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Bunker Hill Day Parade Committee Seeks Community Support

The Bunker Hill Day Parade/Commemorative Committee is making expanded plans for this year's gala celebration.

This year, 1997, marks not only the 222nd anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill, but also both the 200th birthday of the commissioning of *USS Constitution* and the centennial of Charlestown being the homeport to "Old Ironsides."

The committee has voted to dedicate the June 15,

1997 Bunker Hill Day Parade and Celebration, which commemorates the Battle of Bunker Hill, in honor of *USS Constitution's* 200th anniversary as Charlestown's kick-off to the celebration of Old Ironsides' Bicentennial.

The committee is seeking the financial support of the whole community - residents, businesses, political leaders and local organizations - for the expanded Bunker Hill Day celebration.

The highlight of the celebration will be the Bunker Hill Day Parade, which will be held on Sunday, June 15, commencing at 12:30 p.m. from the Hayes Square area of the town.

Leading the parade through the streets of Charlestown will be Commander Michael C. Beck, USN, commanding officer of *USS Constitution*.

The committee is hoping to double the size of the parade this year, finances permitting, making it the largest and most outstanding parade in the Greater Boston area.

In past years, the city of Boston has only contributed \$9,000 toward

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Delegates Elected To Represent Ward 2 At Democratic Convention In June



SIX FEMALE DELEGATES and two alternates were elected on March 8 to represent Ward 2, Charlestown at the Democratic Convention to be held in June in Salem. In what was probably the shortest caucus in recorded history, Chairperson Donna Henderson-O'Brien gavelled the caucus to order, read the necessary legal documents, accepted nominations and called for a vote for the delegates and alternates - all within 10 minutes. Shown seated (l. to r.) are Henderson-O'Brien, chairperson of the caucus; and delegates Mary MacInnes and Nancy Keyes. Standing (l. to r.) are delegates Edna Kelly, Kelli Gillen, Amy Chardavoyne, Dorothy Conway and Sheila Brown; and alternates Suzanne Roche and Gloria Conway.



SIX MALE DELEGATES and two alternates were elected at Saturday's Democratic Caucus to represent Charlestown at June's Democratic Convention. Shown seated (l. to r.) are delegates Bill McCabe, Peter Looney and Doug MacDonald. Standing (l. to r.) are delegates Jim Mansfield, Tom Cunha and Ed Callahan; and alternates John Iacoi and Kevin Roche.

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8 to midnight & a Light Buffet

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of 10, call Florence Johnson at 241-8131,
Maryhelen Whelan at 242-1604 or
Kathy Walsh at 289-0445



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SERVICES FOR CHARLESTOWN RESIDENTS

Thursdays

• **9 to 10:30 a.m.** - J.F. Kennedy Center's Goal Setting Group-Options Program, 55 Bunker Hill St. For more information, call Linda Hudson at 241-8866

• **10:30 a.m. to noon** - Women's Recovery Group session, Kennedy Center, Old Kent School, 23A Moulton St.

Fridays

• **7:30 p.m.** - Al-Anon meeting with help for families and friends of alcoholics, off lobby, Armed Services YMCA, 150 Second Ave., Charlestown Navy Yard

First and Third Sundays

• **6:30 p.m.** - CHARlestown After Murder Program (CHAMP) meeting, St. Catherine's Rectory, 49 Vine St. All are welcome

Mondays

• **2 to 5 p.m.** - Mayor's Office Hours with Judy Evers, regional coordinator, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St. **Note: There will not be office hours on March 17.**

• **5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** - Nicotine Anonymous support group meeting, Armed Services YMCA, 150 Second Ave., Charlestown Navy Yard

• **7 p.m.** - Narcotics Anonymous beginners meeting, 55 Bunker Hill St.

Mondays And Fridays

• **9 to 11 a.m.** - Charlestown Ecumenical Food Pantry open, Memorial Hall, 14 Green St.

Tuesdays

• **8 p.m.** - Al-Anon meeting with help for families and friends of alcoholics, Mary Colbert Apartments (side entrance), 20 Devens St.

Wednesdays

• **5 to 7 p.m.** - Charlestown Ecumenical Food Pantry open, Memorial Hall, 14 Green St.

• **7 p.m.** - Co-Dependents Anonymous (CODA) meeting, Bunker Hill Health Center, 73 High St.

CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

this week at a glance

Thursday, March 13

• **3:30 p.m.** - Creative dramatics, improvisation and imaginative games - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• **5 p.m.** - CHARlestown Against Drugs (CHAD) meeting - Kennedy Center, 27 Winthrop St.

• **7 p.m.** - Adult Book Discussion Group featuring "Regeneration" by Pat Barker - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Friday, March 14

• **10 a.m.** - Adult Discussion Group and Preschool Story Hour - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• **6:30 to 8 p.m.** - Charlestown Little League Registration - MDC Skating Rink, Union Street

• **7 p.m. to midnight** - Annual St. Patrick's Day Dance, sponsored by the Bunker Hill Irish Heritage Society - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Saturday, March 15

• **9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** - Charlestown Little League Registration - MDC Skating Rink, Union Street

• **noon to 3 p.m.** - 11th Annual St. Patrick's Day Party for Charlestown Senior Citizens, sponsored by The Flatley Co. - The Schrafft Center, Sullivan Square

• **1 to 5 p.m.** - Just The Facts Day, sponsored by CHARlestown Against Drugs (CHAD) - Charlestown Boys & Girls Club, 15 Green St.

Sunday, March 16

• **3:30 p.m.** - Community Hymn Sing led by Ben Sears - First Church in Charlestown, Green Street

Monday, March 17

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

• **7:30 p.m.** - Daughters of Isabella No. 1 meeting - K. of C. Main Hall, 75 West School St.

• **7:30 p.m.** - Charlestown Preser-

vation Society Design Review Committee meeting - Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

Tuesday, March 18

• **10 to 11 a.m.** - Rep. Eugene O'Flaherty Office Hours - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• **10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.** - Children's Films - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• **8 p.m.** - Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion monthly meeting - Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

Wednesday, March 19

• **6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** - Income tax preparation by volunteers from Community Tax Aid - Charlestown Community Center, 255 Medford St. (call 635-5169 for income guidelines)

• **7 p.m.** - Learn what makes a tea an "English Breakfast" or an "Irish Breakfast" - Artisan Cafe, Bunker Hill Mall

upcoming events

Thursday, March 20

• **3:30 p.m.** - Creative dramatics, improvisation and imaginative games - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• **7 p.m.** - Second Annual Spelling Bee - Clarence R. Edwards Middle School, 28 Walker St.

Friday, March 21

• **10 a.m.** - Adult Discussion Group and Preschool Story Hour - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• **10:30 to 11:30 a.m.** - Blood Pressure Screening for Senior Citizens - Golden Age Center, 382 Main St.

• **8 p.m.** - Charlestown Mayor Election Night, sponsored by the Charlestown-To-Charlestown Committee - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Monday, March 24

• **7 p.m.** - Adult English as a Se-

cond Language Conversation - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Tuesday, March 25

• **10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.** - Children's Films - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• **11 a.m. to 1 p.m.** - Boston Water & Sewer Commission Community Service Representative - Golden Age Center, 392 Main St.

• **7 p.m.** - Charlestown Neighborhood Council Basic Services Committee meeting on transfer of liquor license on Pier 6 in Navy Yard - Preble Room, Building 5, Charlestown Navy Yard

• **7 p.m.** - Presentation by John McManus, president of the John Birch Society - Hull Room, Building 5, Charlestown Navy Yard

Wednesday, March 26

• **11 a.m.** - Toddler Storytime, sto-

ries and songs for children 2-years-old accompanied by an adult - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• **noon** - Meet the Women of the U.S. Navy - USS Constitution Museum, Figgie Theatre, Charlestown Navy Yard

• **3 p.m.** - Court St. Jude #1123, C.D.A. meeting - Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

• **5 to 6 p.m.** - Rep. Eugene O'Flaherty Office Hours - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• **6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** - Income tax preparation by volunteers from Community Tax Aid - Charlestown Community Center, 255 Medford St. (call 635-5169 for income guidelines)

• **7 p.m.** - Tasting Course on the Teas of China, Part I - Artisan Cafe, Bunker Hill Mall

plan ahead

Saturday, April 5

• **9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** - Flea Market, sponsored by the Charlestown Lions Club - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St. (rent-a-table \$15, 242-2063)

• **noon** - Meat Raffle to benefit Camp Bunker Hill - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

• **6:30 p.m.** - Lt. Michael P. Quinn, USMC Scholarship Dinner - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Sunday, April 6

• **9 a.m.** - Annual Firefighters Mass and Communion Breakfast - St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

Saturday, April 12

• **7 p.m.** - Charlestown Community Appreciation Awards Banquet - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Sunday, April 13

• **10 a.m.** - Spring Extravaganza to benefit St. Francis de Sales Parish - Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

Saturday, April 19

• **12:30 p.m.** - American Gold Star Mothers Department of Massachusetts Convention Luncheon, honoring Department President Florence Johnson - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Friday, May 2

• **7 p.m.** - Old Charlestown Schoolgirls Reunion - Holiday Inn, 30 Washington St., Somerville

Saturday, May 3

• **7 p.m.** - Annual Banquet of the Daughters of Isabella #1 - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Thursday, May 8

• **6 p.m.** - Old Charlestown Schoolboys Reunion - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Saturday, May 10

• **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** - Bunker Hill Antiques Market, sponsored by the Charlestown Preservation Society - grounds of Bunker Hill Community College, 250 New Rutherford Ave.

Saturday, June 14

• **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** - Charlestown Garden Tour, sponsored by Community Gardens - beginning at the Community Garden, corner of Main and Bunker Hill streets

BUNKER HILL DAY CELEBRATION PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

Friday, June 13

• **7:30 p.m.** - Chief Marshal's Banquet - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Saturday, June 14

• **morning** - USS Constitution Turnaround Cruise for Charlestown residents

• **10 a.m.** - Bunker Hill Day Doll Carriage Parade - Training Field

• **5 p.m.** - Mummies Band Concert - Bunker Hill Monument grounds

Sunday, June 15

• **12:30 p.m.** - Bunker Hill Day Parade - through the streets of Charlestown

Monday, June 16

• **7 p.m.** - Concert, Laser Show & Fireworks - Charlestown Navy Yard

Tuesday, June 17

• **9 a.m.** - Bunker Hill Day Ecumenical Service - St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St., followed by a procession to the Bunker Hill Monument grounds for the commemorative exercises



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Keane, Edwards Middle School Host Second Annual Charlestown Community Spelling Bee

Businesses, schools and community organizations are invited to participate in the second annual Charlestown Community Spelling Bee. Sponsored by Keane Inc., Charlestown's Clarence R. Edwards Middle School and Citizens Bank/Charlestown Branch, the Bee will be held on Thursday, March 20 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the school's auditorium, 28 Walker St.

Community businesses and organizations can participate by sponsoring spelling bee teams or providing

volunteers or donations. Thirty teams, each comprised of four individuals, are needed. The team entry fee is \$250, and each team will receive a study packet, including the official Spelling Bee Word Book, rules and general information and an official Bee T-shirt. Team registrations will be taken until March 18.

Maura Doyle, clerk to the Supreme Court of Suffolk County, will serve as Pronouncer at the adult spelling bee. Judges will be

Robert Gittens, president of the Boston School Committee; Diane Modica, Boston City Councillor; Bob O'Neill; Michelle McAfee; and Marilse Rodriguez. Peter Looney, president of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council, will be the official timekeeper.

The spelling bee will benefit the school's Rising Stars program. Now in its third successful year, the program provides structured after school tutorial, recreational, drug and violence prevention programs

and motivational and self-esteem counseling to students.

"Last year we raised over \$5,000 for the Rising Stars program, and we're hoping to do even better this year," said Charles McAfee, principal of the Edwards Middle School. "This is a fun, educational event that brings local organizations together to benefit an important program."

Spelling bee teams include the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club; Bunker Hill Community College; Charlestown High School; Citizens Bank; CPS Direct Inc.; Friends of City Square Park; Fortune Fundraising; Edwards Middle School; Harvard University Graduate School of Education; Keane; Massport; Security First Group; Boston University Graduate Students; Law Offices of Steve Scalli and Paul Foster; and last year's winner, Mass. Federal Credit Union.

For more information or to enter a spelling bee team, contact either Marilyn Votaw at Keane at 241-9200, ext. 1347; or Maureen McGoldrick at the Edwards School at 635-7970.

THE REAL ESTATE WEEKLY



Carolyn Sideman, Monument Properties

SELECTING A REALTOR

When you've decided that it's time to buy a new home, finding a Realtor to help with your search is an important first step. Many advice books say start with the car. The bigger the car, the better the agent! While you're going to be spending a considerable amount of time in the agent's car, it's important to be comfortable with the person as well as his or her automobile.

Look for an agent who is willing to listen when you explain what you're looking for, and who knows the market well enough to find it for you within a reasonable time frame. Knowledge, professionalism and experience are all important, but a smart aggressive rookie agent may be in a position to provide service quality that rivals that of an industry veteran. If you don't know of any Realtors, ask friends for referrals. Word of mouth advertising is the best kind for any real estate professional.

