully while the history is being recited. He might boldly place himself beside an older boy who is reciting the history. This leads to many an altercation. With a fast left and a strong right, he can sometimes overcome his first hurdle. This course of action is hazardous. Realizing after a series of bloody noses and blackened eyes that his fast left and strong right will not serve him in all cases, he soon comes about to a new tack."

That new tack might have involved "casually approaching" the tourist's car from the side opposite the older storyteller and asking the passengers if they would allow him to listen to the tale.

At the conclusion of the recitation, the newcomer then offered to repeat a passage of the visitor's choice - a service for which he was promptly tipped and then hotly pursued by the older boy who had just been deprived of part of his due.

"In most cases," Gillen notes, "He has too much of a head start to be chased, but occasionally, if he has aggravated the same orator too many times, a race follows that sometimes lasts for hours. In the Boston school track meets, Charlestown High School wins consistently."

After a series of run-ins with established "historians," a newcomer might have found himself lucky enough to be sponsored by one of

them. Under these circumstances, the youngster could earn tips "legitimately" by performing such tasks as scouting out approaching cars that contained prospective good tipsters.

Gradually, the apprentices gained enough confidence to risk outsmarting their sponsors on the matter of tips - lying about the amount in order to pocket a larger share.

A sponsor catching on to this ploy would warn the youngster of the dire consequences of his dishonesty. As the newcomers became more adept at their craft, however, such warnings went unheeded. Eventually, the sponsors would offer to set their proteges up as independent operators during the following summer if they vowed to play fair for the remainder of the season.

Being "Put up", as this promotion in the trade was called, was the greatest reward of all. The young boy was now accepted as a member of the professional "society," could keep all of his tips, and could expand his business dealings into the lucrative field of conducting private auto tours throughout the city.

Eventually however, the glamour of the history business would fade for most boys.

"As the boy reaches fifteen or sixteen," Gillen writes, "he begins to look down on history-telling as kid stuff. The experience he gained in the years at the monument will never leave him. Probably the most important thing about this experience is that the youngster has been working and earning money for himself and his family. If he is earning money for his new bike, he doesn't have time to get into trouble. Still, he receives his fair share of hard knocks - to learn the history, to be "Put up," to insure that he isn't badgered out of his share of out-of-state cars, is indeed a tough row to hoe."

Summers of history peddling in Charlestown were to prepare more than a few boys for distinguished careers in fields in which determination and daring were the keys to success.

Gillen notes that "Some of these boys, fully grown men now, hold jobs like Treasurer of the State Police, Custom Inspectors, Chief Postal Inspector, Judges, State Representatives and State Senators. One man, Dave Powers, was Special Assistant to the President of the United States."


But all young men who kept alive the great tradition, and even some who have only heard about it from their fathers, can surely understand Robert Gillen's conclusion:

"You can take the man out of Charlestown and away from Bunker Hill, but you can never take Charlestown out of the man, nor Bunker Hill from him." (By the way, Commander Robert Gillen retired last year from his post as Chief Commanding Officer of the USS Constitution.)

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# Charlestown Police Line

by Bob (Doug) Donahue District 15, Boston Police Department

**Sunday, February 8, 1981**  
About 3:39 p.m. Officers responded to the North Washington Street Bridge on the report of an auto accident. Upon arrival they spoke to a Somerville resident who stated that he was in a collision with a Revere resident who was conveyed to the M.G.H. and his car towed to Charlestown Tow. The Somerville man cared for his own car.  
About 8 p.m. Officers received a report from a Wakefield resident who stated two youths threw a rock and broke the rear window of his car.

**Monday, February 9, 1981**  
About 8 a.m. a Wakefield resident reported while driving through City Square the rear end of her car was struck by a rust colored car that failed to stop and make himself known. She did get the registration number which was turned over to Detective Ryan. This will be further investigated.  
About 8 a.m. a Charlestown

woman reported that person(s) unknown slashed three tires on her 1972 Chevy which was parked unattended (Real Heroes! this woman doesn't bother anyone, so why would anyone bother her?)

**Tuesday, February 10, 1981**  
About 4 a.m. the manager of the Boston Housing Authority reported that person(s) unknown broke into the boiler room by breaking the lock and shutting down the boiler system. No damage to the boiler was reported, but what about heat for the elderly and kids? Anyone that would do this is a real SICK-O and anyone with any information on this break-in please call me at 247-4230.

About 7 a.m. the manager of the Boston Housing Authority reported that some unknown person(s) broke twenty (20) panes of glass 6" x 6" located on the second floor office. How can 20 panes of glass be broken and not have anyone see or hear it?

