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### 776 Scout Fair On Saturday

On Saturday, August 18, 1979, the Cub Scouts of Pack 776 and the Boy Scouts of Troop 776 are joining together in a Scout Fair to be held at Mishawum Park in Charlestown at the TibbetsTown Way Playground, off Essex St., from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. We are looking forward to

having a fun-filled day with such activities as games, pony rides, a cake sale, a white elephant table, craft items, refreshments and to top off the day, a watermelon eating contest.

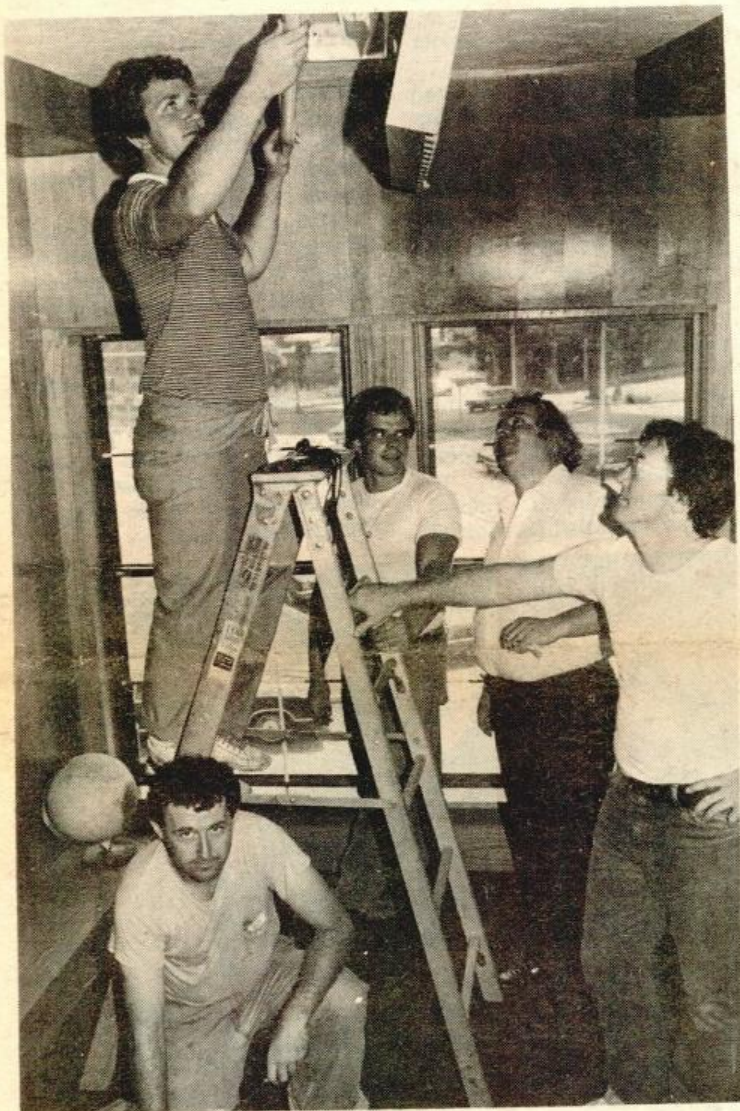
There will be opportunities to try your hand at winning a

redwood picnic table and benches, a hand crocheted afghan, a basket of assorted groceries and fancy cakes, all donated by the parents of our boys.

If anyone would like to donate a cake or bakery item for our cake sale or an item for our white elephant table, call me at 242-3334 and I'll arrange to pick it up.

Why not plan on joining us, have a good time and support some very nice young men, our Scouts!

Lorrie MacDonald,  
Committee Member  
Pack 776 and Troop 776



CHARLESTOWN CONTRACTOR Joe Flaherty (second from right) is now a member of Boston's Youth Council. Flaherty has hired hundreds of Charlestown youth to work for his firm. Shown here with Flaherty are employees Chipa Godding, 19, on ladder, Steve Sullivan, 25, foreground, C.J. Regan, 20, center, and Marty Kane, 27, at right. Mayor Kevin H. White established the new Youth Council to advise the city's Employment and Economic Policy Administration (EEPA) on jobs for youth. (photo by Bob Stanton) (see story on page 12)

### New Year's Party

A Senior Citizen's EARLY NEW YEAR'S PARTY sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Charlestown will be held on Saturday, August 25th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the K. of C. Hall on West School Street. Music will be by Mike Connolly's Celticaires. Refreshments will be served.

See Helen Lawler at Kent Community School for tickets.

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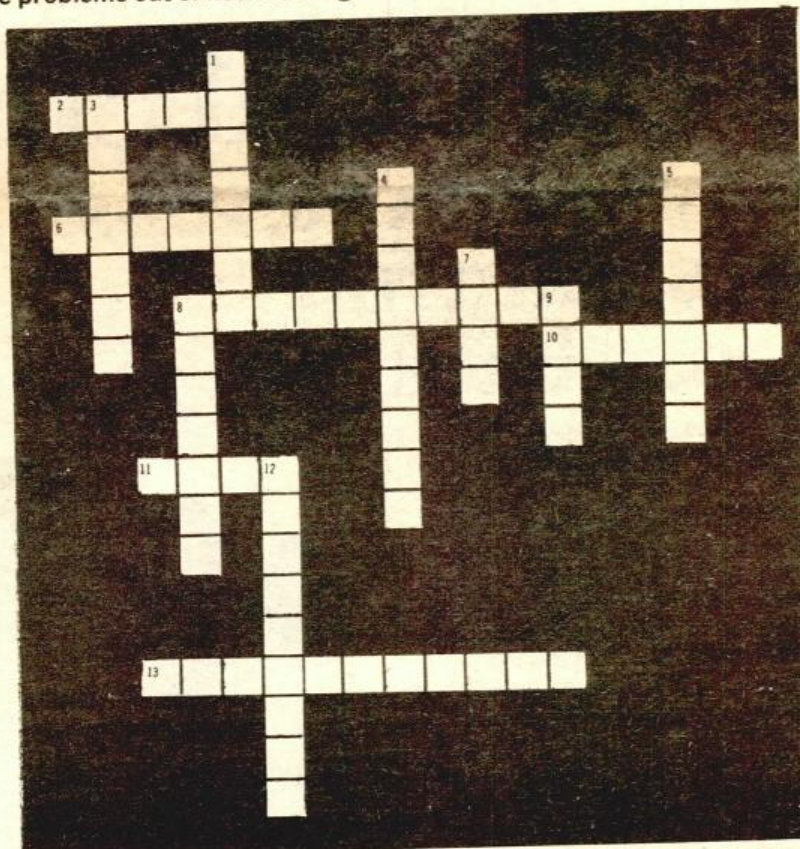
### Charlestown Says "Thank You"

The Charlestown Community says "Thank You" to the young "Townies" — Pat Cannata, David Downey, Kevin Downey, Paul Dobie, Patricia Suprey, Paul Bird, Patricia Bradley, Thomas McGoff, Janet Sullivan, Ann Marie Yandle and Kenneth Russell — whose prompt action saved the life of Police Officer Dennis Vitale following the collision of his motorcycle and an auto on Bunker Hill Street this past Saturday evening.

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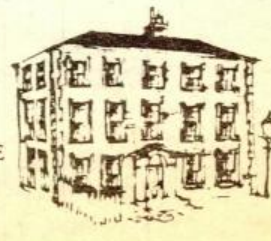
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# Charlestown Community Calendar

Thursday, August 16  
Summerthing Circus - 11:00 a.m. - Bunker Hill Monument  
Friday, August 17  
15 year old Babe Ruth All Stars vs. Over The Hill Gang - 7:00 p.m. - Ryan Playground  
Saturday, August 18  
Scout Pack 776 Fair - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Tibbets Town Way Park (off Essex Street)  
Monday, August 20  
"Kick Up Your Heels" Program For Senior Citizens - 2:00 p.m. - Charlestown Branch Library.  
Tuesday, August 21  
Films For Children - 3:30 p.m. - Charlestown Branch Library  
Joe Val and the New England Bluegrass Boys - 7:00 p.m. - Bunker Hill Monument  
Wednesday, August 22  
Children's Summer Reading Club - 10:30 a.m. - Charlestown Branch Library

Charlestown Community Gardeners' Pot Luck Supper - 6:30 p.m. followed by "Bugs - Good and Bad" Slide Program. Open to all - 7:30 p.m. - Charlestown Community Center, 14 Green Street

Thursday, August 23  
CAN IT! A demonstration of how to can your own fruits and vegetables at home - 10:00 a.m. - Charlestown Community Center, 14 Green Street

Summerthing Circus Theatre - 11:00 a.m. - Harvard Mall

Saturday, August 25  
Senior Citizens' New Year's Party - 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street

Dance - 8:30 p.m. til... - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street

Thursday, August 30  
Little League Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Medford Street Gym

Sunday, September 9  
Little League Cookout - noon - Ryan Playground, Sullivan Square

Friday, September 14  
Babe Ruth Banquet - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street

## Conway Re-Elected Legion State Vice Commander

James W. Conway, Past Commander of Bunker Hill Post 26, American Legion was recently re-elected a Vice Commander of the Department of Massachusetts, American Legion.