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It Was A 'St. Patrick's Day Warmup' At McGann's Pub



AN EARLY "wearing of the green" took place recently at McGann's Pub on Portland Street, near North Station. The Irish among us (and those who wish they were) gathered for an afternoon of music and laughter with proceeds going to the preparation of the upcoming Charlestown Historical Society Bunker Hill Museum's Irish Exhibit. Shown (l. to r.) state Rep. Gene O'Flaherty; Charlestown Historical Society President Arthur Hurley; Irish Exhibit Committee member Jim Walsh; and none other than Patrick McClellan on the bagpipes.

Old Charlestown Schoolboys To Hold 84th Reunion

The Old Charlestown Schoolboys Association will hold its 84th reunion on Thursday, May 8 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 75 West School St., Charlestown.

Applications for membership in the association are available by writing to Ronan FitzPatrick, P.O. Box 375, Charlestown, Mass. 02129. Prospective members must have attended school in Charlestown prior to 1950.

The Schoolboys are offering two \$1,000

scholarships this year, the Old Schoolboys Scholarship and the Old Schoolboys Palledoes Athletic Scholarship. Applications may be obtained at The Charlestown Patriot, Charlestown High School, or the Boys & Girls Club Teen Center. Applications for the scholarships must be returned by April 19 at one of the above locations.

If you would like more information, call 242-5493.

Happy St. Patrick's Day



**SENATOR
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Charlestown Against Drugs

JUST THE FACTS DAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 15, 1997

1 to 5 pm

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Lenten Services

The Mass schedule during Lent is Monday through Saturday morning at 7:30 a.m. in the Chapel. The Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in the church every Friday evening at 7 p.m.

Hungry Sunday

This weekend, March 15 and 16, is "Hungry Sunday" weekend in the parish. You are asked to bring to Mass one can of non-perishable food such as soups, vegetables, meat products and fruit for the Charlestown Ecumenical Food Pantry.

Novena of Grace

Father Patrick Healy, O.M.I., a native of Charlestown, will conduct a Novena of Grace Devotions and a

Special Lenten Mass at St. Francis de Sales Church from Monday, March 17 through Thursday, March 20 at 7 p.m. All are invited.

Firefighters Mass & Communion Breakfast

The annual Firefighters Mass and Communion Breakfast will be held at 9 a.m. on Sunday, April 6 at St. Francis de Sales Church. Father Patrick Healy, O.M.I., will be the Homilist at the Mass. The breakfast will be served after the Mass in the Bishop Lawton Hall. Tickets are \$8 for the sit-down breakfast catered by Dominic's Union Caterers, and are available from the ushers at Mass and at the rectory. This is an opportunity for all to say thank you to firefighters for all that they do.

Everyone is welcome.

Spring Extravaganza

The Parish of St. Francis de Sales is sponsoring a Spring Extravaganza on Sunday, April 13 at 10 a.m. in the Bishop Lawton Hall. The Extravaganza Raffle will consist of 25 beautiful, expensive prizes, such as a two-day/one-night trip for two to the Irish Village, a two-day/one night trip for two to the Foxwoods Resort Hotel, a crystal lamp, scratch tickets, a \$200 tuition voucher to Charlestown Catholic, any catholic school or \$200 in cash, a Mobil GO Card, etc.

Tickets are \$1 for a chance on the 25 magnificent prizes and are available from Guild members, the ushers at Mass and at the rectory.

Girls Scouts Celebrate 85 Years!

March 12 marked the 85th Anniversary of the Girl Scouting, the world's largest voluntary organization for girls. To commemorate this landmark event, the Girl Scouts across the nation are searching for former Girls Scouts.

Patriots' Trail Council, covering 65 cities and towns in the greater Boston area, encourages alumni to reconnect with Girl Scouts and participate in this extraordinary opportunity to relive wonderful memories, learn about the

exciting and contemporary Girl Scout programs, and pledge to serve as positive role models and help girls usher in the year 2000.

Although the past eight decades have changed the social landscape of America, the Girl Scouts remains as viable today as it was in 1912. In the 1990s, Girl Scouts have been proud to introduce such groundbreaking programs as G.A.M.E.S. (Girls Athletics Make Excellent Sense), a sports initiative aimed at nurturing the dreams of girls pursuing


athletic careers; the Girl Scout Computer Clubhouse, offering girls access to a computer lab full of the latest hardware and software; Girl Scouts Beyond Bars, for girls whose mothers are incarcerated; and several non-traditional programs such as Girl Scouting in the School Day and Learning Circles, a mentoring program focusing on critical issues facing today's girls.

As the millennium approaches, Girl Scouting is poised to help today's girls become tomorrow's leaders. According to a landmark, Girl Scouts of the USA survey, conducted by Louis Harris and Associates, 473 women included in *Who's Who in American Women* (64 percent) said they were Girl Scouts as

girls. Almost unanimously, these women reported that Girl Scouting was a positive experience.


To date, Girl Scouting has touched the lives of more than 50 million members, who have become leaders in the fields of medicine, law, journalism, education, politics, finance, science and countless others. And today, girls believe that the next President of the United States will be a Girl Scout.

Help the Girls Scouts make girls' dreams come true. Now is the time for women to give something back to the next generation of leaders. Call 1-800-882-1662 for more information on how you can reconnect with Girl Scouting and make a positive difference in the life of a girl.



Happy 11th Birthday on March 17th To "Our Little Sweetie, CAITLIN"


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Happy Birthday To Three Great Kids!


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THANK YOU, GOD
Say nine Hail Marys for nine days and ask for three wishes. First business, second and third is for the impossible. Have this published on the ninth day and your wishes will come true even though you may not believe in it. Marilyn




Happy Birthday To My Sons BILLY McCrARY (3-1-89) & BRAD McCrARY (3-21-93)

I love you both very much,
I miss you both so much!
Hugs & Kisses... Love, Mommy
xo xo xo xo



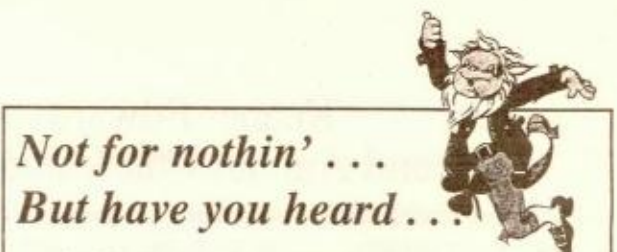
Happy 1st Birthday BRENDAN PATRICK LOONEY on March 19th!

We Love You... Nana & Dado



Happy 1st Birthday BRENDAN PATRICK LOONEY on March 19th!

Love & Kisses... Your Godmother, Auntie Michelle



Not for nothin'... But have you heard...

♣ **It's Party Time This Weekend...** as the Bunker Hill Irish Heritage Society holds its annual St. Patrick's Day Dance tomorrow night, Friday, March 14th at the K. of C. Hall from 8 p.m. to midnight... Spend a fun evening with friends, dance to the music of Eric Johnson, and enjoy a light buffet for only \$5... Tickets will be sold at the door... and on Saturday, March 15th, Thomas Flatley will again host his annual St. Patrick's Day corned beef and cabbage dinner for Charlestown Seniors at the Schrafft Center from noon to 3 p.m.

♣ **A Few St. Patrick's Week Birthdays...** are being celebrated in town... today, March 13th, is the day shared by Joey Burke and Arthur Hurley... March 14th is the big day for Kaitlin Millerick, who turns 11, and Ralph Rizzo... Christine Boyle shares her March 15th birthday with Peachie Marsden, Alison Cunha and Kathleen O'Hearn... Bernie Evers and Janet McCarthy will party hearty on March 16th... and Caitlin Greco will kick up her heels on her special day, March 17th... Happy birthday, everyone!

♣ **Happy Belated Birthday Greetings...** to Esther Doherty of Bunker Hill Street, who celebrated her big day on March 10th... Hope it was a happy one!

♣ **Happy Anniversary...** to Bill and Margie Turner who will celebrate 45 years of wedded bliss on March 15th... May you have many more!

♣ **Get Well Wishes...** go out to Louise Fama, who is recuperating at the Spaulding... We're sure she'd like a card or two... Mail them to her at the Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, 125 Nashua St., Boston, Mass. 02114.

♣ **Charlestown Against Drugs...** CHAD will sponsor a "Just The Facts Day" for kids ages 6 to 12 on Saturday, March 15th from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club... Informational workshops will include Health and Fitness, Drugs & Alcohol, Tobacco, Nutrition, Self-esteem and much more... There will be refreshments, raffles and prizes... Everyone is welcome!

♣ **Hungry Sunday Weekend...** will be held again this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, March 15th and 16th at St. Francis de Sales Church. You are requested to bring to Mass a can of non-perishable food for the Charlestown Food Pantry... Here, where those in need of food can receive what they need... Give a helping hand to those in need.

♣ **Just A Reminder...** The deadline for submitting nominations for the annual Community Service Awards is tomorrow, Friday, March 14th... Don't let your hero go without much-deserved honors... Whether it be a young person, a senior citizen, a public servant, an organization, a business, a new resident or truly an unsung hero, put the scoop on your nominee in letter form and drop it off to the committee at P.O. Box 397, Charlestown, Mass. 02129 by 5 p.m. on Friday, March 14th. The awards dinner is on April 12th.

♣ **Ford Hall Forum...** Former New York City Police Commissioner, William Bratton, will address the Ford Hall Forum today, Thursday, March 13th in a program titled, "Community Policing: Making America's Cities Livable Again." The program, which will take place at Faneuil Hall at 7 p.m., is free and open to the public and will include a question and answer period.

♣ **Newton North High School...** The Class of 1986 is hosting an 11th year reunion for all former classmates in July. For more information, call Annette Bonadillo at 894-7297.

♣ **The Legend Of The Shamrock...** Long ago, when Ireland was the land of pagan Druids, there was a great Bishop, whom we know as St. Patrick. He came to teach the word of God throughout the country. This great Saint was well loved everywhere he went. One day, a group of his followers came to Patrick and admitted that it was difficult for them to believe in the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. St. Patrick reflected a moment and then, bending down, picked a shamrock which he held before them. He instructed them to look upon the living example of the "Three-In-One." The simple beauty of his explanation convinced the skeptics, and from that day the shamrock has been revered throughout Ireland.

Happy St. Patrick's Day!



around the town

★ **Community Office Hours** . . . Judy Evers, regional coordinator from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, will not be holding office hours on Monday, March 17 due to the St. Patrick's Day holiday. Office hours will resume on Monday, March 24 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

★ **Neighborhood Council Meetings** . . .
Basic Services Committee -

Transfer Of Pier 6 Liquor License
Chairman Bill Galvin has announced that a Basic Services Committee meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25 in the Preble Room, Building 5, Charlestown Navy Yard. On the agenda will be the proposed transfer of the liquor license from the Tavern on the Water to the Navy Yard Bar and Grill, located on Pier 6 in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

Monthly Meeting

The next monthly meeting of the Neighborhood Council, chaired by Peter Looney, will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 1 at the K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

All CNC meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

★ **Charlestown Against Drugs** . . . Charlestown Against Drugs (CHAD) will meet at 5:30 p.m. tonight, Thursday, March 13 at the Kennedy Center, 27 Winthrop St.

All interested persons are welcome.

★ **St. Patrick's Day Celebration At City Hall** . . . Mayor Thomas M. Menino will host the 4th annual St. Patrick's Day celebration in the lobby of Boston's City Hall on Saturday, March 15, from noon to 4 p.m.

Menino will fill the lobby with activities and entertainment for all. This year one of Boston's favorite traditional popular Irish groups, Curragh's Fancy, will perform along with the Damhsa Step and Green O'Leary Step Dancers. Children's activities include face painting, balloon sculpting and special appearances by various

costume characters.

Food will be provided by the Kells of Brighton. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call the Mayor's Office of Special Events & Tourism at 635-3911.

★ **St. Patrick's Day Parade** . . . Tom Clifford of Hyde Park is producing the St. Patrick's Day Parade live from South Boston on Sunday, March 16 on BNN-TV Cable Channel 3, starting with Irish programming at noon. The cameras and crew will be located at 658 East Broadway.

Hosting the event will be Brian Wallace, Tom Cummings and Governor's Councillor Kelly Timilty.

★ **Design Review Committee** . . . The Charlestown Preservation Society Design Review Committee will meet from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Monday, March 17 at the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

Homeowners with design issues may contact Ron Swenson at 242-9213 to be added to the agenda.

★ **American Legion Meeting** . . . Bunker Hill Post No. 26, The American Legion will hold its monthly meeting at **8 p.m. (note change in day and time) on Tuesday, March 18** at the Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

★ **Board Of Appeal Hearings** . . . Petitions will be brought before the city of Boston Board of Appeal at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 18 in Room 801 at Boston City Hall:

• Frederick Roberts (by JP's Pizza, Sub & Pasta) is seeking to change the legal occupancy of 219-225 Bunker Hill St. from dental office and shoe repair to dental office, shoe repair and restaurant, including take-out food. (BZC-18654)

• Nancy Lee Monaco is seeking to erect a one-family dwelling at 37 Parker St. (BZC-18661)

• William Evers is seeking to change the legal occupancy of 24R St. Martin St. from a one-family to a two-family dwelling, installing a basement apartment. (BZC-18747)

Persons with questions or concerns may call the board at 635-4775.