**Wednesday, February 11, 1981**  
About 8 a.m. a Rutherford Avenue business man reported that some unknown person(s) removed an IBM Selectric typewriter from his place of business valued at \$1100.

About 8:30 a.m. a Roland Street business man reported that some unknown person(s) removed an I.B.M. Selectric typewriter from his place, valued at \$500.00

**Thursday, February 12, 1981**  
About 2:15 the assistant Headmaster of the Charlestown High School reported that some time between 2/5/81 & 2/6/81 person(s) unknown removed an electric typewriter valued at \$500.00.

About 6:25 p.m. Officers recovered a 1972 Ford in the Barry Playground. The ignition was popped, trunk popped rear tires flat, and transmission damaged. The vehicle was not reported stolen at that time. The

car was towed to the Charlestown Tow for safekeeping.

**Friday, February 13, 1981**  
About 1:40 p.m., Officers responded to a radio call to the rear of Old Landing Way on the report of kid's stripping a car. Upon arrival they found a 1977 Mercury with its wheels missing, trunk and ignition locks popped and not reported stolen at that time. The car was towed to Charlestown Tow for safekeeping.

About 10:15 p.m., a cab driver reported to Officers that after leaving off a fare he was approached by an unknown white male showing a gun. The driver stated, "I took off" (Good for him!)

**Saturday, February 14, 1981**  
From all the Officers here at District 15 we hope that all the Charlestown ladies and girls had a Happy Valentine Day.

About 10:10 p.m. Officers tagged and towed a car from Medford Street once again, parked on a hydrant.

Printed below is a letter I received this past week. Why don't we all read it and think before we park our cars:

In regards to illegally parked cars, give us senior citizens a break.

Everyday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Thompson Square to Sullivan Street the cars are doubled parked, sometimes tripled parked, parked in bus stops at hydrants and cross walks.

Especially at Green & Main Streets) at Computer City.

When are you Police Officers going to give us senior citizens a break so that we can walk and drive down the street without running into these problems?

Please help!  
**Note: we are now going to step up tagging in the above area's. (BEWARE!)**

## The City Scene

by J.J. Smith  
Buried in the sound of wailing and teeth-gnashing about a proposed casino bill for Massachusetts is one pertinent fact: The proposed casinos would be located in ultra-precise geographical locations — they could be operated only in the Berkshire town of Adams and the Plymouth town of Hull. Further, each is a small town of about 10,000 so logic compels that we're really talking about one casino in each town.  
Judging from the ever-rising crescendo of the opposition, it would appear that opponents have failed to study the fine print in the legislation nor considered what may be beneficial for these two towns. Quite aside from all the emotional arguments raised, there is an important point the opposition is trying to bury — the residents in both communities have voted in non-binding referendums in recent

years to approve casino gambling.  
Under terms of the proposed legislation, there would not be the strips of Las Vegas or the boardwalk of Atlantic City. The measure stipulates that no casino license would be granted unless it is operated in a complex that includes a 350-room hotel, a casino area of at least 10,000 square feet and a convention center. Neither Adams nor Hull could accommodate more than one of these.  
The issue of casino gambling has been with us for the past four years, and the battle this year looms as torrid, exciting and uncertain. This very uncertainty, in fact, is what has opponents so rattled — there is an unspoken concession that this time the bill is precisely articulated so that it

can be placed in two communities that want it with little likelihood that the undesirable elements cited so vividly will ever get a foothold.  
This very preciseness, which should sell the idea to the unbiased, now is downgraded as "deviousness" — whereas the true deviousness is provided by opponents who use as one of their arguments that the bill shouldn't be approved because legalizing casino gambling would turn over the state monopoly to the promoters, MGM Grand Hotels, Inc. This argument falls of its own weight — the so-called

"monopoly" would be or two specific casinos in two precise geographical areas. Would they have us believe they want open-ended availability of casino licenses anywhere?  
A great deal of hypocrisy is flowing from some of the "anti's" — the very same individuals who normally shout for "home rule" now want to ignore what Adams and Hull might choose to do within their borders and demand, instead, "regional approval." We don't question the fact that regional approval has worked out well for almost half a century in the licensing of horse

and dog tracks but the casino situation is entirely different. If the voters of Adams and Hull reaffirm their desire for a limited casino operation, why should their wealthier community "cousins" elsewhere in the state be able to deny them?  
Adams and Hull, like the state's other municipalities, are victims of Proposition 2 1/2 — the mandate under which voters chopped property taxes to 2.5 percent of their fair market value. This means a cut in revenues, and Governor Edward

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## Park Service Saves Historic Navy Yard Wall

Since 1825, the boundaries of the Charlestown Navy Yard have been marked by a high granite wall protecting US Navy ships and buildings within the Yard. Today, the Navy Yard is a national historic site administered by the National Park Service. The boundary wall is integral to the historic scene that includes 19th century buildings, structures, and landscaping. The construction of the Chelsea and Water Streets Connector across a corner of the Navy Yard necessitates the relocation of part of the boundary wall.