The election was held at the 61st Annual State Legion Convention in Springfield, Mass. by delegates representing the 70,000 members of the Legion in Massachusetts.

There are five State Vice Commanders elected annually at large in an election process similar to that used for the Boston City Council.

Department Vice Commander Conway, a 26 year member of the Bunker Hill Post, has served

three terms as its Commander, is a Past Commander of Suffolk County District 7, and Past Department Historian.

The other Vice Commanders are Dorothy Dickson of Norwell, John "Spider" Smith of Orange, William Smith of Worcester, and Henry "Romey" Troville of Somerville.

James H. Denver of Springfield was elected Department Commander in a three-man race.

Jim Conway was the first member of the Bunker Hill Post which was founded in 1919, to ever have been elected to the high office of State Vice Commander.

Since the convention, Bunker Hill Post has been singularly honored by State Commander

Denver with the appointment of Past Commander H. Vincent Strout as Department Assistant Judge Advocate.

Three members of Post 26 have also received important appointments from Commander Denver.

Jim Conway was appointed Director of the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division and Chairman of its Rehab sub-division. He was also reappointed, for his fourth consecutive term, as Chairman and Editor of the state newspaper, the Massachusetts Legionnaire, which is published nine times a year and mailed to the Legion's 70,000 members.

Past Post 26 Commander Arthur L. Hurley was appointed Chairman of the Death Claims and Insurance Committee.

Past Commander H. Vincent Strout was appointed Director of

the Internal Affairs Division and Chairman, of its sub-division, Constitution and By-laws.

Other state officers elected were Adjutant - John P. Swift of West Roxbury, Treasurer - Edward Norcott of Hanover, Historian - William Donahue of Lynn, Chaplain - Rev. Gerald Milliken of Saugus, Committee Woman - At - Large - Evelyn Lamb of Hyde Park.

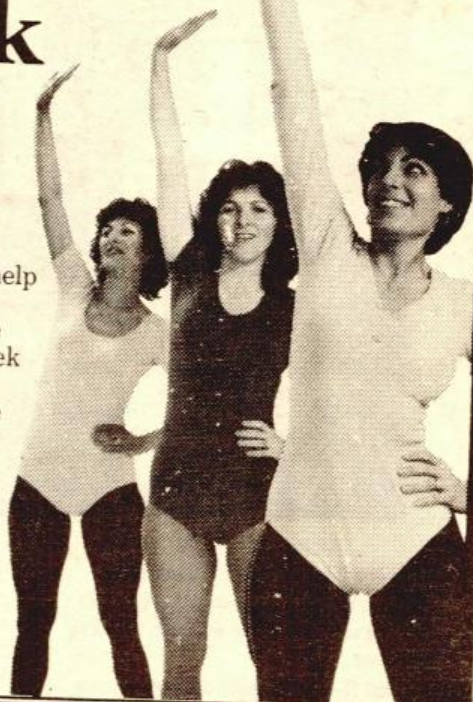
Also elected were National Executive Committeeman Robert W. Groccia of Oxford and Alternate National Executive Committeeman John P. "Jake" Comer of Quincy.

Jim Conway, in a note of thanks to convention delegates for their support, has announced that he is a candidate for the high office of Department Commander at the 1980 Convention to be held in Pittsfield next June.

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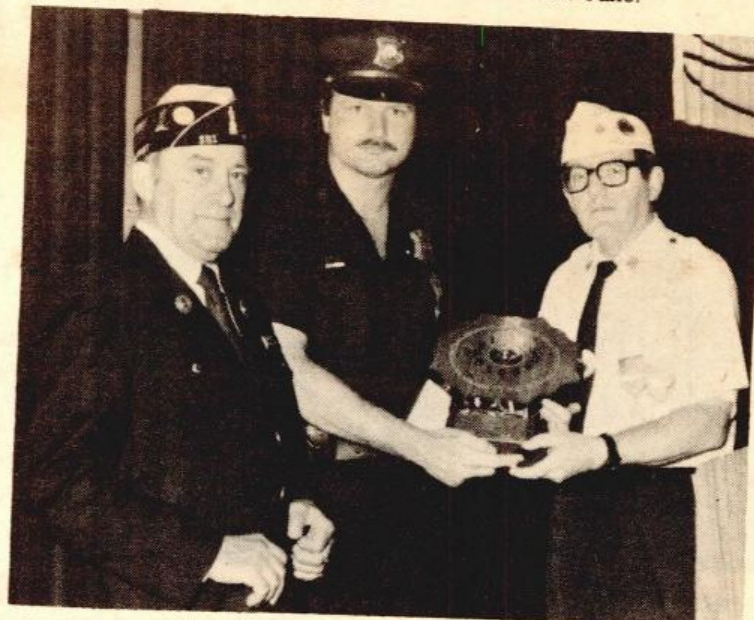
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LEGION "LAW AND ORDER" citation, wall clock and medal of valor was presented to Boston Police Officer Paul Varley by Department Vice Commander James W. Conway at the Department of Massachusetts, American Legion's 61st Annual Convention held recently in Springfield. Shown (l. to r.) are: Legion State Chairman of "Law and Order" Roy D. Lamb, Officer Varley and "Townie" Jim Conway.

(photo by John Curran)

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### Attention Proud "Townies!"

To Pleasant Street residents who own children, and I use the term "children" lightly. Is it necessary for you to allow them to be malicious and destroy other people's property?

They jump on cars 7 to 10 at a time, scratch cars and break antennas. No one stops them. They are allowed to throw cans, and break bottles along with throwing other debris on the street. When a garbage can was put out mainly for their convenience, they chose to destroy it just for fun.

They are allowed to break windows and write on houses as long as they don't live in them.

I realize that this is the city and perhaps I should readily accept these actions, but it seems ridiculous to sit by and watch 10 to 15 year olds doing this and not one adult bothers to do anything to teach these children to respect, not only other people's property, but to have some pride in themselves and the street they live on.

A Not So Proud "Townie"

### Thanks, Paula And Tom

Dear Gloria:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank "Two" wonderful people who I think deserve an enormous amount of credit for their efforts in making the recent M. D. A. Carnival the success that it was. They are Tom and Paula Jackson, the President and Secretary of the Charlestown Branch of the Muscular Dystrophy Association. They give unselfishly every year, of their time and energy for this wonderful organization, of which I am also a member.

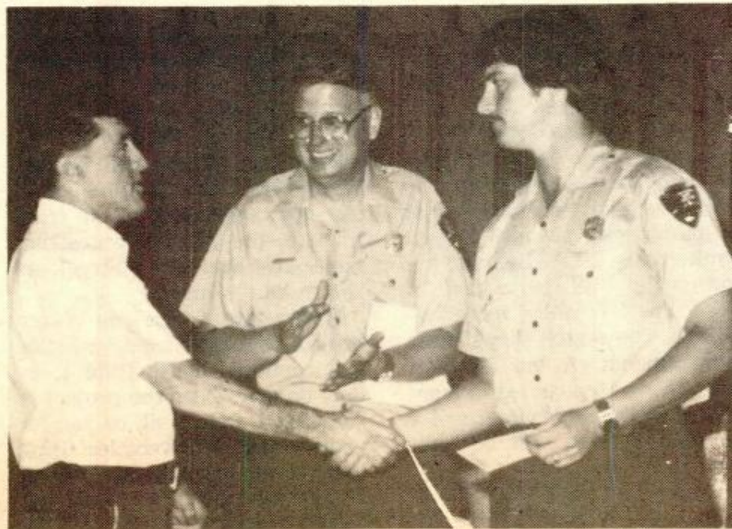
We had a very successful Carnival this year due to the efforts and the generosity and much love from the people of Charlestown. To the merchants, who are too numerous to mention, THANK YOU. To Charlie Johnson who is a super guy. To Terry O'Reilly who made the day for all of us, especially the kids. To Smokey Johnson who is here every year faithfully, especially the members of the committee who worked so diligently, to the workers and our friends from East Boston, South Boston, Dorchester, Dedham and Everett who work with us every year.