★ **Camp Bunker Hill** . . . is accepting applications for its summer 1997 season. The camp serves children ages 5 to 14 with behavioral and learning disabilities. Campers enjoy such activities as swimming, hiking, rowing, climbing ropes courses, fishing, arts and crafts, games, computer activities and academic enrichment. The camp is directed by Dr. Michael Cauley and Dr. Scott McLeod of the MGH Charlestown HealthCare Center and supervised by a dedicated and caring team of counselors. Don't miss this great opportunity for your children to have a wonderful summer experience! For more information and application materials, please call 724-8241. The application deadline is April 4.

★ **Citizens Police Academy** . . . The Boston Police Department is looking for a few good men and women to attend the Citizens Police Academy. Classes start on April 1 and are held at Area A-1, 40 New Sudbury St. The classes meet for nine weeks on Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Please call Sgt. Tom Lema at the Area A Community Service Office, 343-4627.

★ **The Boston Police Department, Area A-1** . . . is pleased to announce the awarding of two grants for the Clarence R. Edwards Middle School and Charlestown Against Drugs (CHAD). These grants culminate a year-long strategic planning process with the department and residents of

the Charlestown community to identify and address community problems.

The Clarence R. Edwards Middle School grant is to work to address the problems of truancy. Also, an additional component of this grant is to focus upon drug education/prevention. Maureen McGoldrick is the contact person at the Edwards School.


The Charlestown Against Drugs program will be coordinated by Peter Looney. This program will provide components of peer leadership, athletic activities, a women's recovery program and alcohol/drug education.

It should be noted that during the last year, the Boston Police Department and members of the community have worked in a strategic planning process in a collaborative manner to address issues, concerns and problems in the community. The grants are a direct result of this planning.

★ **Frog Pond Season Wraps Up Monday** . . . The 1997 Boston Common Frog Pond Skating season glides to a close on Evacuation Day, Monday, March 17. In celebration of the holiday, the Monday skating hours have been extended from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.,

"Tens of thousands of people have joined us since the Frog Pond opened," Mayor Thomas M. Menino said. "These residents and visitors have made the renovated Frog Pond a resounding success."

Additional construction will continue over the next two months to prepare the Frog Pond for four-season use.



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Massport To Consider Charlestown For Auto And Bulk Cargo Port

by Lynn Peters

The Massport Board of Directors voted Feb. 27 to authorize the negotiation of a lease for the Moran Terminal to accommodate an auto port. At a Feb. 24 community meeting at Bishop Lawton Hall, Massport representatives were also on hand to present Charlestown as a possible site for bulk cargo and to update abutters on the status of the Revere Sugar Refinery demolition.

Committee members, such as Jim Conway, expressed dissatisfaction with Massport's community process, having read about a Charlestown auto port in a Boston Herald article. The

auto port could involve a 10-year lease of a joint-tenant venture and constructing a facility at the Moran Terminal that would include a car wash, indoor and outdoor parking lots, haul-away terminals for car carriers and customized dock facilities for car-handling ships.

While Massport Community Liaison Dorothy Steele said that the board's vote will only be a "generic and tentative plan on what could happen at the site," Conway stated that the board's vote "gives the OK to negotiations without public process."

Chappie Street resident and City Councillor Diane

Modica's office representative Amy Chardavoyne noted the importance of adequate community input.

"The community wants the appropriate amount of time to give their comments," she said, "not a call at the 11th hour."

With possible fall tenancy, a community meeting focusing on Massport's plans for Moran Terminal is expected in the near future to allow for discussions and negotiations with residents.

Tim Farrell, Massport Deputy Director of Leasing and Asset Management, explained Boston's updated needs for the marine cargo industry, mainly

that Charlestown would serve as the waterfront access for materials such as salt, gravel and lumber as early as this summer. Truck traffic would be routed along a roadway connection between Somerville Lumber's site and Moran Terminal in order to keep trucks off of Medford Street.

Committee member Bill Galvin called for a buffer zone between Charlestown and waterfront storage and stated that he would support a movement to put the Charlestown Neighborhood Council as a lease signatory that could impose monetary penalties for infractions by the tenants. Fees, Galvin said, for trucks not using the designated route could be paid to the community.

"We will not accept tarp covers for bulk," said Council Chairman Peter Looney. "If it's so impor-

tant for Massport to have bulk here, it's as important enough to not use tarps."

Committee member Bill McCabe said that sheds would be appropriate, noting that the state Turnpike Authority had constructed them in suburban community locations.

Regarding Massport's demolition of the former Revere Sugar site, abutters expressed concern about high levels of dust and the ongoing rodent-control problems. Steele said that the city's Inspectional Services department has a street residential rodent-control program in place that has been effective. However, abutters are able to hire an exterminator for their homes if necessary and bill Massport for the work.

Residents were assured that dust control would be immediately attended to at the demolition site. Massport's Project Manager Jim

Donegan said that he had not received any recent complaints about dust leaving the site and affecting area homes.

Residents were also assured that dust from the site does not contain asbestos. Revere Sugar demolition work had complied with the rigorous state-mandated process to ensure asbestos elimination throughout the project. Air quality at the site is tested daily. Dust leaving the site is probably the result of brick and concrete crushing.

Discussions regarding the specific impacts such as a move at the Moran Terminal will have on Charlestown will be scheduled by the Charlestown Neighborhood Council in the near future. Neighbors are encouraged to attend any upcoming meetings with Massport representatives regarding the future use of the Moran Terminal.

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Kristine Murphy, registered dietician, MGH Charlestown HealthCare Center, will be the guest speaker at the weekly adult discussion group meeting at the Charlestown Branch

Library, 179 Main St., at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 14.

March is National Nutrition Month, and Murphy will talk about the four basic food groups. She will

also address how the body uses food for nutrition in both children and adults.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call the library at 242-1248.

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MGH Pediatric Service To Host Children's Health Fair

A free children's health fair, sponsored by the Mass. General Hospital's (MGH) Pediatric Service, will be held Tuesday, March 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Walcott Conference Rooms. The Health Care Everywhere Fair is being held in conjunction with the national Children in Health Care Week, March 16 to 22, and is designed to educate children and their families about staying safe and healthy.

The fair will feature a variety of health screenings, information booths and interactive displays. Highlights of the event in-

clude a teddy bear clinic, in which children learn how to care for themselves when they are sick or injured by practicing on their stuffed animals; a child fingerprinting booth operated by MGH's Police and Security Department; and the opportunity to explore a real ambulance. Also available will be educational information about a variety of health subjects including bicycle safety, emergency and trauma prevention, heart health, home health care, and fitness and exercise.

In addition, the fair will feature prize drawings,

giveaways and a guest appearance by children's book character Corduroy, the bear, who will read stories. The Timilty Middle School Supreme Choir will perform, and children from the school will unveil a special mural they created to commemorate Children in Health Care Week.

For more information about the Health Care Everywhere Fair, please call 724-5720.

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Ben Sears will lead a community hymn sing at 3:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 16 at the First Church in Charlestown on Green Street.

Invite a friend and/or neighbor. Refreshments will be served following the sing.

Birch Society Hosts President At Navy Yard

The Boston-area chapters of the John Birch Society will host the society's President John McManus at the Visitors Center (Hull Room) at the Charlestown Navy Yard on Tuesday, March 25, at 7 p.m.

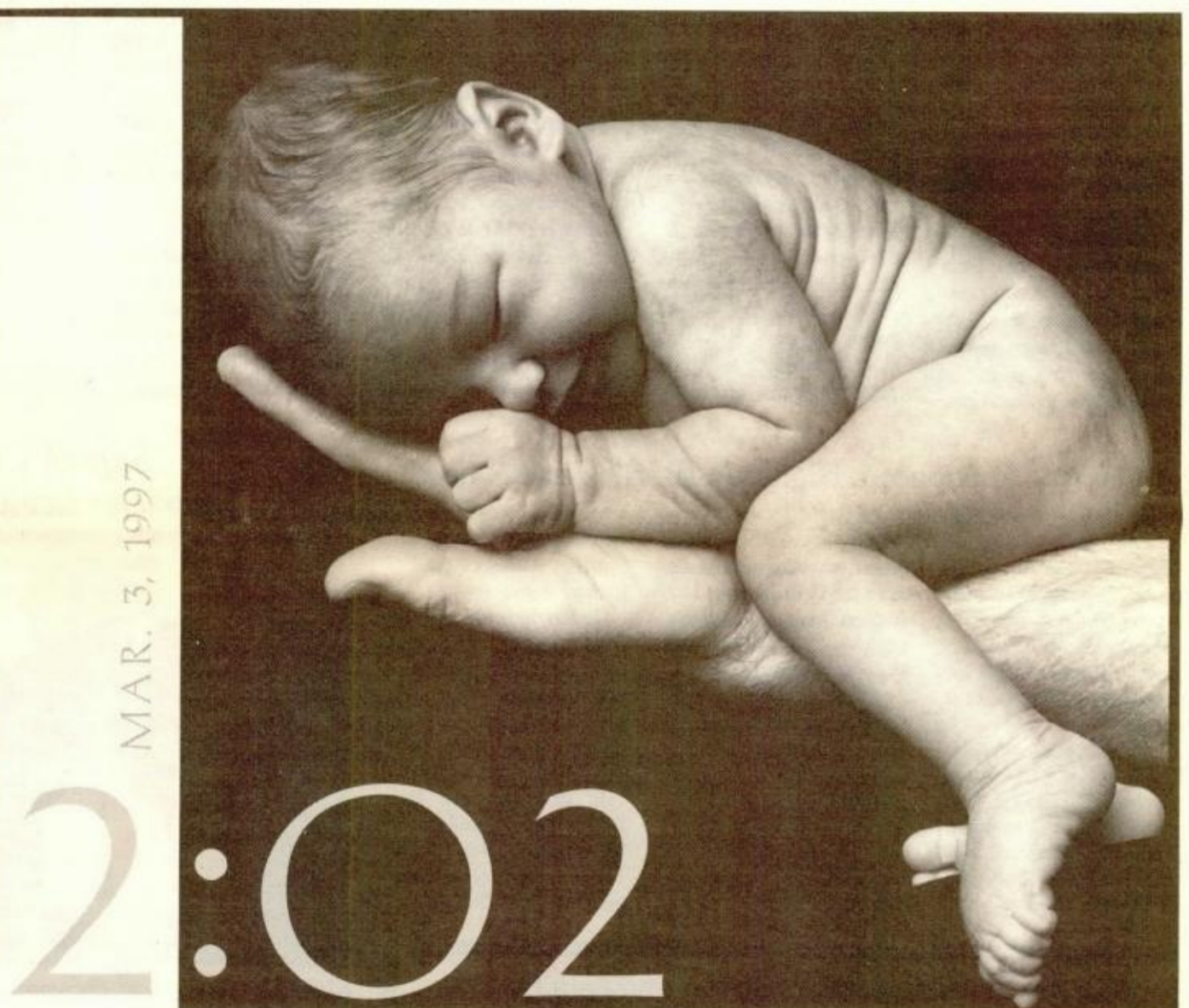
McManus will discuss the power behind the scenes that is working to bring our nation into the New World Order. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call the society's Boston office at 361-5066.

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Bunker Hill Day Parade Committee Seeks Community Support

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the expenses of the parade and commemorative exercises - and the committee hopes the mayor will be able to increase the funding for this year to help underwrite the expanded celebration.

The Bunker Hill Day Parade/Commemorative Committee's schedule of events is as follows:

- Friday, June 13, 7:30 p.m. - Chief Marshal's Banquet;

- Saturday, June 14, 9 a.m. - *USS Constitution* Turnaround Cruise for Charlestown residents; 10 a.m. - Doll Carriage Parade at the Training Field; 5 p.m. - "Mummers" Concert at the Bunker Hill Monument;

- Sunday, June 15, 12:30 p.m. - Bunker Hill Day Parade;

- Monday, June 16, 7 p.m. - Concert on Pier One, Boston National Historical Park, Charlestown Navy Yard in front of *USS Constitution*, followed by a Laser Show (cost \$20,000), produced by Image Engineering Co. and based on the history of Old Ironsides, capped off with fireworks;

- Tuesday, June 17, 9 a.m. - Ecumenical Service at St. Francis de Sales Church followed by a procession to the Bunker Hill Monument Grounds for the Commemorative/Patriotic Exercises.

The fund raising for this expanded Bunker Hill Day celebration, again this year, is being carried out by a small but dedicated group of residents. These people are giving many hours of their time to make this a truly memorable celebration for the community and to show our pride in the homeport of Old Ironsides for the past 100 years.

They need the complete support of every resident, whether a lifelong "Townie" or a newer resident of our community.