This granite wall has special significance to 19th century Boston as it was designed by Alexander Parris, one of Boston's most celebrated

architects. Parris combined the graceful lines of popular Greek Revival architecture with the permanence promised by granite construction. By 1820, several prominent Boston institutions were housed in Parris designed buildings. His Quincy Market, completed in 1825 is among Boston's most recognized landmarks. In 1824, the Navy offered Parris the position of Construction Engineer at the Navy Yard. For the next twenty years, he designed a variety of structures including a ropewalk for the Navy to manufacture their own cordage. His first work was the completion of the Navy Yard boundary wall.

The Navy had hired Parris to design their industrial use buildings in the classical

vocabulary of Greek Revival. But first the Yard's vulnerability to trespassers and vandals had to be eliminated. A "substantial wall" was needed, not only to prevent mischief from the outside, but to discourage desertions from within the ranks. Despite suggestions that the wall be built of brick to match the Yard buildings, the Navy specified a granite wall. A stone boundary wall emphasized the image of invulnerability and strength; an image commensurate with the Navy Yard's growth from simple shipyard to complex military installation. Later alterations made to the wall reflected change or development within the Yard. Gates in the wall were created or closed at the whim of 19th century commandants. In

the years prior to World War II, increased security requirements dictated restricted access to the Yard. The granite wall played a critical role in this security effort. Protection for Charlestown Navy Yard continues to this day. Federal legislation assures the former Navy structures protection as cultural resources administered by the National Park Service.

With the building of the Mystic River Bridge in 1950, Chelsea and Water Street roadways were interrupted, creating traffic problems that have inconvenienced Charlestown residents and commercial interests alike. The planned connection of Chelsea and Water Streets can be

accomplished with the use of National Park Service Lands by relocating a portion of the boundary wall. The National Park Service responding to these local concerns has agreed to accommodate the Chelsea and Water Streets Connector.

In the spring of 1981, the National Park Service will cooperate with the Federal Highway Administration and the Massachusetts Department of Public Works in the work of connecting Chelsea and Water Streets in Charlestown. The Chelsea Water Streets Connector will cross the northwest section of the historic Charlestown Navy Yard, part of the Boston National Historic Park.

## The City Scene

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J. King's budget almost totally ignores the plight of the municipalities, including Adams and Hull.

The two communities Adams and Hull are victims of changing eras and changing times. Each is in tough straits. Each needs help...now! And, if in their collective wisdom, they signal the approval of a casino operation within their borders why should the Legislature, the governor or their neighboring communities stop them?

Comparison of these two tiny townships with Atlantic City blight and crime is sabre-rattling scare tactics, pure and simple. What will result is an economic jackpot and talk of soaring

crime, corruption, prostitution, pollution, etc. is grossly exaggerated. This simply won't wash in the type operations envisioned.

It's already in the cards that New York or some other neighboring state will okay legalized gambling within the next five years, and with that availability it's inevitable that Bay Staters will flock there to spend their money. They're already going in droves to Atlantic City, a place considerably removed from our borders.

The bottom line is that both Adams and Hull wants it, and the townships and Commonwealth stand to earn \$25-million from direct tax revenues. That ain't

peanuts, especially in this era of Proposition 2 1/2

(J. J. Smith's comments appear in 62 Massachusetts newspapers)

### Annual Dinner

Daughters of Isabella Annual Corned beef dinner will be held on Saturday, March 7, at 7 p.m. at the K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street. Music and dancing will follow. Donation is \$11.50. Drawings for a 19 inch television, radio, and cash will be held on this same evening. There are still some tickets available. Call Gladys Gauthier, Chairman at 241-8591 after 3 p.m. or call Mary Callahan at 396-6490 for tickets.

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Beginning Sunday, March 8, until Thursday, March 12, at 7:30 p.m.