I could say Thank You from a million people, but when you see the progress that M. D. A. is making, your Thanks are shown in their faces. Every year we make a little more than the preceding one, but this year the

total was over \$4,000.00 and the final tally is not in yet.

To you Gloria and Jim. Thanks for the coverage you give us every year. To everyone who participated, "Because of You", There is hope for the future.

Sincerely  
Marilyn Rogers



JOHN LALLY a National Park Service ranger stationed at the Bunker Hill Monument unit of Boston National Historical Park received a monetary award on July 24, 1979 from Park Superintendent Hugh Gurney, and commendations from Boston Fire Department's Captain James McCabe for his outstanding service during the early morning hours of April 29, 1979, when he discovered a fire in a Monument Square residence. He quickly responded to this emergency by alerting the fire department, awaking the sleeping tenants, and attempting to extinguish the fire. Due to his alertness, there was no major damage to the building or loss of life. Shown (l. to r.) Captain McCabe, Superintendent Gurney and Ranger Lally.

## Babe Ruth Baseball

On Friday night, August 17th, at 7:00 p.m. at Ryan Playground, (The Neck), there will be a baseball game between the 15 year old All Stars Team and the coaches and officers of Babe Ruth.

Come on down and see some of the future baseball stars of Charlestown play against The Over The Hill Gang!

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### NEWS NOTES

On August 9th, at Ryan Playground, (The Neck), McAvoy's, who are the league champs of Babe Ruth, played the North End Red Sox. McAvoy's won the game by a score of 11 to 8. The winning pitcher for McAvoy's was John Moccia. The big hit in the game was a base clearing three run triple by John Dunbar. The North End Red Sox put on a late rush but John Moccia and McAvoy's fine defense stopped the Northend cold. It was a great game and a lot of fun was had by all!

## Resolution Praises Charlestown Youths

The Boston City Council extended congratulations to the ten Charlestown youths who came to the rescue of Boston Police Officer Dennis Vitale last Saturday

when his motorcycle collided with an automobile on Bunker Hill Street at Trenton, trapping the officer and then bursting into flames.

Boston City Councillor Ray Flynn who introduced the resolution said, "the heroic actions of David and Kevin Downey, Patrick Cannata, Paul Dobie, Patricia Suprey, Paul Bird, Patricia Bradley, Thomas McGoff, Janet Sullivan, Ann Marie Yandle, and Kenneth Russell in saving the life of Officer Vitale are a tribute to 'the pride and tradition of the Charlestown community and its people.' The City of Boston is indeed proud of their heroic action and extends its heartfelt thanks to their families and the entire Charlestown community."

Councillor Flynn has invited the young men and women to come to City Hall to receive the special resolution of praise.

### Summerthing

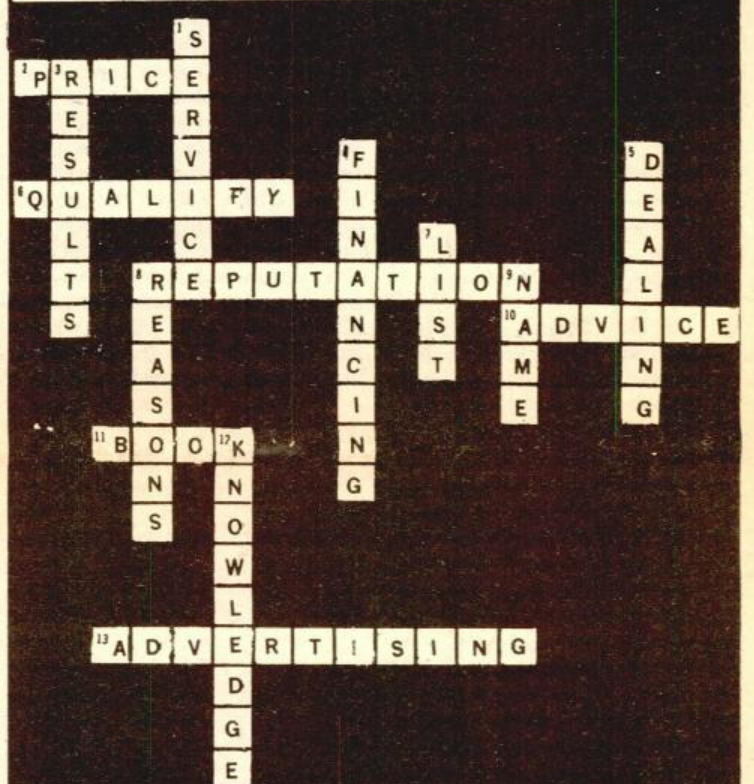
This week Summerthing will feature Joe Val and the New England Bluegrass Boys at the Bunker Hill Monument on August 21st at 7:00 p.m. Summerthing is proud to present this renowned foot-tapping, knee slapping country bluegrass band.

Also performing in Charlestown is the Summerthing Circus Theatre at Harvard Mall on August 23rd at 11:00 a.m. Bring the children to this circus show of clowns and magicians especially designed for kids!

For more information about these and other Summerthing events call Dura Winder at 242-0508 or call ARTSLINE, 261-1660.

### Gibson's Answers

to the home sale puzzle on page 1.



Senator Francis D. Doris commends the Charlestown youth who on the evening of August 11, 1979, in true "Townie Spirit," despite possible serious injury to themselves, went to the assistance of Police Officer Dennis Vitale who was pinned under his motorcycle which was aflame, and whose unselfish, prompt response saved Officer Vitale from death or serious permanent injury.

They deserve the thanks and gratitude of their fellow "Townies" for reflecting credit upon all Charlestown residents by their action, which is truly representative of the "Townie Spirit" of jumping in, despite danger, and helping your fellow man.

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## ATTENTION GOLFERS



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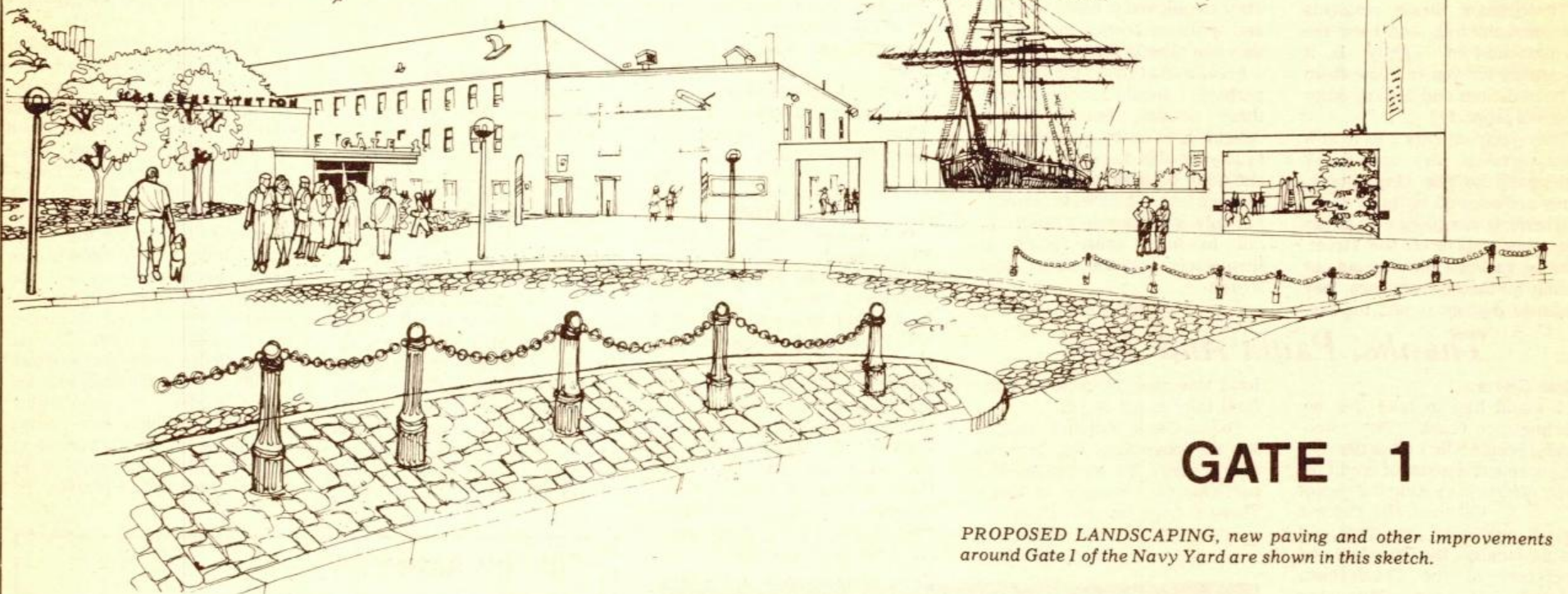
Tee Off Time — 12:00 noon

The Chestnut Hill Country Club.