Money must be raised to pay the fee or expenses for each band, drum corps, color guard or other unit that takes part in the parade. Musical units charge from \$800 to \$2,500 for their participation in the parade if they are from Massachusetts and neighboring states. However, the cost is much more for those units that are being

brought in from distant states - **none of the units come for free.**

There are several ways that you, the resident, local business person, corporate leader, or representative of a community organization can help:

- Send in a donation to the parade using the coupon on this page. Once again this year, the Monument will be featured in the *Patriot* so the community can see the results of the fund-raising efforts. Contributions of \$25 or more will be acknowledged under the Monument, but all donations are welcome.

- Obtain a booster sticker for a \$1 or more donation. The boosters will be available in a few weeks from members of the Parade Committee.

- Buy a raffle ticket at \$1 a chance (\$10 per book) on a number of prizes to be drawn on June 17.

Information on when and where the boosters and raffle tickets will be sold will be announced in upcoming editions of the *Patriot*.

Organizations, businesses, clubs, elected officials

and candidates for public office who are interested in sponsoring a musical unit, helping to underwrite the Laser Show or Mummers Concert should contact Parade General Chairman James W. Conway, P.O. Box 1775, Charlestown, MA 02129, or call 242-6187.

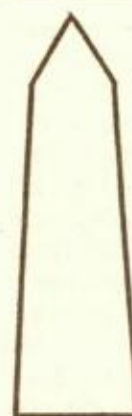
You can be the sponsor of the Mummers Concert for the fee of \$2,000.

You, your corporation or organization can be listed as one of the sponsors of the Laser Show and have your name and logo emblazoned by laser in the sky at the show for a minimal donation of \$2,500.

Remember, we need not only your financial support, but also your volunteer help - the committee is open to all. This is **your** parade and celebration, pitch in and help us make it a truly successful celebration - one we can look back at with pride in future years.

The next Parade Committee meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 29 at Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

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\$35,000 is needed to put the Bunker Hill Day Parade on the streets of Charlestown on Sunday, June 15. A grand celebration is planned this year, marking the 222nd anniversary of the Battle of Bunker Hill, the 200th anniversary of the commissioning of *USS Constitution*, and the 100th anniversary of Charlestown being the homeport of *USS Constitution*. The success of the celebration depends on you - the residents, merchants and organizations. Donations of \$25 and over will be publicly acknowledged.

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Celebrity Auctioneers Highlight BHCC Fund Raiser

An 1890s Beacon Hill will come alive at the annual "Evening at The Hampshire House" fund raiser to benefit Bunker Hill Community College. The gala will take place on Tuesday, March 18, beginning with a reception at 6 p.m.

The event is sponsored by BHCC Board of Directors member Thomas Kershaw, proprietor of The Hampshire House, the Boston landmark restaurant made famous by the hit series "Cheers."

Highlighting the festive evening will be a five-course dinner, including menu items from the 1890s, prepared by students from the college's Culinary Arts/Hotel and Hospitality programs.

Celebrity auctioneers will conduct the bidding on an array of items, including a day-long harbor cruise, a weekend stay at The Bostonian Hotel, and an assortment of gift certificates and art pieces. Volunteer auctioneers will be City Coun-

cillor Diane Modica, state Rep. Eugene O'Flaherty and Suffolk County Sheriff Richard Rouse.

Entertainment will be provided by the BHCC Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of saxophonist Tim McLaughlin, with a special appearance by "The Treasury Notes," directed by former state treasurer Bob Crane. Also on hand will be TV personality Rex Trailer.

For more information on this event, call 228-2410.

Suffolk County District 7 American Legion Oratorical Contest



BUNKER HILL POST 26, The American Legion was the sponsor for the recent District 7, A.L. High School Oratorical Contest held at the Hull Room, Building 5, in the Boston National Historical Park, Charlestown Navy Yard. Shown seated (l. to r.) are second-place winner Ronald Rauseo-Ricupero, a freshman at Boston Latin School, sponsored by the Joyce Kilmer Post 316, A.L. of Boston; first place-winner Erick Tseng, a senior at Milton Academy, sponsored by the William G. Walsh Post 369, A.L.; and third-place winner Kristen Conway, a junior at Boston Latin Academy, sponsored by Bunker Hill Post 26, A.L. Standing (l. to r.) are Legion Past State Commander and Adjutant Emeritus John P. Swift; District 7 Oratorical Chairman John Walsh Sr.; the contest judges Judy Brennan of Charlestown, clerk-magistrate, Essex Juvenile Court; Rev. Thomas Conway, pastor, St. Margaret's Church, Dorchester; Andrea Quigley of Charlestown, management consultant and Lesley College professor; Past National Executive Committeemen Nicholas D'Alessandro, PDC; and Past National Historian and Contest Chairman Jim Conway of Charlestown.

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Tuesday, March 18

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Wednesday, March 19

9:15 a.m. - Bus to Stop & Shop

Thursday, March 20

9 a.m. - Coffee
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11:30 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch
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12:30 p.m. - Bingo

Thursday, March 20

8:30 a.m. - Coffee
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- **Overnight Trip** - A two-day, one night trip to the Mystic Seaport and Foxwoods is being planned for April 17 and 18. The bus will leave at 8:30 a.m. on April 17 and return at 7 p.m. on April 18. The cost is \$149, double occupancy.

For more information, please call Snuggles at 635-5175.

USS Constitution's Women Crew Members To Give An Inside View Of Their Naval Lives

Having mainstreamed women in 1978 and having assigned them to front line duties in 1993, daily headlines remind us the U.S. military is still adjusting to the full integration of women in its ranks.

USS Constitution's first woman executive officer will lead women members of her crew in a candid discussion of their own U.S. Navy careers at noon on Wednesday, March 26 in the USS Constitution Museum's Figgie Theatre.

"Meet the Women of the U.S. Navy," a presentation honoring Women's History Month, will give listeners an opportunity to learn first-hand what life is like for women in today's Navy and on board Con-

stitution. The panel will invite questions from the audience.

"There's so much that is incredibly positive for women in the Navy," says Lt. Cmdr. Claire Bloom, Constitution's second in command. "We get very few chances to tell our stories ourselves as we will at this presentation."

Bloom, 50, became Constitution's first woman executive officer in 1996. Bloom joined the Navy at the age of 34 and entered Officer Candidate School. Just prior to her present assignment, Bloom served as base support officer at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. Bloom holds two master's degrees - one in strategic intelligence and

another in educational leadership.

"Meet the Women of the U.S. Navy is part of the "USS Constitution - 200 Years" series, which will be offered periodically in 1997 during USS Constitution's Bicentennial celebration. The lectures are open to the general public free of charge. Listeners are invited to bring a brown bag lunch and beverages will be provided. The series is presented as part of the Samuel Eliot Morison Lectures, sponsored by the Lowell Institute.

The museum's programs and facilities are accessible to the handicapped. For more information, contact the museum at 426-1812.

Kennedy To Host St. Patrick's Gala

Congressman Joe Kennedy will hold his third annual St. Patrick's Day Party on Friday, March 14, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the Hellenic Cultural Center, located at 25 Bigelow Ave. in Watertown.

The evening's festivities will include dancing, a sing-a-long, and traditional Irish music. Refreshments will be served.

For further information and to purchase tickets in advance, call Citizens for Joe Kennedy at 552-1994.

It's A Girl . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Sean Spinale of Somerville, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Jocelyn Marie, on Feb. 15 at the Malden Hospital.

The maternal grandparents are John and Mary Lou Linehan of Somerville.

The paternal grandparents are James and Marie Spinale of Arlington.

Jocelyn was welcomed home by her big brother, Nicholas DiMaggio.

Mrs. Spinale is the former Wendy Linehan.

NOVENA OF GRACE

Father Patrick Healy, O.M.I., a native of Charlestown, will conduct a Novena of Grace and Special Lenten Mass at St. Francis de Sales Church from Monday, March 17 through Thursday, March 20 at 7 p.m. All are welcome. Coffee will be served each night after the Novena.

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Modica Conducts Public Hearing Regarding City's Role On The Massport Board Of Directors

District One City Councillor Diane J. Modica, chair of the Council's Commission on Economic Development and Transportation, recently conducted a public hearing relative to proposed legislation that would call for changes to the current appointment policies for the Massport Board of Directors.

It would change the current appointment policy from seven members appointed by the governor to

four members appointed by the governor and the remaining three to be appointed by the mayor of Boston and approved by the Boston City Council. Those members appointed by the mayor are to be residents of the city of Boston.

The hearing was attended by City Councillors Modica, Kelly, Davis-Mullen, Hennigan, Yancy and Saunders, Tom Butler, director of Massport's Office of Government and Com-

munity Affairs, Howard Liebowitz of the Mayor's Office of Intergovernmental Relations and community residents representing a number of Boston neighborhoods.

"Boston plays host to a large portion of Massport's operations and yet has no direct representation on its board. The sheer magnitude of the impact on the city of Boston by Massport operations and policies compels a greater level of

representation from the city," stated Modica.

"There is a precedent for city involvement in the appointment of members of other state boards involving authorities. The city has appointments on both the MBTA and MWRB boards. The City Council presently confirms 76 appointments to 14 city boards and commissions," she added.

Charlestown residents Ron Taylor and Bill Galvin offered their testimony at

the hearing. Taylor, a retired air traffic controller, spoke about the absence of a "direct ear" and how it is often a difficult process to get information from Massport. He noted that none of the seven board members live within the proximity of the airport. In addition, he stated that requiring City Council approval on Mayoral appointments to the board would be an effective system of checks and balances.

Bill Galvin, who also has a background in aviation, talked about Massport's refusal to sign an agreement stating that the proposed Runway #14/32 would be a unidirectional runway over the water and would never become a bi-directional runway. If it were to run in both directions, aircraft would be routed directly over Charlestown. Galvin also stated that he has no confidence in the authority as he learned about changes to Moran Terminal in the newspaper. He would like to see the mayor's appointments coming from Charlestown, East Boston or South Boston.

Father James DiPerri, pastor of St. Catherine's

Parish, and David Whelan submitted written testimony in support of Modica's proposed legislation.

"City councillors deal with Massport impacts and projects on a regular basis in various parts of the city, whether it be air cargo traffic, aircraft noise, soot, traffic congestion from the airport, seaport operations or environmental impacts from Massport lessees," said Modica.

"Because the city has no direct authority over Massport, problem-solving and issue resolution are not as effective as it might otherwise be if Boston representatives served on the board. Allowing appointments by the mayor and confirmation by the City Council would assure that the board and its executive director would provide the city of Boston a meaningful role in policy making as articulated in Massport's own Master Plan of 1976," concluded Modica.

Modica will submit a report of the committee to the full council next week and most likely will request council endorsement of legislation to forward to the state legislature.

Transportation Schedule For The Saint Patrick's Day Party sponsored by The Flatley Company Saturday, March 15, noon - 3 p.m. The Schrafft Center

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Neighborhood Council Addresses A Range Of Issues

by Lynn Peters

It hardly ever happens, but the March monthly meeting of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council (CNC) ended in precisely two hours. Council members managed to move through a mountain of presentations, community concerns and neighborhood issues efficiently, with nearly all members present.

Attending the monthly meeting on March 4 at the Knights of Columbus Hall were 17 of the full 21-member body: Chairman Peter Looney, First Vice-Chairman Tom Cunha, Secretary Jim Mansfield, Treasurer Jim Conway and members Marty O'Brien, Peg Bradley, David Whelan, Bill McCabe, Edna Kelly, John Dillon, Bill Galvin, Don Haska, Dan Kovacevic, Bob Scalli, Kate McDonough, Dan Ryan and Ken Stone.

A presentation by representatives of next year's USS Constitution Bicentennial Salute plan was referred to members Conway and Galvin to keep the community updated on the 1998 celebration of the ship's first sailing. The international naval review is expected to bring a weekend's worth of activities, including a free Boston Pops Concert and fireworks to the Boston National Historic Parks land at the Charlestown Navy Yard.

Another presentation by representatives of Constitution Quarters to move the restaurant licensing from Tavern on the Water to the realty group was referred

to the Basic Services Committee. The newly named Navy Yard Bar & Grill would seek no changes in the licensing, including hours of operation and capacity and would open by late spring. Committee Chairman Bill Galvin said he would schedule a public meeting in the Navy Yard in the near future to discuss the proposal. He later set the date for that meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 25 in the Preble Room, Building 5 in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

Reconstruction of the former J. J. McCarthy's at 258 Main St. should begin in April, according to representatives of the Boston Aging Concerns Young and Old United (BACYOU). As proposed last year, and supported by the Charlestown Neighborhood Council, BACYOU will build 13 units of housing for people 55 years and older and the formerly homeless. Council members reminded BACYOU principals that Charlestown requires union labor for projects they endorse. Timeline and project updates will be forthcoming.

Residents near the Sullivan Square area of Charlestown expressed their concerns about a proposed CANA off-ramp in their neighborhood and difficulties they have been experiencing with two local businesses, Edelweiss Bakery and the Music Complex. A Public Safety meeting was held in February where these concerns were discussed. Precinct 7 CNC representative Tom Cunha

updated neighbors on what he had learned to date.

