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## Charlestown Scores Victory — Courthouse Stays

by Kathy Giordano

You could sense the mood change in Room 136 at the State House as the Joint Committee on the Judiciary met on March 28 to hear testimony on the court consolidation bill that would move the Charlestown District Court operations out of City Square and into the Boston Municipal Court in Pemberton Square.

As the nearly 40 community residents sought to find a seat in the small, packed hearing room, an aura that must be present before any battle is fought, permeated the air. Community eyes met legislators' eyes straight on, as one was sizing up the other.

The battle cry began with Sen. Fran Doris, who informed the committee of the years of hardships that

the residents of Charlestown have been forced to endure and will continue to endure through to the end of the Central Artery/North Area roadway reconstruction project.

"Everyone wants to load on Charlestown," he said. "There will be a great influx of people into the area over the next decade with the development of the Navy Yard and the move of the New England Aquarium into that section. I and Representative Voke filed legislation to increase the jurisdiction of the court. It was justified when we filed it several years ago, and it is more justified now."

Doris warned the committee of a loophole in Section 15 of the bill that some might think "would get them off the hook." He said it authorized the city to take possession of the building and turn it back into a po-

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## Recognized For Excellence



THE KEYSTONE CLUB at the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club received a national award from the Boys Clubs of America for Program Excellence by Joseph MacDonald (front right), regional service director for BCA. Receiving the award is John Ezekiel,

and surrounding members are (l. to r.) Colleen Donovan, Melanie Owen, Paul Tibbetts, Joseph Kacvinsky, Jodi Neff, Joe Fitzgerald, Allison Keane, Tim Linnane and Jerry Steimel, club director.

(photo by Jeanne Davis)

## Ward 2 Democratic Caucus On Saturday

The Ward 2 Democratic Committee will convene a caucus for the election of delegates and alternates to

the state Democratic Convention to be held in Springfield in June. The caucus will be held on Saturday, March 31 at the Kent Community School, 50 Bunker Hill St.

Registration will begin at 1:30 p.m., and will close at 2:15 p.m. sharp.

Voters are encouraged to arrive at the caucus early.

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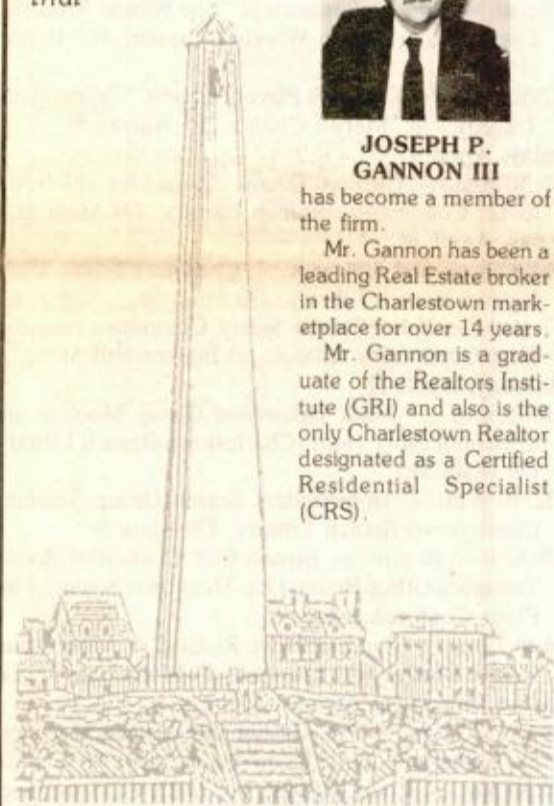


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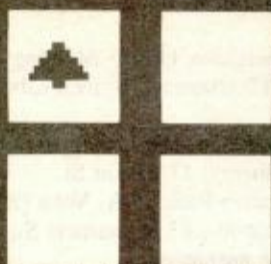
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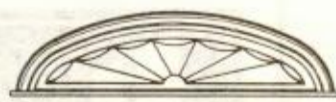
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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**This Week At A Glance**

**Thursday, March 29**

- 8 p.m. — Performance of "The Woman Who Shot Lenin," Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill St.

**Friday, March 30**

- 8 p.m. — Charlestown Youth Hockey Association's End of Season Bash, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.
- 8 p.m. — Performance of "The Woman Who Shot Lenin," Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill St.

**Saturday, March 31**

- 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Charlestown Little League Tryouts, Little League Field, Ryan Park, Sullivan Square
- 10:30 a.m. — Films "PCP" and "Alcohol & Cocaine," sponsored by the Kennedy Center and CHAD, Senior Lounge, 55 Bunker Hill St.
- 11 a.m. — Wendy Frank's Magical Melodies sponsored by Charlestown Association of Parents, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- noon — Performance by the Hole In The Sock Productions, followed by a workshop for 8- to 12-year-olds at 1:30 p.m., Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill St.
- 1:30 p.m. — Ward 2 Democratic Caucus, Kent Community School, 50 Bunker Hill St.
- 5 and 8 p.m. — Performances of "The Woman Who Shot Lenin," Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill St.