Entry fee is \$25 which includes golf fee, prizes, Chinese food, open bar. Entry fee should be paid to Golf Committee or at K. of C. Bar or Cage. Banquet will follow the game at 8:00 p.m. in the K. of C. Function Room.



# Major Improvements Proposed For Gate One Of Navy Yard



PROPOSED LANDSCAPING, new paving and other improvements around Gate 1 of the Navy Yard are shown in this sketch.

Major improvements are proposed for the Gate 1 area in front of the Navy Yard as part of the Chelsea-Water project. This joint effort of Massport and the Boston Redevelopment Authority calls for building a new connection between Chelsea and

Water Streets and for a new bridge over the Little Mystic Channel near Moran Terminal. The plans are nearing completion and they will be the subject of a public hearing in Charlestown in the fall. This is the third in a series of articles prepared to inform citizens about the project before community meetings and the public hearing. Previous articles have discussed the plans for Gates 4 and 5 and the Little Mystic Channel bridge. This article deals with the proposed improvements around Gate 1.

Gate 1 has historically been the principal entrance into the Navy Yard, and it will remain a major gateway when the new National Historical Park is completed. The gateway will be designed to reflect the historic character of the park. New granite paving, granite posts, street lighting and landscaping will be added to make this entrance more attractive. The sketch shows these improvements. A bus drop-off area will be constructed in front of the gate for tour buses, and a bus parking area will be built

across Water Street from Gate 1 on land owned by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works. Crosswalks for pedestrians will be built across Water Street near the Pavilion to the bus parking lot and from there to the existing pedestrian underpass near Gray Street, as shown on the map.

Before the Chelsea-Water project is constructed, vehicles will continue to use Gate 1, as they do now. Once the project is completed, Gate 1 will be just for pedestrians, with vehicles using it only in emergencies. Gate 2 will be kept closed as it is today, but access through it will be possible in emergencies. As described in previous articles, Gate 4 will serve both pedestrians and vehicles and it will be an important point of access to the park for local residents. Gate 5 will serve mainly vehicles, but pedestrians will also be able to use it.

New ramps will be built from the Central Artery northbound into the Water-Chelsea connector (see map). One ramp will lead north along the edge of the Tobin Bridge approaches. There will be a new traffic signal where the ramp meets the Water-Chelsea connector at the corner of the Navy Yard. The second ramp will

curve around in front of Gate 1 to join Water Street southbound. It will replace the existing ramp with a safer one. A new pedestrian light will be installed at the crosswalk near the Pavilion.

In the proposed plan, Water and Chelsea Streets will be connected. This calls for construction of the roadway through a corner of the National Park. The construction requires that about 400 linear feet of the historic granite wall around the Navy Yard be relocated into the National Park. Moving the wall is an integral part of the project, and the process is being supervised by the National Park Service to be sure that the wall's appearance after construction is historically accurate and visually pleasing. The area inside the Navy Yard which will be affected by moving the wall in will be landscaped in keeping with the historic character of the national park.

If you have comments or questions about any part of the Chelsea-Water project or if you would like to see the plans in person, you can contact Dick McAllister at BRA, Boston City Hall, Boston 02201, telephone 722-4300. The next and final article in this series will summarize the total plan for the connector and the Little Mystic Channel bridge. Related projects and issues will also be reviewed in that article and citizens will be given information on opportunities for participation in meetings and the public hearing.

## It's A Boy . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cunha of 42 Russell St. Charlestown, wish to announce the birth of their first son, Nicholas Stephen, born on July 30, 1979 at Winchester Hospital.

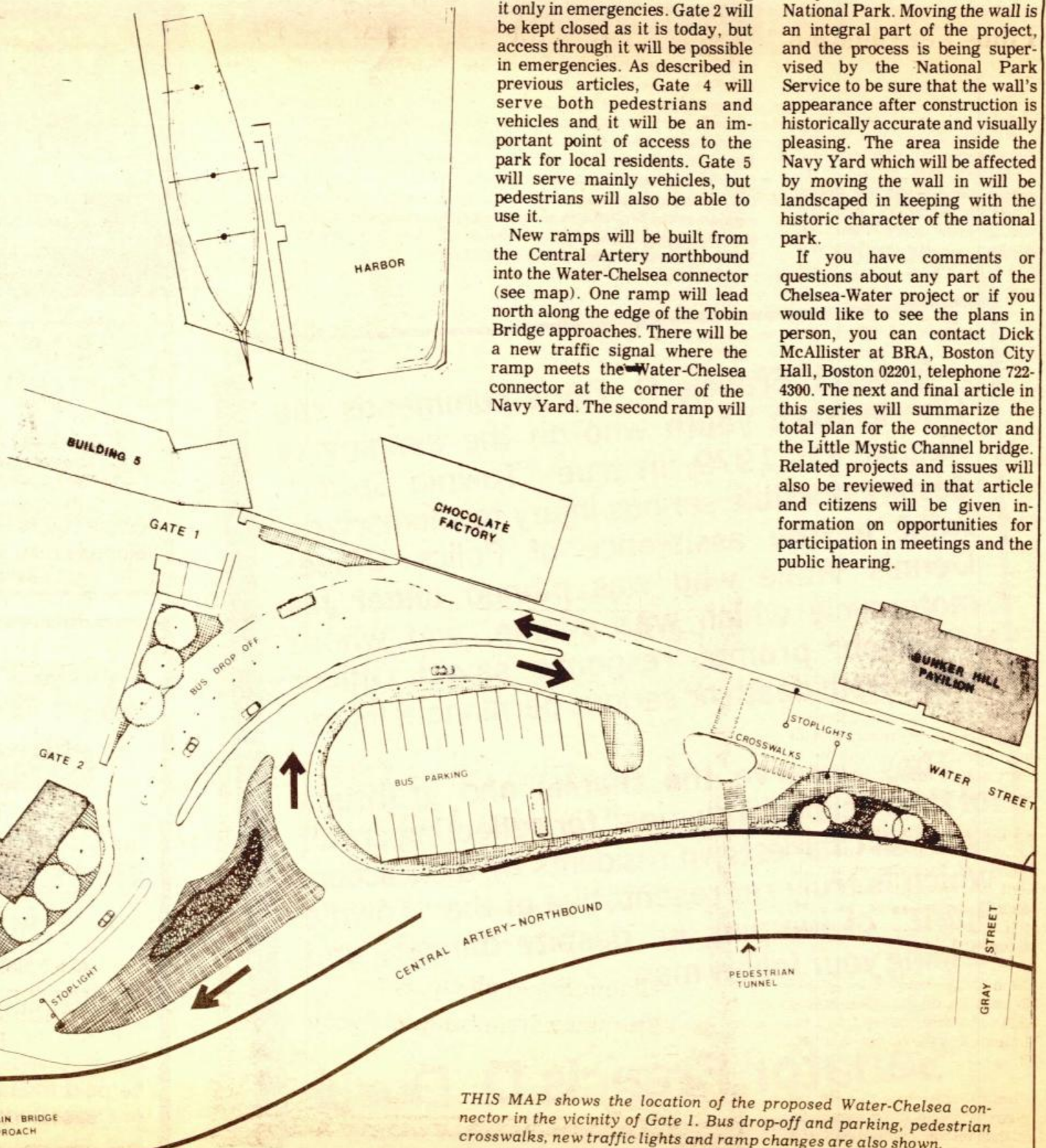
Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth V. Awbrey of 111 High Street, Charlestown, and Mr. Joseph H. Cunha of Parlmont Park, N. Billerica.