Cunha said that Edelweiss management was having difficulties with changed traffic patterns and its landlord. The company had deferred the issue to a development consultant. The Music Complex, Cunha said, has not returned phone calls or expressed any interest in working with neighbors. He encouraged neighbors to report after-hours noise to the police at 343-4240. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled to continue to address residents' concerns.

Public Safety Committee

Co-chairman John Dillon reported that in February, there were 177 calls to the police, resulting in 15 arrests, four of which were drug-related. There were 131 motor vehicle violations.

Co-chairman Bill McCabe reported that the committee's monthly Feb. 11 meeting included discussions on neighbors' concerns with Edelweiss Bakery. In addition, Officer Bill Smith notified residents of an electronic speed sign board sited on Chelsea Street as an effort to reduce speeding through Charlestown.

Committee-of-the-Whole

Chairman Peter Looney reported on the Feb. 24 meeting with Massport representatives regarding the Revere Sugar Refinery demolition update, and a proposed auto port at the Moran Terminal and bulk cargo storage. Looney said that autos and bulk cargo will be treated as equally

important by the CNC as it begins the community process with Massport around these potential leases.

Development Committee

Chairman Tom Cunha reported that the committee voted to recommend the Frothingham Group as the community developer of choice for Parcel R-87. After some discussion whether the recommendation to the Boston Redevelopment Authority would be recorded as unanimous, the council voted to support the committee's vote of Frothingham 9-5-1 over Rockview Park Development and Prospect Park Associates. Members Edna Kelly, Bill McCabe and Jim Conway abstained.

Later in the meeting Looney read a letter submitted by architect Jack French of the Rockview Park Development group to Looney and Cunha expressing his dismay with the committee's process.

French's letter stated that he was particularly troubled at the development committee's refusal to review and analyze the development proposals based on the RFP developed by the committee. He pointed out the committee generally abandoned the selective criteria developed by the abutters and in some cases repudiated the abutters for their input; generally discounted the community support for his group and that the process was unfair.

Both Cunha and Looney said they were upset by the letter and took offense

at the charges. They said that they viewed the process as the fairest and best one possible, considering the difficult circumstances of having to choose between three Charlestown developers.

CANA Committee

Chairman Ken Stone reported on a Feb. 25 community meeting that dealt with relocating utilities near the south of Paul Revere Landing Park and H. P. Hood. Project representatives reported that there would be no night or weekend work and that noise would be minimal.

Stone also reported that residents were concerned about the proposed Route 93 North off-ramp onto Cambridge Street. Abutters were particularly bothered at a lack of informational public meetings and that they were unaware of the ramp's location. Pedestrian safety and increased traffic were among the top concerns, said Stone.

Stone and council members said that a very coordinated approach to CANA work, a new Sullivan Square, the Rutherford Avenue study and the expected impacts of poor traffic planning at the North Point Development and the Gilmore Bridge was necessary between all city, state and private agen-

cies involved. A follow-up meeting will be scheduled.

Other Business

The council agreed not to discuss any bus line relocations, after Looney read a resident's letter requesting the members' support to relocate the bus stop at Park Street (at City Square) next to Olives Restaurant to Warren and Chelsea Street. The resident cited trucks unloading during the day for the restaurant which blocked the stop and the bus has to divert to Chelsea Street via Warren Street. Council members said the problem could be solved by enforcing parking regulations, since past attempts to reroute buses had been unsuccessful.

The council will schedule a meeting with representatives of the state Landmark Commission to discuss its imposed hold on development at Park Street, which the commission said was torn down improperly by a private developer. The commission requires a two-year moratorium for such an infraction, however, council members said leaving the site empty is not in the best interest of the community.

The next full meeting of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council will be Tuesday, April 1 at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 7 p.m.

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Visitors from all over the world who visit *USS Constitution* will now have a chance to see a painting of "Old Ironsides" as she looked 200 years ago in her glory days. The detail and accuracy of the ship has been described as "meticulous" in this painting by artist Alexander Byron.

The painting was accepted aboard ship by Cmdr. Michael Beck, USN, commanding officer of *USS Constitution* on behalf of the U.S. Navy at a ceremony held on March 1 on the deck of the ship. The painting, "USS Constitution Prepares To Engage," is now a permanent part of the exhibit on Old Ironsides.

Several hundred people braved the wind and cold to attend the dedication ceremony. Among the speakers were U.S. Con-



ARTIST ALEX BYRON explains the details of his painting "USS Constitution Prepares To Engage" at a recent ceremony on board the ship which saw the painting accepted by the U.S. Navy for permanent display on board the ship. (photo by Alexander Stathas)

gressman Barney Frank; Commissioner Thomas J. Hudner, state Department of Veterans Services; and

state Rep. Eugene O'Flaherty.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, guests enjoyed a

slice of the cake on which George Montilio of Montilio's Bakery had reproduced Byron's painting.



A CAKE from Montilio's Bakery decorated with a reproduction of the painting of USS Constitution is cut by the artist, Alex Byron (left) and Cmdr. Michael C. Beck, USN, commanding officer of USS Constitution. (photo by Alexander Stathas)

McLaughlin House Seeks Charlestown Clients

The Dennis McLaughlin House of Charlestown is seeking Charlestown residents who are eligible and interested in enrolling in the program.

The McLaughlin House is a transitional housing program for homeless women who are at least six months in recovery from alcohol and/or drug addiction. The program, which is housed at the Armed Services YMCA, offers transitional housing for up to 18 months with a 6 month grace period. The McLaughlin House is collaborating with a variety of health, mental health, social service, educational, training, employment and housing programs in the community to provide its clients with a wide range of supportive services, which include: case management; information and referrals; advocacy; substance abuse and relapse prevention counseling; pos-

itive parenting classes; health and mental health services; educational, training, job-readiness and job-placement programs; childcare; a wide range of basic self-sufficiency skills workshops; a variety of cultural, recreational, and social programs; assistance with applying for subsidized housing; and support in locating permanent housing. Program graduates will be encouraged to continue their involvement in the program and receive six months of follow-up counseling and housing stabilization services.

To be eligible for the program, women need to be: 1) at least 18 years of age; 2) substance-free for at least six months; 3) referred through a social service agency; 4) working, in school or willing to pursue educational, training or job opportunities; and 5) homeless, which may include living in a temporary

housing situation, such as a shelter, halfway house or substance abuse treatment program.

The program accepts women who are pregnant, women who have children up to 11 years of age, and women who are without children. If women have children in the custody of the Department of Social Services (DSS) or other caretakers, the McLaughlin House staff is available to provide family reunification services to those parents.

The McLaughlin House is also accepting referrals of women who are not yet six months into their recovery from substance abuse but would like to be put on the waiting list. This includes women who are currently in substance abuse treatment programs.

To acquire further information and/or make a referral to the program, please call Sharon Paulo, McLaughlin House case manager, or Cathy Qualitz, McLaughlin House executive director, at 242-0251.

Boating Skills And Seamanship Class

Beginning on Tuesday, April 8, Flotilla 525 of the Coast Guard Auxiliary will offer an eight-week intensive course in Boating Skills and Seamanship.

The class, which is wheelchair accessible, will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Winter Hill Yacht Club behind the Assembly Mall on the Mystic River in Somerville.

The class includes: knots, boat construction, nomenclature, boat handling, safety and legal requirements, navigation rules, aids to navigation, trailering, piloting, chart work, marine engines, radios, weather, locks and dams.

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- If your child had wage income only during 1996, he or she must pay federal taxes on wages exceeding \$4,000. That means filing a return and paying taxes at regular rates. Although a child can claim a standard deduction (the amount depending on the mix of wages and investment income), a personal exemption is not allowed if the child can be claimed as a dependent on the parent's tax return. Even if your child's income from wages was less than \$4,000, employers may have withheld taxes. To claim a refund for withheld income taxes, a child must file a return.

- If your child has a business and earned \$400 or more of self-employment income in 1996, a return is required, and 15.3% of self-employment tax (social security and Medicare tax) on the child's net business income is due. Income tax should be due if earnings exceeded \$4,000.

- If your child received only investment income during 1996 (such as dividends and interest), reporting is required if the total exceeded \$650. If your child's investment income exceeded \$1,300 and your child is under age 14, the excess over \$1,300 will be taxed at your top tax rate.

- If your child had both wage or self-employment income (both called earned income) and investment income, a return is required if income totalled more than \$650.

Many of the thresholds and limits that govern a child's income tax change each year. If you need help with your child's 1996 taxes, please give us a call.

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Acorn Fixtures Will Light Bunker Hill Street

Tempers flared on both sides of the table at the March 10 meeting of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council's Basic Services Committee. The meeting, held at Bishop Lawton Hall of St. Francis de Sales Church, was called by Chairman Bill Galvin to provide community input into the final selection of a light fixture for soon-to-be reconstructed Bunker Hill Street.

The 20 or so residents soon found out that the selection of a light fixture had been made - the acorn fixture - and the most they could hope for was an opportunity to voice their opinion on the type of light bulb that would best illuminate the street.

Beside Galvin, committee members present included Jim Conway, Bill McCabe, Bob Scalli, Mel Stillman, Ken Stone, Marty O'Brien, Don Haska and Peter Looney.

Commissioner Joseph Casazza of the city's Public Works Department (PWD), told the residents that they could expect "to see action of Bunker Hill Street as early as this week." He explained that a 6,000-foot gas main travels the length of the street and its age has led to leaks. The PWD is allowing Boston Gas Co. early entry into the street in order to begin replacing the gas main. Work will start at the Navy Yard end of the street.



THE DOUBLE ACORN LIGHT, shown above, will be installed at intersections and in front of the churches on Bunker Hill Street while single acorns will be the predominant fixture. (photo by Ken Stone)

Plans are to replace 3,000 feet of the main this year, with work on the remainder to begin in the spring of 1998. Work will stop and the roadway will be patched for the Bunker Hill Day festivities and work will resume after June 17.

Casazza stated that the PWD will advertise the reconstruction project soon, with planned construction beginning in early summer. He said he would provide updates on the construction "every step of the way" through the council and the Patriot. He added that he will set out means to contact his office if problems should

arise.

As to the lighting of the street, Casazza said that the "lighting issue has been exhausted and a decision has been made." He noted that the acorn light is felt "to be the top of the line." He said that the "Victorian"-style luminaire which is found on Commonwealth Avenue was ruled out for Bunker Hill Street as it could not light the street. He said this light or a similar prototype now in his office might be used on some of the town's side streets as they are reconstructed.

McCabe pointed out that Commonwealth Avenue has

both the electric gas lamp at the curb and the acorn fixture in the mall.

The acorn light, said Casazza, is called the Washington Post, and similar fixtures can be found near the White House. He said that the conduit and post are the same and they would be experimenting with the type of light bulb. He stated that when the fixtures are installed, the same bulb could be put in block-long series of fixtures to allow residents to determine their choice bulb and the light it gives off. It was mentioned that a "blinder" is planned to direct light away from houses and they are working on another to direct the light downward onto the street.

Casazza noted that the reconstruction project has

been put on hold while a decision on lighting was made, pointing out the importance of going forward now with the old infrastructure, the bumpy street and the cracked sidewalks becoming more hazardous to the pedestrian and motorist.

According to Casazza, utility work has been coordinated so necessary work will be done prior to the surfacing of the new street. This will minimize the repeated digging up of the new roadway for utility repairs.

Several residents who had attended a meeting with the mayor were critical of the acorn fixture. Casazza reiterated that neither the gas lamps nor the electrified gas lamps could not adequately light Bunker Hill Street. He stated that,

although he had not talked with the mayor, the mayor had "made an attempt to please the residents and it didn't work."

Some residents expressed their frustration as they had come with the impression that the PWD would work with the community, and now they felt the PWD was "dictating" to them. While some were agreeable with the acorn light, they were critical of the process, and they felt they had been misled.

McCabe moved that the report of the Commissioner on the acorn lights be accepted with the provision that various bulbs be installed before a final decision is made. The committee voted in favor with Conway and Stone abstaining.

The MGH•Bunker Hill Health Center Is Changing Its Name

The Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH)-Bunker Hill Health Center, located at 73 High St., Charlestown, has a new name: MGH•Charlestown HealthCare Center. The change is effective immediately.

"This name change is designed to reflect more closely the neighborhood the health center serves and to give uniformity to the names of the three community-based health centers owned and operated by the hospital," says Lorenzo

Lewis, MD, medical director of MGH•Charlestown. MGH•Chelsea HealthCare Center and MGH•Revere HealthCare Center recently have undergone similar name changes.

"The MGH-Bunker Hill Health Center has served the Charlestown community for more than 25 years, and we are proud to incorporate the name of the town as part of our new name," says Lewis. "We are committed to helping to improve the health of residents and hope to con-

tinue providing health care services to the community for many years to come."

The MGH and its health care centers are committed to providing the highest quality care to individuals and their communities; advancing care through excellence in biomedical research; and educating future academic and practice leaders of the health-care profession. For more information about the health center or to schedule an appointment with a physician, call 724-8135.