**Sunday, April 1**

- noon to 2 p.m. — Charlestown Little League Tryouts, Little League Field, Ryan Park, Sullivan Square
- 7 p.m. — Performance of "The Woman Who Shot Lenin," Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill St.
- 7 p.m. — Slide show "Charlestown Proper Then and Now" by Ken Stone, sponsored by the Charlestown Preservation Society, Baptist Church Hall, 5 Monument Square

**Monday, April 2**

- 3:30 p.m. — Creative Drama Classes for children 8 to 12, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

**Tuesday, April 3**

- 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. — Children's Films, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- noon — Brown Bag Bookies discuss **One Writer's Beginnings** by Eudora Welty, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 7 p.m. — Charlestown Neighborhood Council meeting, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

**Wednesday, April 4**

- 10:15 a.m. — Adult Discussion Group Meeting and Preschool Story Hour, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 12:30 p.m. — Homefinders Search Group Seminar, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 6 to 7 p.m. — Representative Richard A. Voke Office Hours, Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square (use Monument Avenue entrance)
- 6 to 7:30 p.m. — Pre-Alateen and Alateen Meetings, St. Catherine's Hall, below the rectory, 49 Vine St.
- 7 p.m. — Charlestown Lions Club meeting, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.
- 7 p.m. — Charlestown Neighborhood Council's Aquarium-of-the-Whole Committee meeting, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

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**Upcoming Events**

**Thursday, April 5**

- 10 a.m. — Charlestown Healthy Aging Program (CHAP) meeting, Constitution Co-op Apartments, 42 Park St.
- 12:15 p.m. — Charlestown Kiwanis Club Meeting, Barrett's on Boston Harbour Restaurant
- 6:30 p.m. — Choral Festival Concert, St. Mary's Church, 55 Warren St.
- 7 p.m. — Friends of John Boyle O'Reilly meeting, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.
- 8 p.m. — Performance of "The Woman Who Shot Lenin," Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill St.

**Friday, April 6**

- 6 p.m. — St. Catherine's Annual Penny Sale, St. Catherine's School Hall, Tufts Street
- 8 p.m. — Sock Hop, Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.
- 8 p.m. — Performance of "The Woman Who Shot Lenin," Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill St.

**Saturday, April 7**

- 10:30 a.m. — Spring Sp'EGG'tacular for children 5 and older, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 1:30 p.m. — Babe Ruth Baseball Tryouts, Big Diamond, Ryan Playground, Sullivan Square
- 6 p.m. — 21st Annual Lt. Michael P. Quinn, USMC, Scholarship Dinner Dance, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.
- 5 and 8 p.m. — Performances of "The Woman Who Shot Lenin," Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill St.

**Sunday, April 8**

- 8:30 a.m. — Mass followed by St. Francis de Sales Holy Name Society Annual Family Communion Breakfast, Bishop Lawton Hall, 313 Bunker Hill St.
- 7 p.m. — Final performance of "The Woman Who Shot Lenin," Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill St.
- 7:30 p.m. — St. Mary's Players present "Triumph and Tragedy," St. Mary's Church, 55 Warren St.

**Monday, April 9**

- 3:30 p.m. — Creative Drama Classes for children 8 to 12, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

**Tuesday, April 10**

- 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. — Children's Films, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 7 p.m. — Police/Public Safety Committee meeting, Kent Community School, 50 Bunker Hill St.

**Wednesday, April 11**

- 10:15 a.m. — Adult Discussion Group Meeting and Preschool Story Hour, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 12:30 p.m. — Homefinders Search Group Seminar, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. — Boston City Councillor Robert Travaglini Office Hours, One Thompson Square, First Floor Conference Area
- 6 to 7 p.m. — Representative Richard A. Voke Office Hours, Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square (use Monument Avenue entrance)
- 6 to 7:30 p.m. — Pre-Alateen and Alateen Meetings, St. Catherine's Hall, below the rectory, 49 Vine St.
- 7:30 p.m. — Court St. Jude No. 11123, CDA meeting, Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

**Plan Ahead**

**Thursday, April 12**

- 7:30 p.m. — Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion meeting, First Floor, One Thompson Square

**Sunday, April 15**

- 12:30 p.m. — Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Friends of the John Harvard Mall and the Charlestown Association of Parents, John Harvard Mall

**Wednesday, April 18**

- 2:30 p.m. — Participatory Stories told by Jennifer Justice, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

**Saturday, April 28**

- 9 a.m. — Charlestown Lions Club Second Annual Breakfast, St. John's Church Lower Parish Hall, 27 Devens St.
- 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Rummage Sale sponsored by the Charlestown Association of Parents, Training Field

**Monday, April 30**

- 5:30 to 7 p.m. — Discussion group on talking with young children about alcohol and drugs, sponsored by the Kennedy Center, for information call 241-8866

**Friday, May 4**

- 8 p.m. — Third Annual Headstart Dance with Dick McManus and The Irish Revolution, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

**Saturday, May 5**

- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Rummage Sale, First Church in Charlestown, Green Street
- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — House Tour sponsored by the Charlestown Preservation Society, starting at the Harvard Mall

## Committee Reaches Agreement On Roughan's Hall Billboard

by Lynn Peters

Ken Stone and his Billboard Committee reached an agreement with Ackerley Communications this week, ending a several-year community battle over the Roughan's Hall billboard. The compromise includes a 1992 removal date, a smaller Roughan's Hall billboard, using a Chestnut Street billboard until 1992 for motorist alerts during construction, and a \$5,000 contribution to the city Youth Campaign to employ Charlestown youngsters for three summers.