## It's A Girl . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Krol (Sherry Bartolino), 46 Pearl Street, Charlestown, MA, announce the birth of their second child, Jennifer Mary in the New England Memorial Hospital, Stoneham, MA.

She was born on July 27, 1979, at 10:57 a.m., weighing 8 lbs 12 3/4 ozs.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Leo Terjenian, Natick, MA, and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Krol, 108 Bartlett Street, Charlestown, MA.



THIS MAP shows the location of the proposed Water-Chelsea connector in the vicinity of Gate 1. Bus drop-off and parking, pedestrian crosswalks, new traffic lights and ramp changes are also shown.

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### UPCOMING TRIPS

August 22 - Breakhart Reservation - day trip.  
August 20 - 28 - day trips to Rexhame Beach, Marshfield, Mass.  
Anyone interested in taking trips should sign up at the YAC Office.

## MBTA Takes Additional Steps To Assure Safety On Orange Line

MBTA Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Robert L. Foster today in a letter to DPU Commissioner Doris Pote, pledged a stepped-up cooperative effort between the MBTA and the DPU regarding safety conditions on the Orange Line.

"The safety of the public is the first consideration of both our agencies and I am sure that, within that constraint, an effective plan for interdepartmental communication and joint implementation of speed restrictions can be mutually agreed upon," Foster said.

"The Operations Directorate at the MBTA has taken steps to assure that the utmost safety precautions are carried out in regard to service on the Orange Line," Foster added.

"A monthly recap bulletin will be issued by the Chief Engineer to the Transportation Department describing all temporary slow orders in effect by location, and posted speed, including any special instructions which may be necessary," Foster stated.

"The Chief Transportation Officer will issue a monthly bulletin for all operating per-

sonnel specifying what slow orders are in effect. Any slow order placed in effect after posting of the monthly bulletin will result in a notice from the Chief Engineer to the Chief Transportation Officer and the issuing of a special bulletin by the Chief Transportation Officer. Copies of the monthly bulletins and special bulletins will be forwarded to the DPU," Foster said.

"The Instruction Department will make spot checks of restricted areas to monitor the line for speed violations. Appropriate disciplinary action will be taken when operating personnel are cited for speed violations," Foster added.

"Our Engineering Department and your inspectors should get together as soon as possible regarding speed restrictions, posting of slow orders and communications between the various departments," Foster concluded.

Chairman of the Massachusetts Democratic State Committee Chester G. Atkins announced today that nomination papers for election to local ward, committees are now available. The election takes place on March 4, 1980 - the day of the Massachusetts presidential primary.

"We are going to be working between now and the March election to encourage active Democrats to seek a spot on their local committee," Atkins said. "We hope that those who have worked hard in the past will continue to serve and help us bring in some new faces."

Ward committee members serve four year terms as local officials of the Democratic Party. Each local committee has the option of setting its membership between 3 and 35 members. There are 609 local committees in the Commonwealth.

"The state-wide debate over the proposed party charter has activated local Democrats," Atkins said. "It has stimulated a new awareness of the party."

"We have one of the most influential Congressional delegations in Washington. We hold every important state-wide office, and we dominate the legislature."

"The nation's attention is focusing on Massachusetts attitudes as the presidential primary season approaches. We are in a unique position to affect policy on the local and national level. It is a very good time to get involved in the party."

The important dates in the process are as follows: August 7, 1979 - Nomination papers available from State Committee, Secretary of State, and local city and town clerks. November 9, 1979 - Deadline for filing nomination papers with local registrar (5:00 p.m.). November 20, 1979 - Deadline for filing nomination papers with Secretary of State (5:00 p.m.). March 4, 1980 - Election of local committee members.

Local committee nomination papers allow for the formation of slates. Slates have an advantage over individual candidates

because by law a slate appears first on the ballot.

If no notification of selected membership size of a local committee is received by the Secretary of State by October 16, 1979, then 10 members will be assigned to the local committee by the Secretary of State.

Those wishing nomination papers or further information should contact Moe Cunningham at the Democratic State Committee, Room 317, 11 Beacon Street, Boston, 02108. Nomination papers are also available through the Election Division of the Secretary of State's office.

## Schools Prepare To Open

The 344th school year of the Boston Public Schools, the nation's oldest public school system, will begin this September, 1979.

The following schedule outlines reporting times:

Wednesday, September 5 - Elementary and Middle School Students - Grade 1 thru 8 and High School - Grade 9 students only. Full Day. Lunch Served.

Thursday, September 6 - Elementary and Middle School Students - Grade 1 thru 8 and High School - Grade 10 students only. Full Day. Lunch Served.

Friday, September 7 - Elementary and Middle School Students - Grade 1 thru 8 and High School - Grade 11 and 12 only. Full Day. Lunch Served.

Monday, September 10 - All Schools and Grades except Kindergarten. Full Day. Lunch Served.

Monday, September 24 - Kindergarten Classes begin. Lunch Served in extended day kindergarten classes.

Parents of students in Grades 1 thru 12 will receive transportation notices on or about August 27, 1979.

Parents of Kindergarten students will receive transportation notices on or about September 10, 1979.

Any parent or student seeking assistance should call their district office of the School Information Center 726-6555 or the Boston School Department 726-6200.

## Films For Children

The Charlestown Branch Library presents Summer Shadows, a film program for children on Tuesday afternoons. On August 21 at 3:30 p.m., the film will be "BIM" in which a pet donkey is stolen and rescued by his faithful companion, Abdallah, and "Apt. 3" in which music becomes a common bond between a lonely old man and two young boys.

## At The Plaza

Mayor Kevin H. White and the Department of Parks and Recreation announces the 1979 Wednesday Night Live Concert series is being held every Wednesday night in August. The concerts are taking place on the City Hall Plaza at 7:30 p.m. and are open to everyone.

The "Irish Night" with Carmel Quinn and Noel Henry's Irish Band will be the feature on August 22nd.

## Kent News

The Kent Community School Seniors enjoyed a great show at the Cabot St. Theatre in Beverly recently. Some of the seniors took their grand-children with them. There was a magic show and a good time was had by all.

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A grateful thank-you to Mayor Kevin H. White's Parks and Recreation Department and the Kent Community School for donating two buses each for a day at Hampton Beach on Saturday August 4.

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Don't forget every Tuesday and Thursday night there is a special adult swim from 8:00 to 8:45 p.m. Come on down and cool yourself off.

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Congratulations to Hayes Square (15 and under) and the Hotshots on their victories in the B.N.B.L. Championship Games!



BOSTON FIREMEN'S POST 94, AMERICAN LEGION COMMANDER recently presented a check for \$200 to Dottie Simensen of Charlestown, an exceptional child, to help underwrite her expenses in entering the Special Olympics held last week in upstate New York. The check donated by the Boston Firemen's Relief Association was presented by Post 94, A. L. Commander Frank Cutler who is the Legion's District 7-Suffolk Children and Youth Chairman. Shown (l. to r.) are: Commander Cutler, Dottie, and Carol Arieta, Director of the Massachusetts Special Olympics of Taunton.