Head Start Registration Begins April 7

The John F. Kennedy Center Head Start Program will be taking applications for the September 1997-98 school year.

Registration will take place at the Old Kent School, 23A Moulton St., on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 7, 8 and 9, between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. If you are unable to come on these days, call 241-8866 to set up an appointment.

Head Start is a pre-school development program which includes education in preparation for school and an emphasis on social and emotional

growth. Medical, dental, nutritional and social services are available.

A special effort is being made to recruit handicapped children or children with special needs that the program can meet. Priority is given to children 4.0 years old to prepare them for entry into the Boston Public Schools.

Eligibility requirements are that the children be at least 3 years of age by Sept. 1, 1997, reside in Charlestown and that the family's income falls within federally required low income guidelines.

To register for Head Start, you must bring a birth certificate, two proofs of Boston residency and documentation of your monthly income.

In addition, the Kennedy Center offers other child care programs, including full-time day care for 3- to 5-year-olds and after school day care for 6- to 12-year-olds. Also offered is Wrap Around Child Care for preschool 3- and 4-year-olds needing additional child care hours. Call 241-8866 for information on any of the child care programs.

Burke Joins Cummings Properties

Charlestown resident Richard J. Burke has recently joined the ranks of Cummings Properties Management Inc., reportedly the largest developer north of Boston. Burke comes on board as leasing representative, with specific concentration on the firm's new 1.2 million square foot Cummings Center office park in Beverly.

A graduate of Boston College, Burke formerly served as marketing director for the Boston Redevel-

opment Authority at the Charlestown Navy Yard, and as leasing director for the downtown Boston properties owned by the Flatley Company.

Also having worked as a leasing representative with the Federal General Services Administration, Burke brings more than 25 years commercial real estate experience to his new post at Cummings Properties.

Dennis Clarke, vice president and operations man-

ager at Cummings Properties, noted that Burke's well-rounded background made him a natural addition to the company's leasing staff. "Rich has a proven record of performance, and great familiarity with this marketplace, which we're excited to add to our leasing efforts."

"In particular, we expect that he will nicely bolster that already strong leasing activity we're seeing at Cummings Center, Beverly," he said.

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In addition to the five city teams, our kids are playing all over the place. In the Division 1A Hockey Tournament, there are local kids playing for BC High, Arlington Catholic, Matignon and Catholic Memorial. It's great! A day at the FleetCenter has become a day in the neighborhood among many good families and friends. My favorite team? - The one on which our kids are playing

♣ **High School Prep Notebook** . . . A great teacher once said something to the effect that "it is better to run a race and finish in the pack, than not to have run at all."

Over the past few weeks we are most fortunate to know so many that have "run the race" in high school tournaments. If you have been reading the Boston dailies you know who is still in and who is out. You know who, where and when the next games are, and you well know that the State Champs will be crowned this weekend.

If you attended the games I attended, you might have noted Pat Simpson and Malden Catholic doing a victory dance at the FleetCenter, or the Latin Academy seniors headed by Billy Rae capping off a brilliant career at Boston College, and the anticipation of the young players who can't wait for next year. You would have seen some remarkable performances and performers, especially among the goaltenders and the hoopsters. Entire

towns were up on their feet applauding the skills and the talent of our kids. Every site was electric! It has been a great emotional run for those moving on, and for those ending their seasons.

Only one team can win the championship, but every team is comprised of true champs. Every team is a victor here. As we head into the championship weekend, please continue to support our fine young people.

♣ **College Board** . . . Corey Gallagher and her Bentley team defeated Stonehill 52-41 in Albany, New York to take the NC-AA Division 2 Northeast Regional Championship. The win sends the Bentley Falcons to the NCAA Final Eight for the seventh time in nine seasons, and their second straight visit. Go Corey!!

Bunker Hill Community College was defeated in the National Junior Community College Tournament held in Salina, Kansas. Congratulations to Tommy McDonough and his teammates. BHCC athletics shouldn't be such a big secret!

♣ **Pro Line** . . . Keith Tkachuk scored his 39th goal of the season as Phoenix shut out Chicago 2-0. The Coyotes hold down the fifth playoff spot in the Western Conference with a 31-32-4 record.

The Boston Bruins tipped Tommy Fitzgerald and the Florida Panthers 3-1 on Sunday. Florida is in the fourth playoff spot in the NHL Eastern Conference with a record of 29-23-15 for 73 points.

♣ **Matt Chardavoyne** . . . Special congratulations to Boston Latin senior Matt Chardavoyne who finished in the finals of all three swimming events in the New England held in Connecticut. Matt will be heading to the Junior Nationals that will take

place in Indianapolis March 21-23.

♣ **Charlestown High Lights** . . . The Charlestown High School hockey and basketball teams' dramatic tournament runs are over for the winter season. The hockey team was defeated by Latin Academy and the basketball team was defeated by Wakefield. Like all tournament teams, you are truly champs, and you have brought much pride to yourself, your families, your friends, your school and your community. We are very proud of you! The Charlestown High Light is you!

♣ **Nicole Matson** . . . Charlestown High basketball star, Nicole Matson, sank 24 of 30 free throws in the State Basketball Coaches Regional Tournament. Finishing first, she will not only represent Charlestown, but the entire City League in the Sectionals that will be held in North Andover on March 16. The next stop might just be the FleetCenter. Congratulations Nicole on another fine accomplishment!

♣ **Bunker Hill Cup '97 - Opening Round Pairings** . . . G1 McNeil vs. Tallent; G2 Murray vs. Arroyo; G3 McNeil vs. Poole; G4 Tallent vs. Murray; G5 Arroyo vs. Poole; G6 McNeil vs. Murray; G7 Tallent vs. Arroyo; G8 Murray vs. Poole; G9 McNeil vs. Arroyo; and G10 Tallent vs. Poole. The top four teams will advance to the semi-finals. All opening round games will be 30 minutes.

♣ **Tidbits** . . . Quote of the week - "I just want everybody happy!" - Debbie Brennan . . . Pat McClellan was sighted walking - must have forgotten his MBTA pass . . . How many autographs did Danny Feeney sign at the FleetCenter? . . . Mike Sweeney set a new record eating Nachos . . . Countdown: 35 days!

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★ **GAMES ROOM/ SOCIAL RECREATION**

Congratulations - to the latest group of Tournament Champions. They are: Bumperpool - Chantel Mello, Table Hockey - A.J. Hanscom and Foosball - Robert Collier.

Chess Club - Some members of the Charlestown Chess Club went to Southie last week to get in some friendly games with the South Boston Chess Club. Kevin Armstrong, Jesus Bonilla, Billy Walsh and Andrew Southern all played extremely well, losing only one game all evening. The Chess Club meets on Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. All ages and playing activities are welcome. Stop in to check out our cool new chess boards and chess clocks!

St. Patrick's Day Party - There

will be a St. Patrick's Day Party from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, March 14. All 6- to 9-year-olds must leave at 6 p.m. There will be games, snacks, tournaments and fun activities for all.

★ **TEEN CENTER**

Dart Tournament - Mark Matarazo was the champion of the first Dart Tournament, beating eight other contestants. Better luck next time, Sean Rea!

Teen Of The Month -

Robby Murray

Favorite Food . . . Steak

Favorite Singer . . . Heather B.

Favorite TV Show . . . Anything on UPN

Favorite Saying . . . "When I rock the mic, I rock the mic hype."

Favorite Athlete . . . Shaq

Favorite Thing To Do At The Club

. . . Beating John Harrington in 9-Ball!

"Rent" - Eight teens traveled to the Shubert Theatre on March 1 to see the play "Rent." They were Aileen Gorman, Katie O'Brien, Colleen Callahan, Julie Grzelczyk, Erin Barry, Lesley Southern and John Awbrey. They all gave it two thumbs up!

★ **SPORTS REPORT**

Nate Hurwitz Tournament - The 75th annual Nate Hurwitz Tournament has begun and it promises to be another great year full of some of the area's best talent. Come to the gym week-nights until the finals on April 12 to see some great basketball action and to eat some of those delicious "Hurwitz Hot Dogs" at Sharon's great snack bar.

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VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK



KATHLEEN MORTIMER WITH NATASHA RUIZ

Kathleen Mortimer has tutored Natasha Ruiz during the school year. They meet at the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club to do homework once a week and do other fun things on their own. Natasha says, "Kathleen and I do a lot of things together. We cook, make things on the computer, have good talks and do homework! She helps me get good grades. We have a great time together!"

GERRY CAMPINELL
Attorney At Law
174 Dorchester Street
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Family Law & Divorce Mediation



by John Dillon

The American Legion took over sole possession of first place by drubbing Jenny's in an 8-0 shutout in the Charlestown Against Drugs (CHAD) Junior Bowling League. The American Legion had a banner day as all four bowlers on the team bowled over 200. It's our custom to report all the scores whenever all members of a team bowl over 200: Jessica Grace 227, Sheilann Williams 219, Andrew Foley 216 and Casey Durham 212. Great bowling, kids!

Top bowler for Jenny's was Jimmy Kissane who had a monster day with a 283 triple. Unfortunately, all the other members of Jenny's team were out sick, so they went down for the eight count.

Bunker Hill Real Estate team dropped to within one

point of first place by bumping off the Red Store in a 6-2 match. Top bowler for BHRE was Mike Shackford with 237. Runner-up was Shawn Burke with 221. Top bowler for the Red Store was Kaileigh Burke with 192 and Joe Awbrey was runner-up with 167.

In the next match, there was a 4-4 tie between the McCarthy Brothers and the Kennedy Center. Top bowler for McCarthy Brothers was the number one star of the day, Matt Paley, who bowled a 289 triple with two 103 single strings, which was fantastic bowling. Matt is leading right now for the high average for the year. Runner-up for McCarthy Brothers was Jared Silva with 154. Top bowler for the Kennedy Center was Sean Cronk with 246. Runner-up was Nicole Chiampa with 189.

Cricket's team pasted the Charlestown Patriot for an 8-0 shutout. Top bowler for Cricket's team was Marianne Kissane with 249 and Chris Schievink was runner-up with 224. Top bowler for the Patriot was Michelle Williams with 139.

A record was broken in the final match of the day, as Colleen Hoell of Diane Modica's team, broke the high single for the girls which was 97. Colleen bowled a single string of 107. The Modica team also defeated the Shamrocks in a 6-2 match. Colleen also shared high bowler honors with Richie Burns, both of whom bowled 251. Top bowler for the Shamrocks was John Harrington with 249. Jon Paul Awbrey was runner-up with 223.

Bowlers of the week are Matt Paley 289, Jim Kissane 283, Colleen Hoell 251,

Richie Burns 251, John Harrington 249, Marianne Kissane 249, Sean Cronk 246, Mike Shackford 237, Jessica Grace 227 and Chris Schievink 224.

Bowlers trying the hardest are Joe Awbrey 167, David Grace 167, Brendan Grace 172, Danny Kissane 174, Joey Burke 180, Chris Chiampa 204, Robert Hoell 209, Brent Awbrey 211, Casey Durham 212 and Andrew Foley 216.

See you all on Saturday at 11 a.m. sharp!

Standings

| | W | L |
|------------------|----|----|
| American Legion | 41 | 15 |
| B.H. Real Estate | 40 | 16 |
| Shamrocks | 32 | 24 |
| Diane Modica | 30 | 26 |
| Cricket's | 30 | 26 |
| Jenny's Pizza | 26 | 30 |
| McCarthy Bros. | 24 | 32 |
| Chas'n. Patriot | 23 | 33 |
| Red Store | 18 | 38 |
| Kennedy Center | 16 | 40 |

CYO Bantam Boys End Season



THE CYO BANTAM BOYS basketball team finished its season with fine team effort and tremendous support from Coach Muff Maguire. Kneeling front row (l. to r.) Jarrod Marchese, Chris Dacey, Kevin Smith and Gregory Collins. Middle row (l. to r.) Mike Simensen, Brian Dacey, William Boyle and Robert Hoell. Back row (l. to r.) Coach Maguire, Paul Blaikie and Steven Simensen. Special thanks to all the parents, family members and friends of the team for their encouragement. It was greatly appreciated!

Charlestown Little League News

Registration

Registration for all senior, major and minor Little Leaguers will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m. on Friday, March 14 and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 15 at the MDC Skating Rink on Union Street.

This is the final notice for the seniors as the board cannot wait any longer to see if there are enough players to form a team. The seniors will be a traveling team.

If major and minor league players have not registered by this Saturday, they will not be allowed to

practice or play games with their teams. In fact, they will not be allowed on the field.

The board needs the cooperation of the players and the parents as the rosters must be sent to Little League Headquarters in Williamsport, Penn. as soon as possible. Parents are asked to register their children Friday or Saturday and parents must sign the application forms.

Tryouts

Tryouts for the major league will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 5 and Sunday, April 6 at "The Neck," Ryan

Field at Sullivan Square.

Parade

The annual start of the season parade will be held on Sunday, April 27 starting at 1 p.m. from Hayes Square and traveling up and over Bunker Hill Street.

Season Opener

The season opens on Monday, April 28 for the major league teams. The minor leaguers will start on May 5.