SPEAKERS:

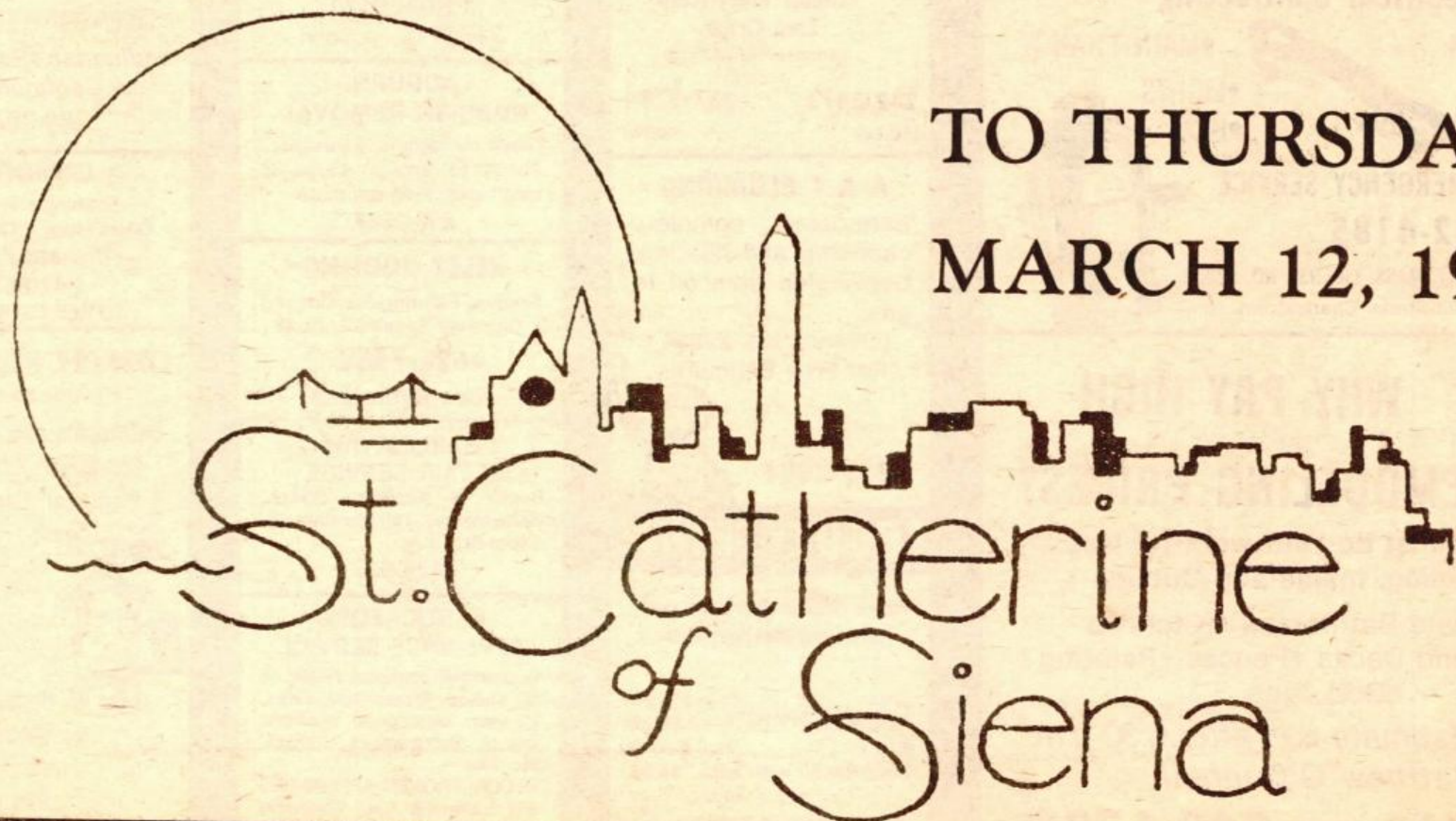
Most Rev. Bishop John D'Arcy, Auxiliary Bishop of Boston  
Rev. Arthur Calter, Pastor St. Augustines Parish, South Boston  
Rev. Francis McFarland, widely-known and loved "Television Priest",  
Director of the Boston Catholic Television Center

————— We invite everyone: —————

Mother and Fathers; Singles and Spliced; Kids and Grown-ups; Sinners and Saints;  
"The-Church-will-fall-in-ers" and the "Holier-Than-Thous"; "The-Not-for-me's"; the Praise-the-Lord!-ers";  
the "One-foot-in-hell-ers"; and the "One-foot-in-heaven-ers".

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TO THURSDAY,  
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