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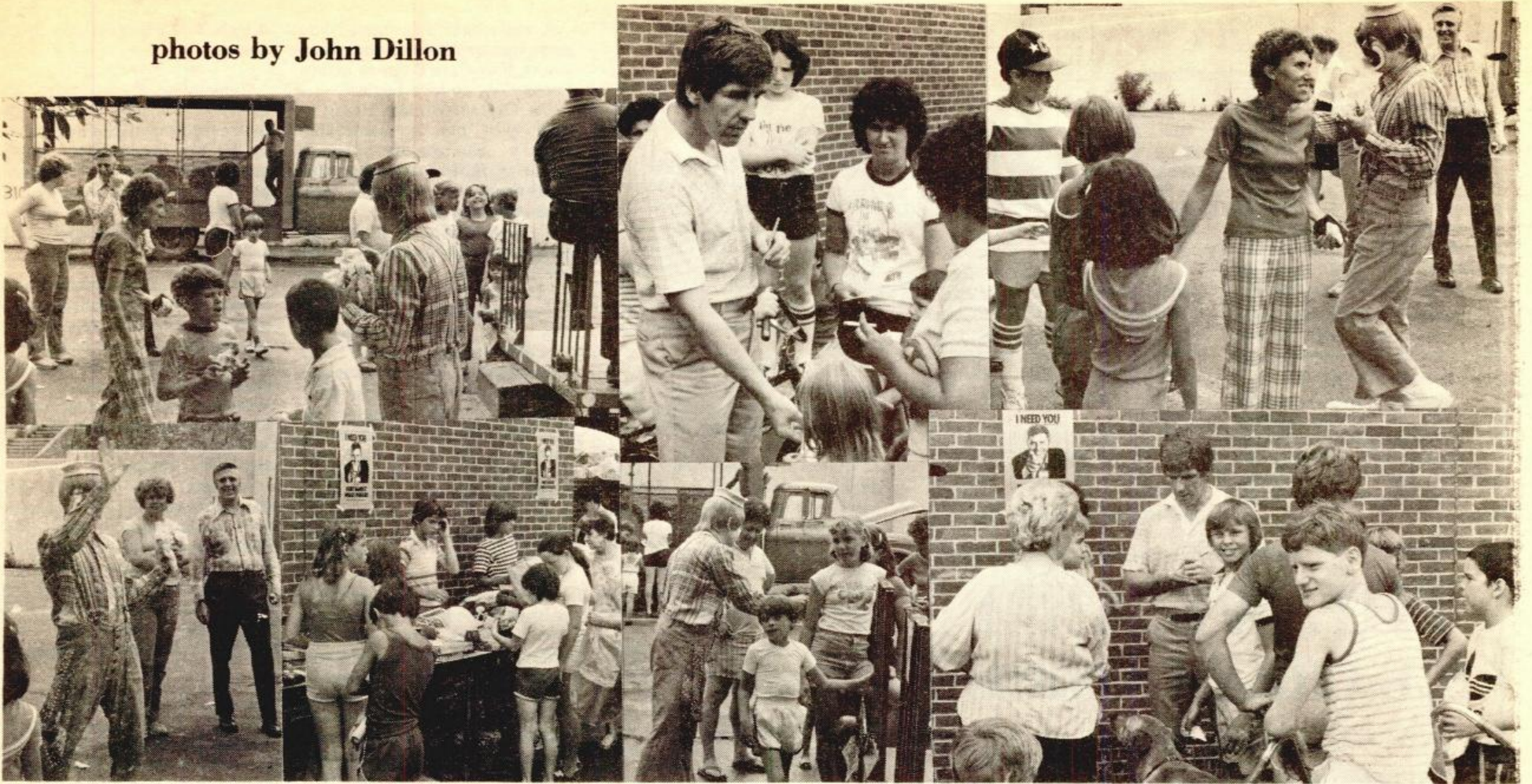
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## The City Scene

by Dick Sinnott

REMEMBER A WHILE BACK HOW I TOLD YOU ABOUT A POLITICAL RALLY I ATTENDED at the white church in Dorchester's Codman Square which was struck by lightning seconds after a candidate told the audience "if I'm not the best City Councillor this town has ever had, may God strike me dead?"

Well Dick McBrine, who came from that area, says he also recalls that incident and he adds one of his own. According to Dick a few days after the rally another storm struck during Sunday services. The storm was a beauty and the pinging of hail could be distinctly heard over the music while the collection was being taken.

It became so disconcerting that when the organ was stilled the minister said to the congregation "that sounds like hail."

The organist, thinking he was referring to this selection, quit on the spot.

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West Roxbury's Harold Kenny, one of City Hall's best, asked me how I managed to review three or four books a week. When I explained I took a course in speedreading at Curry College, he still wagged his head in incredulity.

All of which reminds me about the time Groucho Marx wrote a puff piece for a book by S.J. Perlman: "From the moment I picked it up I was convulsed with

laughter. Some day I may read it."

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Three Laurel-Leaf books were published this summer which my kids are delighted to recommend to your kids.

The first is titled "The 290" and in it Hans Christian Andersen Medal Winner author Scott Dell tells a tale of high intrigue on the high seas. "The 290" is an exciting story of a ship of the same name, built in secret for the Confederate Navy by the English. Adventure abounds in this one.

Louise Dickinson Rich is the author of "Summer at High Kingdom," a book recommended for those in the ten to 14 age bracket.

Briefly it's about Dan Chadwick, 13, who thinks the isolated farm he's on in a Maine valley is perfect and serene. The peace ends abruptly, however, when a nearby derelict farm known as "High Kingdom" is rented to a commune of "hippies." Adults will enjoy this one, also.

If your child is 12 or older another book that should grab his or her immediate interest is "Deadline" by Kathleen A. Begley, a gal who knew she wanted to be a reporter ever since her third grade teacher pinned a story of her visit to the circus on the bulletinboard.

That tiny bit of attention was to pave the way to a fulfilling career and Kathleen tells the story of how she became a reporter, starting as a summer copygirl to her present assignment with the Chicago Daily News.

And before we leave The City Scene "small folks" library leave us not forget two "Raggedy Ann" books published for readers six to nine years old. "Raggedy Ann in the Magic Book" has Ann and Andy strolling in the Deep, Deep Woods when they meet a Fuzzy wump. The other is "Raggedy Ann's Wishing Pebble" and author Johnny Gruelle has Ann getting the pebble but also the business from mean, selfish Mr. Minky who is jealous of the stone.

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A while back I promised you some tips on where to dine when you're down Cape Cod way before Labor Day, so let's begin:

The Captain William House in Dennisport has a memorable Sunday champagne brunch featuring fluffy omelettes, eggs Florentine or Benedict and delectable crepes.

If you want to lunch out but not get knocked out financially in the process, try The Charlies Restaurant in Hyannis. There you can have the soup of the day, plus a 16 ounce serving of Michelob and your choice of tuna, chicken salad, ham, hamburger or turkey sandwich, all for \$3.

Another reasonable eatery is the "200 Mile Limit" in South Yarmouth. There for \$4.95 you can savor a complete scallop dinner. If money is no object then do try one of my favorite spots, The Barnstable House on Route 6 A, Barnstable. Everything is outstanding, so's the price.

There are also some great buys for those in the know, such as the Hyannis Elks Fish Fry on Fridays, where the menu and the price vary, but where the food is super and the price right. Another grand take-in is the old fashioned bean supper the First Baptist Church in Hyannis has from time to time. Adults pay \$2.75; children \$1.50.

If you're staying home this weekend, but still want the finest in foods, you need only travel to Dorchester to Blinstrub's Old Colony House Restaurant on Morrissey Boulevard.

This is a five star restaurant, serving some of the best fillet mignon and fresh fish and shellfish this side of Paris. The price is right, the atmosphere a

delight and I'll meet you in the lounge.

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Remember Steve Cohen, the ex-WNAC-TV news director who took credit for all the awards set up by his predecessor? How's good old Stu doing in NYC where he heads the news operation at WCBS-TV? When I was in New York this month I decided to find out:

Stu is still doing better with his broom than typewriter. Last month he fired the station's investigative reporter, bringing to five the number of staffers he's pushed through the exit. Among those axed by Cohen was former Channel Seven newsgal Marilyn Salenger, one of the bitchiest, but also one of the best.

Salenger and company join good company in the swinging door department. The first Easterner to feel the Cohen winds of change was a guy named Dick Sinnott and his "Salute to the Big Bands." Cohen told me no one no longer cares about the "big bands." Could be he was correct.

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Did you know that K Mart, the nation's second largest retailer (Sears is Number One) has removed Steve Martin's "A Wild and Crazy Guy" LP from its 1,396 stores?

The store's executives cited customer complaints about profanity as the reason.

Martin, who may not be the good ole boy he pretends to be, does not view the Kayo with amusement. Says he: "if the reason they pulled the album is because of the language, f--- them. I'll never go in a K Mart again."

## New Acquisitions At The Library

The Friends of the Charlestown Branch Library wish to acknowledge the very generous gift of Miss Pauline Cloues to the Library of a copy of The Collector's Encyclopedia of Dolls. Miss Cloues has given the book in memory of her father, the

late Paul Cloues, former principal of the Harvard School.

The book is a comprehensive work by three experts in the field of antique doll collecting. It is a valuable addition to the library's reference collection.

The Friends have also given to the library a copy of John Harvard and His Times in memory of the former Branch Librarian, Gaynel Mathson. The book written by Henry C. Shelley, was published in 1907 and is one of the few works which gives information and background on the illustrious Charlestown resident. It has been added to the special Charlestown Historical Collection and along with the encyclopedia may be used in the Charlestown branch.