Volunteers

Help is needed to get the league started. All help will be appreciated. Call Wayne at 241-4952 or Eddie at 242-3956.

CHAD Tennis Team Beats Northeast Tennis Club

Last Saturday, the CHAD Charlestown Against Drugs (CHAD) traveling tennis team was on the road again - this time, at the Northeast Tennis facilities in Middleton, where they encountered its junior team in a round robin match.

The CHAD team looked very impressive. The local kids played aggressively, and showed a lot of confidence throughout the entire match. Their singles and doubles

play proved to be just a little too much for their opponents, who battled gracefully for the duration of the match, but ran out of ammunition at the end. With this victory, the local team gets back on the winning track after an off-week.

Participants in Saturday's match were: Bob Yandle, Andrew Link, Matt Philippi, Mike O'Brien, John Fabiano, Jannette Nguyen and Saba Smalesh. - Daniel Cayarga

Members Of Federal Agencies Take The Plunge!



THE THIRD ANNUAL Presidential Polar Plunge took place on Feb. 9 at the "L" Street Recreation Center in South Boston. The annual fund-raising event is sponsored by the Mass. Foundation For Children and supported by the "L" Street Brownies. Those who pledge to plunge into the icy waters of Boston Harbor are supported by donations made to the Mass. Foundation For Children by friends, family and co-workers of the brave swimmers. Recruited by Bill Foley of Boston National Historical Park, members of three federal agencies participated in this year's annual Presidential Polar Plunge. Shown (l. to r.) Phil Hunt, Dept. of Interior, Boston National Historical Park; Cdr. Michael Beck, Dept. of Defense, commanding officer of USS Constitution; Timothy Donovan, Boston NHP; Bill Foley, Boston NHP; Dave Mullin, Dept. of Defense, USS Constitution M&R crew member; Henry Zwadski, U.S. Dept of Agriculture; Lisa Doucett, program director, Mass. Foundation For Children; and Paul Levenson, president of the "L" Street Brownies. "The water temperature was 32 degrees and the air 20 degrees during this year's plunge, but the group of 30 some odd swimmers, no pun intended, brought in over \$12,000 in pledges that will go directly to help handicapped youth," explained Foley.



Boston Water and Sewer Commission (BWSC)

WATER MAIN FLUSHING NOTICE

BWSC will conduct a Water Main Flushing Program in Charlestown between:

MARCH 18 and APRIL 30.

The purpose of the Water Main Flushing Program is to improve water quality and reduce instances of discolored or odorous water.

Flushing will take place between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. and will proceed in sections throughout Charlestown.

The flushing process may cause discolored water and a reduction in pressure. The discoloration of the water will be temporary and is not harmful. If the condition persists, please contact BWSC's Community Relations Department at 330-9400.

BWSC appreciates your patience as we work to improve the quality of drinking water we provide to the residents and businesses of Boston.

If you have any questions, contact BWSC's Community Relations Department at 330-9400.

ST. CATHERINE'S NEWS



**HAPPENINGS AT THE
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• **Snoopy Rehearsal Schedule**

Tuesday, 7 - 9 p.m. - Charlestown High School
Thursday, 7 - 9 p.m. - Charlestown High School
Saturday, 2 - 6 p.m. - Charlestown Working Theater

• **Snoopy!**

Tickets for *Snoopy*, which are \$10 per person, are currently on sale at Artisan Cafe in the Bunker Hill Mall and Bunker Hill Insurance Agency, 82 A Bunker Hill St. Show dates are Fridays through Sundays, April 4-6 and 11-13. Tickets are going quickly, so don't miss out!

• **Singing Classes Commence**

Christina Wilhelm will begin teaching singing classes for children and adults! Christina has an extensive academic and professional background in music and education. She has recently moved to Charlestown and is presently directing the Psallite Singers, a liturgical choral ensemble and works as coach/accompanist with individual singers, instrumentalists, poets and storytellers.

Classes for children will be held twice weekly, on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Christina will also be directing a new adult voice program to form a community chorus for special events during the year. Anyone interested in singing with the group is invited to come to the first rehearsal on Tuesday, April 8 at 7 p.m. For more info, call the theater.

• **Keter, The Crowning Song Opens**

CWT and long-term collaborators Double Edge Theatre open their performance of *Keter* at Double Edge Theatre, 5 St. Lukes Road, Allston. This performance features Jennifer Johnson and John Peitso of the CWT. Tickets are limited, so call 254-4228 for reservations and information.

For information, call the theater at 242-3285.
See you at the theater!

★ **Good Work, Girls!** - Matignon High School has informed us that two St. Catherine's parish students from their school have achieved honor roll status for the second marking period. Congratulations to Katie O'Leary, a junior, and Kelleigh Mahan, a freshman. Keep up the good work!

★ **Annual St. Patrick's Day Tea Party** - On Monday, March 17, St. Patrick's Day, we will have our traditional tea party in the rectory after the 9 a.m. Mass. All are invited to be with us to share a cup of tea and a bit of Irish bread. If you have the talent, please bring a sample of "your bread" for all to enjoy.

★ **Girls Annual All-Day Olympics** - The annual Sports Olympics for girls will be held on Wednesday, April 23, at West Roxbury Community School. St. Catherine's team is now being formed. Charlestown girls from the 7th and 8th grades from public or parochial school are invited to participate. Athletic events include basketball, volleyball, gym

hockey and water basketball.

For further information, call Candace Griffin at 241-9398, Kelleigh Mahan at 242-4102, or Father DiPerri at the rectory. You may sign up at the rectory.

★ **Girls Spring Softball League Registration** - Registration for St. Catherine's Girls Softball League will be held Wednesday, March 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. in St. Catherine's Hall. Girls must be ages 8 to 12 as of April 12. The cost for the league is \$20. If you have any questions, call Jack Schievink at 241-7767.

★ **Penny Drive** - A penny drive is being conducted for CYO. This is an important fund raiser which helps support the many activities for our youth. If you have any pennies piled up in a drawer, a jar, a piggy bank, etc., we would be very happy to take them off your hands. You may drop them off at the rectory. By doing this, you are getting a head start on your spring cleaning and you are helping maintain our programs by defraying their cost.

Larry Miller Productions Expands Staff

Larry Miller Productions, located at One Thompson Square, Charlestown, continues to expand, adding seven senior staffers in management, creative, production and business development.

Four of these hires have exceptional new media experience, having collaborated on projects ranging from the *Evita* website to computer-based learning environments.

Michael Sabourin, vice president, new media, helped pioneer digital marketing, training and organizational communications for clients including BMW and Bell Atlantic. He has held senior posts at EDS and Convergent Media Systems.

Laura Wallace, vice president, production management, will manage LMP's new media, video, print, presentation graphics and tech services business units. She has spent the last seven years in sales and marketing at Avid Technology, where she oversaw event planning, facility design, video and new media development, including Avid's 400-page website.

Robert Bickford, director, new media, joins LMP to provide creative consultation and project management to clients engaged in



NEW MEMBERS have joined the staff of Larry Miller Productions at One Thompson Square. Shown front row (l. to r.) are John Dumke, Laurie Bean, Laura Wallace and Jonathan Reduker. Back row (l. to r.) are Francis Maslowski, Bob Bickford, Ian Dowe and Michael Sabourin.

electronic marketing. His experience includes MIT's Media Lab where he developed computer-based learning environments and Convergent Media Systems, where he served as creative director and executive director on many digital campaigns, including websites for *Judge Dredd* and *Evita*.

Francis Maslowski, director, new media, is an expert in electronic-commerce and new media technologies. While at Digital and later Convergent, he specialized in developing CD-ROMs and websites. Additional, he has significant expertise in producing and directing satellite

broadcasts.

Jonathan Reduker joins LMP as design director, responsible for the company's efforts in print, video and new media. "Jono," as he is known professionally, has done award-winning work for Lotus, Aldus, Sony and Adobe.

LMP also announced the appointment of Ian Dowe as director of new business development. He will lead the company's consultative selling efforts in the high-tech, financial services and consumer products markets. Dowe joins LMP from WTM, a high-tech advertising and public relations firm where he headed business develop-

ment and account services. Prior positions include Merrill Lynch and Dalbar Financial Services.

Working with Dowe will be John Dumke, account manager, who previously ran a production company in New York specializing in new product launches and educational programming. He has extensive experience in the pharmaceutical and health care industries, including CIBA Geigy, Miles Laboratories, Bristol Myers, Squibb and Surgicos.

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April 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20

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March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16

April 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21

The Smoking Cessation groups run for 5 consecutive weeks and are held at the MGH Charlestown HealthCare Center, 73 High St., in Charlestown. Classes are held in the 2nd floor conference room and are **FREE** of charge.

Please call 485-6210 to register.

In addition to group session, individual sessions are available by appointment



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor must be signed and include name, address and telephone number for verification. The name will be withheld if the writer so requests. Anonymous letters will NOT be published.



My Sincere Thanks

To My Family and Friends:

Thank you for the cards, baskets and expressions of sympathy on the loss of my sister, Lillian Acquaviva.

Sincerely,
Mel Stillman

Thanks For A Great Time!

To The Members of the Knights of Columbus:

Thanks for a great time on Sunday afternoon, March 2, with Brendan Bowyer and his Irish Showband. We look forward to more events like this!

Sincerely,
Marty O'Brien and Family

Mishawum Park Tenants Seek Support

The Mishawum Park Tenants Association, Inc. and residents of Mishawum would like to thank the state representatives and senators and the Boston City Councillors for backing the Home Rule Petition for governmentally involved housing.

We will be taking part in a hearing on Bill #2113 at the State House from noon to 5 p.m. on Thursday, April 3. We need people to come to the State House to show their support. Your assistance would be much appreciated.

Thank you,
Mishawum Park Tenants Association, Inc.

Thank You, Friends And Family!

To My Friends and Family:

Thank you to everyone who made the annual St. Francis de Sales Irish Night such a success. To be honored by such a wonderful group of people is still overwhelming.

My appreciation to Father Dan Mahoney, Joan Rae, Essie Martin and her committee for making the event so memorable. My special thanks to the Friends of the Charlestown District Court, the Bunker Hill Day Parade Committee, Judy Evers and Peggy-Davis Mullen for the commemorative gifts. Thank you to Rep. Gene O'Flaherty for joining the celebration.

I still say I do nothing out of the ordinary to deserve this kind of notice, but I know I am very special to have good friends and family. The night was filled with warmth and caring, and I will always remember what a good time was had by all.

Sincerely,
Marty O'Brien

Scholarship Applications Available

OLD CHARLESTOWN SCHOOLBOYS' ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Applications are available for two \$1,000 Old Charlestown Schoolboys' Association scholarships. In order to be eligible for the scholarship, the boy or girl must be a senior in high school, be a resident of Charlestown for 10 or more years, complete a scholarship application, enclose a copy of his or her high school transcript and at least three letters of recommendation, preferably from references listed on the scholarship application. The new second scholarship, named the Palledoes Athletic Scholarship, has the same procedure for submitting applications.

Applications are at the Patriot office, One Thompson Square, the Boys & Girls Club, 15 Green St., and at the Charlestown High School office, 240 Medford St.

Completed applications should be returned by April 19 to one of the above locations.

Scholarship winners must be present at the reunion dinner on May 8 or the runner-up will receive the scholarship award.

MICHAEL P. QUINN SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are being accepted for the 1997 Michael Patrick Quinn Scholarship which will be for \$2,500 for the recipient's first year of college only. To be eligible, you must be a Charlestown resident for the past four years and graduate with your high school class of 1997. The application deadline is May 1.

Applications are available at the Patriot office, One Thompson Square, or by calling 242-5493 or 242-5445.

Consider What Message You Are Sending

South Shore Midget Football Conference
Commissioner Paul Alconada
22 First St.
Weymouth, MA 02188

Dear Commissioner Alconada:

The Charlestown Neighborhood Council has been informed that your football conference has a problem with playing in Charlestown. We hope before you consider removing Charlestown by either voting them out or changing your by-laws to suit your needs, your board would consider what message your group would be sending to the young players in your league.

We have been told that several teams threaten to leave the South Shore Conference if they have to play at the Charlestown High School field. Shame on them. This

council has worked with Charlestown Against Drugs (CHAD), the Boston Police and members of the Pop Warner Board of Directors to insure a location for your children and our children to compete, have fun and be secure.

We think someone is missing the message in youth sports. Our understanding of youth programs is to teach sportsmanship, teamwork, and to help the young people in your town or our town to respect one another no matter what color your skin or where you live.

We are a proud community, have always addressed problems head-on and hope we can work with your conference to make sure our children have the same rights as the rest of your teams have.

Sincerely,
Peter Looney, chairperson
Charlestown Neighborhood Council

Gather All Of The Facts

South Shore Midget Football Conference
c/o Commissioner Paul Alconada
22 First St.
Weymouth, MA 02188

Dear Commissioner Alconada:

It has recently come to our attention that the South Shore Football Conference has taken steps to prohibit the Charlestown Pop Warner program from playing home games at the Charlestown High School facility because certain teams in the conference are refusing to play at this facility.