## At McGuire

WRIGHTSTOWN, N.J. — Sergeant Joseph P. Langan Jr., son of Joseph P. Langan Sr., of 3 Dunstable St., Charlestown, has arrived for duty at McGuire Air Force Base.

Sergeant Langan, an electrician, was previously assigned at Gila Bend Air Force Auxiliary Field, Ariz. He is now serving with a unit of the Military Airlift Command.

The sergeant is a 1974 graduate of Charlestown High School.

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## Charlestown Community Center News

On Monday August 6th, our director Adela Margules, had the pleasure of meeting with Humberto Cardinal Medeiros in Brighton to receive a donation from the Campaign for Human Development for the Community Center's programs. We appreciate this contribution greatly and thank His Eminence for his generosity.

We have been hard at work painting the Center this month

and have had lots and lots of help from many friends of the Center. We would like to thank Touraine Paints Manufacturer in Revere and Harry's Hardware in Somerville for donating paint to the Community Center. And, a big thank you to Janet Black, Linda Souza, Sharon Lewis, Midge Mehegan, Kathy Dowling, Mary Ann Pierce, Jack Conley, Paula Costa, Patrick McClellan, Linda Ayers, Carolyn Hurley and

Maryanne Hurley for painting, cleaning and moving endless amounts of furniture. We're almost finished and could never have done it without all your help.

On Thursday August 23rd at 10:00 A.M. there will be a canning demonstration at the Center. All are welcome to attend. Also, we are looking for new ideas for programs for the fall. If you would like to see something offered, call Eileen or Adela and let

them know.

The backbone on the Center is its committees. It is at committee meetings that ideas are shared, decisions are made, and programs are planned. We would like to recruit as many participants as possible for the various committees. They include: program committee which evaluates present programs, plans class offerings for each session and helps recruit

volunteer teachers; publicity committee which helps with flyers, posters and public relations; ways and means and friends committees which organize local fundraising events to help raise money for the Center and the nominating committee which publicizes the Board's activities and recruits nominees to run for the Board of Directors. Won't you think about joining one of these committees and drop by the Center to sign up.



ABOUT 30 LOCAL residents from the Charlestown Community Center at 14 Green Street were recently treated to a 90-minute tour of Boston Harbor by the Boston Gas Company, which hosts the cruises every summer for non-profit community organizations. These five were part of the contingent which en-

joyed the salt air and saw many Hub waterfront sights close up, including Logan Airport, all aboard a Massachusetts Bay Lines excursion boat. From left are Rosanne Hogan, Jack Conley, Carolyn Hurley, Sheila Costello and Ramona Hurley. In background is Boston skyline.

## To Talk Of Many Things....

by Sal Giaratani

Good things happening too!!

Good things happen in Charlestown, but the Boston news media (print and broadcast) only play up and report all the negative news. They should balance it off by getting around to the good news, too!

I'm not saying the negative news deserves no coverage, it does! But it's not fair to point out the negative without accentuating the positive.

The news media is quick to pick up the bad news but where were they when the two bus drivers for St. Mary's Day Camp, Jeanne Hache and Martha Lima, sent the following letter to Fr. Robert Boyle:

"We, as bus drivers for the Day Camp Program, wish to tell you how much we enjoyed ourselves with your Curate and parishioners. The kids were SUPER behaved and the parents were truly super people and made us feel very welcome. Fr. Tony certainly had things in hand, and as outsiders looking in, we could see his love and dedication. Congratulations to you for the love and spirit that exists in your parish."

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Did Ya Know?

Who is the youngest WWII veteran in the nation? That honor belongs to Calvin Graham who enlisted in the US Navy in 1942 after lying about his age. He was 12 at the time.

He was kicked out of the Navy when his true age was discovered. Graham had to return his medals awarded for heroism and lost all veteran entitlements.

Recently, the Navy relented and granted him his honorable discharge making him, at age 48, the youngest veteran from that war.

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The City Scene

Enjoyed Dick Sinnott's recent column on the upcoming preliminary election. His assessment of the school com-

mittee race appears to coincide with my evaluation for the most part. I guess that means we have conferred instant "expert" status on each other.

Former city councilor Gerry O'Leary might just finish on top and John McDonough and John O'Bryant probably will be re-elected by virtue of their incumbency. I believe Pixie Palladino will probably return to the school board and Dorchester's Kevin McCluskey could

win one of the vacant seats up for grabs this year.

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Bottom Line

By the time you're reading this column, I will be in attendance at the National Young Americans for Freedom Convention in the Nation's Capital representing Charlestown as part of a sizeable Bay State delegation. My column will return in two weeks after a combined convention/vacation period. See you then!

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# Charlestown Police Line

by Thomas J. Hennessey—District Fifteen, Charlestown B.P.D.

Sunday, August 5, 1979

Officers assisted the M.P. unit in arresting a Charlestown resident for being A.W.O.L. He was picked up at his home on Mystic St. and returned to the unit assigned.

Person(s) unknown broke the windshield of a disabled vehicle which was left on the Chelsea St. bridge. When the owner returned he found an unknown "creep" had damaged the window.

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Monday, August 6, 1979

Person(s) unknown entered an apartment on Carney Ct. and stole a stereo valued at \$300.00. Detectives are investigating.

Officers responded to Tufts St. on a disturbance. On arrival they met a seaman from British Columbia who was assaulted by a group of youths with bottles and rocks. He ran into a building and was given protection by one of the residents. The officers took the man to his ship which was docked on Terminal St. A tip of the hat to the woman involved at 18 Tufts St. who gave this stranger some

comfort in a time of need, and who also possibly saved him from serious injuries.

A Washington St. resident reported she left her 10 speed bike in her yard and upon returning a short time later found that person(s) unknown had stolen it. A search of the area proved negative. Detectives are investigating.

A 1975 Ford stolen in Everett was found on Rutherford Ave. The owner was notified and will respond.

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Tuesday, August 7, 1979

Person(s) unknown entered an apartment on Tremont St. and stole an unknown amount of U.S. Currency, and a watch. Detective responded and will investigate.

A 30 year old Boston man was removed to the MGH by the BCH ambulance after he fell on Bunker Hill St. injuring his arm.

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Wednesday, August 8, 1979

A Winthrop resident reported person(s) unknown entered his vehicle while parked on Medford

St. and stole a television set valued at \$200.00.

Person(s) unknown broke into a vehicle on Medford St. and stole a C.B. radio valued at \$150.00.

Person(s) unknown broke several windows in a building on Pearl St. over the weekend.

Person(s) unknown entered an apartment on Mt. Vernon St. and stole several thousand dollars worth of personal items. Detectives responded and took latent prints. To be further investigated.

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Thursday, August 9, 1979

Person(s) unknown entered a home on Medford St. and stole several tool boxes containing \$500.00 worth of tools.

A 1976 Chevy stolen in Medfield was recovered on Water St. The owner was notified and will respond.

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Friday, August 10, 1979

An 18 year old Charlestown boy was arrested on a warrant from Charlestown Court for Malicious Destruction of Property. He was booked at the station and will appear in court.

Person(s) unknown entered a van parked in the Mall and stole an 8 track tape deck valued at \$150.00

A 1973 Dodge stolen in

Wilmington was found on Polk St. The owner was notified and will claim the vehicle at the tow lot.

Person(s) unknown stole a ladder from an Edison pole on Lexington St.

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Saturday, August 11, 1979

A 17 year old Charlestown man was arrested for Receiving Stolen Property when he had several racquet ball racquets in his possession. He was booked at the station and will appear in court.

A 78 year old Main St. resident was removed from her home to the MGH after it was found she had left on the gas jets in her apartment in an apparent suicide attempt.

A 1978 Ford stolen in Salem N.H. was recovered on Rutherford Ave. The owner was notified and will respond.

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After all the bad news reported in this column here is some good news about some Charlestown youths who saved a Police Officer's life on August 11, 1979.

About 8:10 P.M. Police Officer Dennis Vitale was operating his motorcycle in Charlestown on Bunker Hill St., as part of his tour of duty being assigned to the Anti-gang unit.

When at Trenton St. the officer's motorcycle was struck by a car knocking him to the ground and wrapping a pipe around his ankle. At this point the bike burst into flames putting Officer Vitale's life in danger, as he was unable to free himself from the burning bike.