The allegations of the area surrounding the field as being unsafe and that cars have vandalized are unfounded. We have had the opportunity to speak with the representative of Boston Police Area A-1 who sits on the Charlestown Against Drugs (CHAD) team, and he has informed

us that there were no complaints during last year's season.

The Charlestown community makes every effort to ensure that our children have productive and safe activities. Our community strives to build the self-image of our youth. We teach our youth that everyone should work together and everyone is equal, regardless of age, race or creed. This is the message every youth organization should be sending. The message being sent by your organization to our youth contradicts these messages.

The CHAD organization unanimously voted to lend our support to Charlestown Pop Warner. We believe that they are being unfairly penalized. Before any further actions are taken against Charlestown Pop Warner, we challenge you to gather all of the facts.

Sincerely,
Peter Looney, chairperson
Charlestown Against Drugs

What Are The Reasons For The Sanctions?

Commissioner Paul Alconada
South Shore Midget Football Conference
22 First St.
Weymouth, MA 02188

Dear Commissioner Alconada:

The actions taken by the league with regard to Charlestown Pop Warner and the proximity of its home playing field to the Bunker Hill Public Housing Development is terribly disturbing. Residents of this development are honest, hard-working people who are stigmatized by some simply because they live in public housing. I am greatly concerned and take umbrage that members of the South Shore Midget Football Conference are responsible for perpetuating this myth, as evidenced by their current actions.

I fail to understand why the children and parents of Charlestown, who are deserving of our support as a community, are made victims of intolerance at the expense of a small number of individuals. As I understand the ethic of sports and sportsmanship, as a society we should utilize the goodwill fostered on the playing field, as a template for tolerance and acceptance in other areas of our lives.

Elected officials and community leaders are equally

concerned and have wondered what might be possible reasons for sanctions to be placed upon the Charlestown program. According to public safety officials, there is no record of a crime being committed on the day of a football game at the site.

Many of the participants in Charlestown Pop Warner are residents of public housing. We struggle daily in all neighborhoods in the city of Boston, searching for healthy, positive activities for our children. The Boston Housing Authority pledges its unwavering support for the children, parents and staff of the Charlestown Pop Warner Football Program.

Personally, I am disheartened and disappointed at the suggestion that the Bunker Hill Public Housing Development is being used as a reason to impose sanctions on this worthwhile program.

Commissioner, I would like you to join me in setting a tone and establishing an atmosphere wherein young people are positively influenced by others with only their best interests at heart. I will continue to monitor this situation carefully and look forward to your response.

Sincerely,
Sandra B. Henriquez, administrator
Boston Housing Authority

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Tuesday, March 4

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A woman stated that a male friend she had let stay with

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE MASSACHUSETTS BAY TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed General Bids for MPA Project No. 7.001C BLUE LINE RESIDENTIAL SOUND INSULATION PROGRAM, EAST BOSTON & REVERE, MASSACHUSETTS, will be received by the Massachusetts Port Authority at the Capital Programs Department Office, 4th Floor, Room 4510, Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, Massachusetts 02116, until 11:00 A.M. local time on WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, 1997 immediately after which, in a designated room, the proposal will be opened and read publicly. This project is funded by the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority and managed and contracted by the Massachusetts Port Authority.

Sealed sub-bids for the same project will be received at the same office until 11:00 A.M. local time on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26, 1997, immediately after which, in a designated room, the filed sub-bids will be opened and read publicly.

NOTE: PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE CAPITAL PROGRAMS DEPARTMENT (ABOVE ADDRESS) AT 1:00 P.M. LOCAL TIME ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 1997.

The work includes ALL LABOR, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR MAKING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ACOUSTICAL PERFORMANCE OF THIRTY-FOUR (34) RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS. SOUND-PROOFING MEASURES INCLUDE NEW VINYL COMPOSITE, ACOUSTICAL REPLACEMENT WINDOWS, NEW WOOD REPLACEMENT WINDOWS, ADDITION OF ALUMINUM STORM WINDOWS, ACOUSTICAL TILE CEILINGS, EXTERIOR PRIME AND STORM DOOR REPLACEMENT, CAULKING, PAINTING, WEATHERSTRIPPING, AND MODIFICATIONS TO CERTAIN ROOMS.

Bid documents will be made available beginning MONDAY, MARCH 10, 1997.

In order to be eligible and responsible to bid on this project General Bidders must submit with their bid a current Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Planning and Operations and an Update Statement. The General Bidder must be certified in the category of GENERAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION or DOORS AND WINDOWS. The estimated project cost is \$980,000.00.

Bid Documents may be obtained at the Authority's Capital Programs Department Office, together with any addenda or amendments which the Authority may issue. A charge of \$25, PAYABLE BY CHECK ONLY, will be made for these Documents, which charge will be refunded upon their return in good condition, within forty-five (45) days after receipt of the General Bids.

Bidding procedures and award of the contract and sub-contracts shall be in accordance with the provisions of Sections 44A through 44H inclusive, Chapter 149 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

A proposal guaranty shall be submitted with each General Bid consisting of a bid deposit for five (5) percent of the value of the bid; when sub-bids are required, each must be accompanied by a deposit equal to five (5) percent of the sub-bid amount, in the form of a bid bond, or cash, or a certified check, or a treasurer's or a cashier's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company, payable to the Massachusetts Port Authority in the name of which the Contract for the work is to be executed. The bid deposit shall be (a) in a form satisfactory to the Authority, (b) with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth and satisfactory to the Authority, and (c) conditioned upon the faithful performance by the principal of the agreements contained in the bid.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond and a labor and materials payment bond, each in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract price. The surety shall be a surety company or securities satisfactory to the Authority. Attention is called to the minimum rate of wages to be paid on the work as determined under the provisions of Chapter 149, Massachusetts General Laws, Section 26 to 27G, inclusive, as amended. The Contractor will be required to pay minimum wages in accordance with the schedules listed in Division II, Special Provisions of the Specifications, which wage rates have been predetermined by the U.S. Secretary of Labor and/or the Commissioner of Labor and Industries of Massachusetts, whichever is greater.

The successful Bidder will be required to purchase and maintain Bodily Injury Liability Insurance and Property Damage Liability Insurance for a combined single limit of \$1,000,000.00. Said policy shall be on an occurrence basis and the Authority shall be included as an Additional Insured. See the insurance sections of Division I, General Requirements and Division II, Special Provisions for complete details.

Return of bid deposits will be in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 149, Section 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Filed sub-bids will be required and taken on the following classes of work:

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The Authority reserves the right to reject any sub-bid of any sub-trade where permitted by Section 44E of the above referenced General Laws. The right is also reserved to waive any informality in or to reject any or all proposals and General Bids.

This contract is subject to a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation provision requiring that not less than 13% of the Contract be performed by disadvantaged business enterprise contractors. With respect to this provision, bidders are urged to familiarize themselves thoroughly with the Bidding Documents. Strict compliance with the pertinent procedures will be required for a bidder to be deemed responsive and eligible.

This Contract is also subject to Affirmative Action requirements of the Massachusetts Port Authority contained in the Non-Discrimination and Affirmative Action article of Division I, General Requirements and Covenants, and to the Secretary of Labor's Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Opportunity and the Standard Federal Equal Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications (Executive Order 11246).

The General Contractor is required to submit a Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities prior to award of the Contract, and to notify prospective sub-contractors of the requirement for such certification where the subcontract exceeds \$10,000.

Complete information and authorization to view the site may be obtained from the Capital Programs Department Office at the Massachusetts Port Authority. The right is reserved to waive any informality in or reject any or all proposals.

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY
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her assaulted her before leaving her apartment on O'Reilly Way. The woman will seek complaints at the Charlestown District Court.

A man reported that person(s) unknown broke into his apartment on Medford Street and stole his VCR.

Wednesday, March 5

The Boston School Police arrested a male student for an assault at 240 Medford St.

Thursday, March 6

A man reported that two persons known to him passed bad checks to him at his store on Eighth Street.

A woman stated that person(s) unknown broke into her Monument Avenue apartment and stole jewelry and a cellular phone.

A man stated that person(s) unknown broke into his motor vehicle while it was parked on Parker Street and stole a cellular phone.

A man reported that person(s) unknown slashed three tires of his motor vehicle that was parked on Main Street.

Friday, March 7

A man reported that person(s) unknown broke the window of his Main Street store.

A woman stated that person(s) unknown stole her purse from her work locker on Rutherford Avenue. Her purse contained two watches and money.

A woman stated that person(s) unknown put something in the front door lock of her Monument Street apartment.

Charlestown Man Admits To Two Armed Robberies

A 36-year-old Charlestown man will be in prison for three years for his part in two 1995 armed robberies, District Attorney Ralph C. Martin II announced.

Frank Bowman Jr. of Walford Way, Charlestown, pleaded guilty in Suffolk Superior Court on March 10. Judge Elizabeth B. Donovan sentenced Bowman on two counts of armed robbery, one count of possession of burglary tools, and one count of

receiving a stolen vehicle.

On March 11, 1995, Bowman admitted that he and co-defendant Wayne Woodruff, 35, also of Charlestown, robbed the Burger King at the Bunker Hill Mall in Charlestown. They forced the manager to open the safe by putting a knife to his throat. The two men eluded police in a chase and escaped with about \$932. They were identified by a clerk and by a detail officer who had played

youth baseball with both suspects. Police sought arrest warrants that day.

Then, on April 10, 1995, the pair tried to rob again. This time they robbed the Dairy Mart on Squire Road in Revere. They stole food stamps, lottery tickets and the cash register, using a knife and toy pistol.

Woodruff and Bowman crashed their stolen car after a high-speed chase through Lynn and Saugus. Bowman, the driver, was

still wearing the surgical gloves used in the armed robbery when police arrested him.

Woodruff pleaded guilty on March 25, 1996 and received a 10- to 12-year sentence at Mass. Correctional Institution at Cedar Junction.

Bowman was taken into federal custody where he is serving a five-year sentence. Upon completion of that sentence, he will begin his three-year sentence for the two robberies.

Breast Cancer Services And Support For Charlestown Residents

The American Cancer Society offers Charlestown residents a wide variety of breast cancer services and support to patients and families, including referrals to free mammograms, free transportation to and from treatment appointments, Reach To Recovery one-to-one support, free wigs and prostheses, educational videos in multiple languages, a toll-free information line, and free literature and posters on the early detection

of breast cancer.

Charlestown residents who would like more information about these programs, or who need referral to local resources addressing breast cancer detection, treatment or services, should call Vina Harvey, field executive for Breast Health for the America Cancer Society's Greater Boston Region Center at 437-1900, or call the American Cancer Society toll-free at 1-800-ACS-2345.

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'Sissy' Celebrates 50th Birthday At Surprise Party



EDITH "SISSY" AHERN celebrated her 50th birthday at a surprise party planned by her family and held at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Family members and friends spent the evening enjoying good food, music for dancing and just having fun. Shown (l. to r.) Annmarie Whalen and Pat Harty, Sissy's sisters; Sissy wearing a crown; and her brother Jimmy Ahern.

Free Health Program For Seniors

The city of Boston's Commission on Affairs of the Elderly offers free screenings and health education programs to Charlestown residents age 60 and older.

Blood Pressure Screening will take place from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., Friday, March 21, at the Charlestown Golden Age Center, 382 Main St.

The commission offers free eye examinations and hearing screenings by appointment through its Bright Eyes and Sound Screen programs at the Boston Medical

Center. Free transportation is provided. Please call 635-4050 to schedule an appointment for one of the following dates:

BRIGHT EYES

Wednesday, March 19

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Having worked with Realtors in other parts of the country we can't emphasize how relieved we were with the integrity and directness the professionals in your office displayed.

Carolyn, thank you for everything, we look forward to being your neighbor.

Warm Regards,

Mr. & Mrs. E.C. Williams III

Edward C. Williams, III
Vice President

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Phyllis and Lou

Dear Carolyn,

Now that we've finally settled in to sunny Florida, I wanted to thank you for helping this move to happen. Without your happy smile, great selling and professionalism, our condo might still be on the market rather than selling quickly and so close to our asking price.

Not only did things go smoothly, but both Lou and I feel we also made a true friend.

You have our new telephone number and address, and you had better use it. What a great place for you to take a vacation - our new home.

We look forward to seeing you soon and have given your name to a few people for real estate.

Fondly,

Phyllis & Lou

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Dear Shirley,

I am writing to thank you for your finding a buyer for my condo. As in our other transactions in the past four years (the purchase and subsequent sale of a house and purchase of this condo), you have been indefatigable in your efforts, including advertising in the newspaper, holding frequent open houses and in bringing in prospective buyers through your contacts with the real estate community. I have nothing but high praise for the marketing you have done and the services you have provided through the closings.

I wish to formally note that all four of our transactions have been handled with the utmost honesty and integrity and with a high level of professionalism. It is refreshing to find such competence in an area that can often be fractious and stressful. I have no doubt that the high standards and attentiveness you have demonstrated is reflective of all your transactions and, thus, I have no reservations in recommending your services to any buyer or seller.

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