Several youths ran to the scene of the burning bike and the injured officer and picked the bike up and removed him from the scene also putting out the flames on his uniform. He was then removed to the Tufts-New England Medical Center and treated for bruises and shock.

The family of Officer Vitale and the entire Boston Police Department salute the following Charlestown youths for saving the life of this police officer: David Downey and Kevin Downey; Patrick Cannata and Paul Dobie; Patty Suprey and Paul Bird; Patty Bradley and Tommy McGoff; Janet Sullivan and Ann Marie Yandle; and Kevin Russell of Medford was also involved.

The operator of the vehicle which accidentally struck the motorcycle, James Duffy, was one of the first on the scene to aid the injured officer.

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## Little League News

by John Curtin

LOST BUT NOT FORGOTTEN: David Jackson's name was left out on the caption under the team picture. He is the third from the right in the first row. We knew you were there all the time "Action".

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COOKOUT: On Sunday, September 9, at 12:00 noon we will have a cookout (hot dogs and tonic) for all players, Minor and Major and all managers, coaches Major and Minor, umpires and League Officers at Ryan Park, Sullivan Square. There will be three athletic contests with trophies for first, second, and third, in 9, 10, 11, and 12 year old brackets. Should the weather be bad we will try again Sunday, September 16, 12:00 noon.

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MEETINGS: On Thursday, August 30 at 7:00 p.m. there will be a meeting at Medford St. Gym. It is very important that all Little League personnel be present. Hopefully, we could get the elections over with.

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## Special Program For Senior Citizens

A special afternoon program entitled "Kick Up Your Heels" will be held on Monday, August 20, 1979 at 2:00 p.m. at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street.

The special summer afternoon at the library will feature "OPEN DOORS FOR OLDER BOSTONIANS", an informative and well-made slide/tape presentation on the services available to senior citizens in Boston. The show has been produced by the Commission on Affairs for the Elderly. A representative from the Commission will be on hand to answer any questions regarding these services.

Also to be featured will be a discussion on "THE RIDE". Ms. Elizabeth Van Ranst of the MBTA Office for Special Needs will show slides and talk about "The Ride", the MBTA's door-to-door transit service for people who are not able to use the regular mass transit system for physical or mental reasons. Also featured will be an exciting travel film from the Boston Public Library audio-visual collection.

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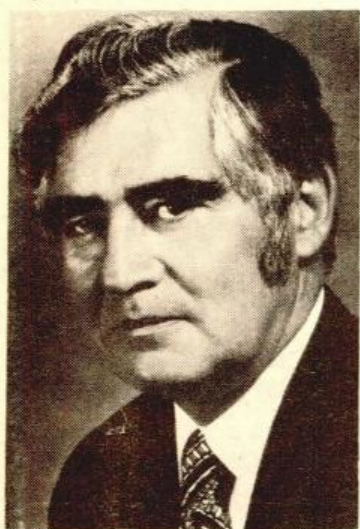
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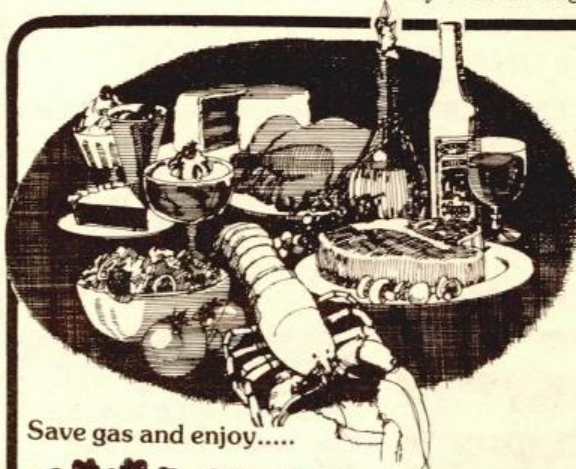
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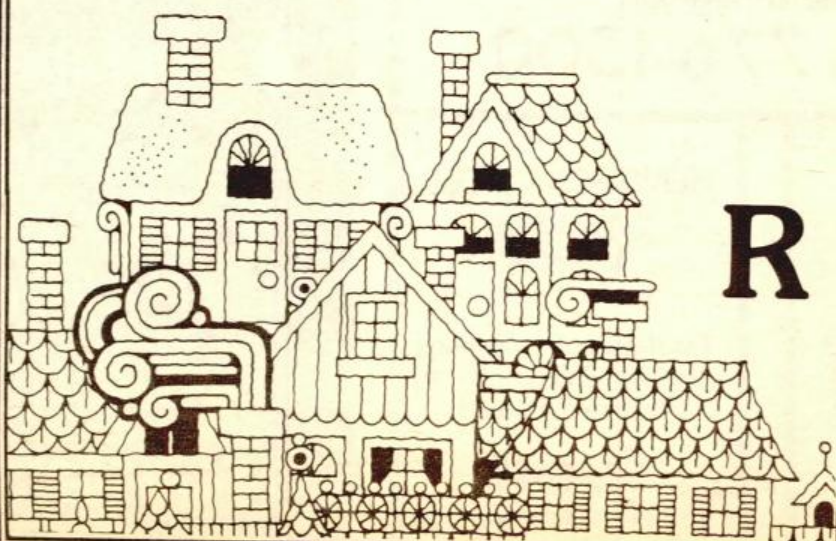
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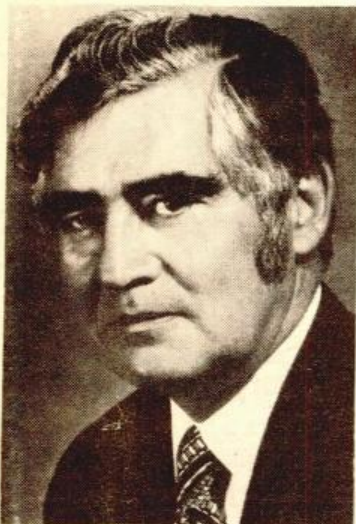
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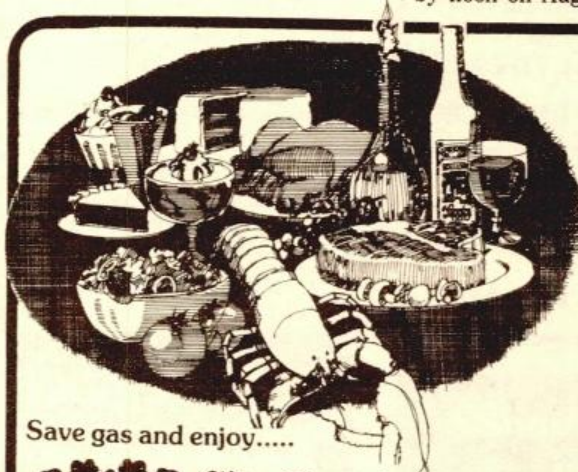
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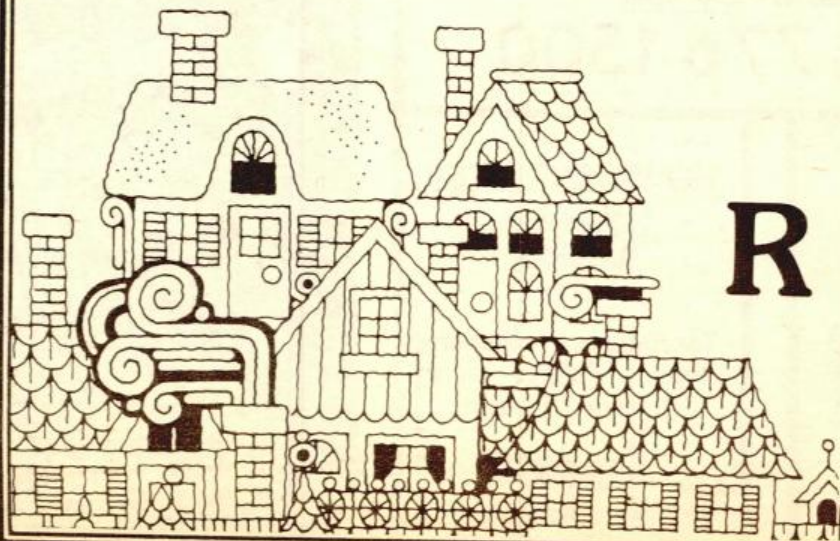
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