Committee members, Ackerley President Louis Nickinello and Boston City Councillor Robert Travaglini seemed pleased with the agreement at Tuesday night's meeting.

"We're sincere in our efforts," Nickinello said, "and it's my hope that we can satisfy everyone."

Nickinello agreed to reduce the size of the Roughan's Hall billboard by 58

percent and remove it at his own cost no later than Dec. 31, 1992 if the Charlestown Neighborhood Council approves his proposal at its April 3 meeting. For every month a vote is delayed, another month will be added to the removal date, according to Nickinello, to ensure needed revenue. Six months before the removal date, a public announcement will be made to alert the community. Nickinello agreed to put \$500 per month in an escrow account so that an outside contractor can take down the sign if Ackerley fails to remove it on time.

The Billboard Committee had originally asked for funding from Ackerley for a crew of 10 Charlestown youngsters and a supervisor under the city's summer cleanup corps. Ackerley agreed instead to hire two full-time young workers. Because the expense involved in paying for salaries and insurance forced Nickinello

to reduce the number of workers, council Chairman Dennis McLaughlin suggested donating the cost to the Youth Campaign instead. The monetary contribution actually translated to more jobs, about five each for the three summers, than what the community had originally asked for.

Nickinello also agreed to prohibit alcohol, tobacco and gun advertisements from the Roughan's Hall billboard, and to post motorist alerts for the State Department of Public Works to guide travelers through the Central Artery/

North Area construction in the neighborhood.

"A true test of an organization's ability is shown when they're charged with a sensitive situation that could have resulted in litigation," Travaglini said. "I think the situation has been dealt with openly, professionally and satisfactorily."

Stone was pleased that the billboard would soon be down, saying it was a victory for the community. The committee will recommend that the full council approve Nickinello's proposal at its April monthly meeting on Tuesday night.

## Brown Bag Bookies To Meet

**One Writer's Beginnings** by Eudora Welty will be the book under discussion at the April meeting of the Brown Bag Bookies. The group will meet on Tuesday, April 3 from noon

to 1 p.m. at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Participants are welcome to bring their lunch. Call Tess Nesbit at 242-1248 for more information.

## Charlestown Preservation Society To Sponsor Slide Show

The Charlestown Preservation Society will sponsor an entirely new slide show of Charlestown Proper: Then and Now by Ken Stone on Sunday, April 1 at 7 p.m. at the Baptist Church Hall on 5 Monument Square.

Stone, a local historian and photograph collector, will present an informative and interesting slide show which will provide a great introduction to Charlestown's architectural history with never-before-seen photographs of Charlestown.

## Wendy Frank's Magical Melodies Come To Town On March 31

The Charlestown Association of Parents will present Wendy Frank's Magical Melodies on Saturday, March 31 at 11 a.m. at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Her singing, storytelling and puppeteering performance is sure to delight youngsters of all ages. All are welcome, and admission is free.

## Spring Sp-EGG-tacular!

Join the Spring Sp-EGG-tacular at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St., on Saturday, April 7 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Start your holiday with an hour of festivities and fun. Enjoy Easter stories, games

and crafts with Anne Smart, children's librarian. Children 5 and older are invited, and should bring one white hard-boiled egg to dye and decorate.

For more information, call 242-1248.

## Support Democratic Delegates To The 1990 State Convention



We invite you to participate in your Party's Charlestown Caucus where 17 local Democrats will be elected by you, the Charlestown Democrats.

We would proudly serve the many interests of fellow Charlestown Democrats and actively participate in the work of the State Convention to select new leadership for the Massachusetts Democratic Party.

Please contact any of us and please attend your Caucus on **Saturday, March 31** at the **Kent Community School, 50 Bunker Hill St.** Registration is at **1:30 p.m.**



SEVENTEEN RESIDENTS are seeking election as delegates and alternates at the Charlestown Ward 2 Democratic Caucus on Saturday, March 31. Shown front row (l. to r.) Mary MacInnes, Nancy Keyes, Sheila Brown and Margaret Collins. Second row (l. to r.) Linda Lacey, Shirley Foley, Edward Johnson, Ruthellen Chardavoyne, Suzanne Roche and Mel Stillman. Back row (l. to r.) David Flanagan, Peter Looney, David Dow, Edward Callahan, Dennis McLaughlin, William Duffy and Thomas Cunha.

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Margaret Collins  
Nancy Keyes  
Mary MacInnes  
Suzanne Roche

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ADDITIONAL DELEGATE — Mel Stillman

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### MALE ALTERNATES

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By Joetta Silva  
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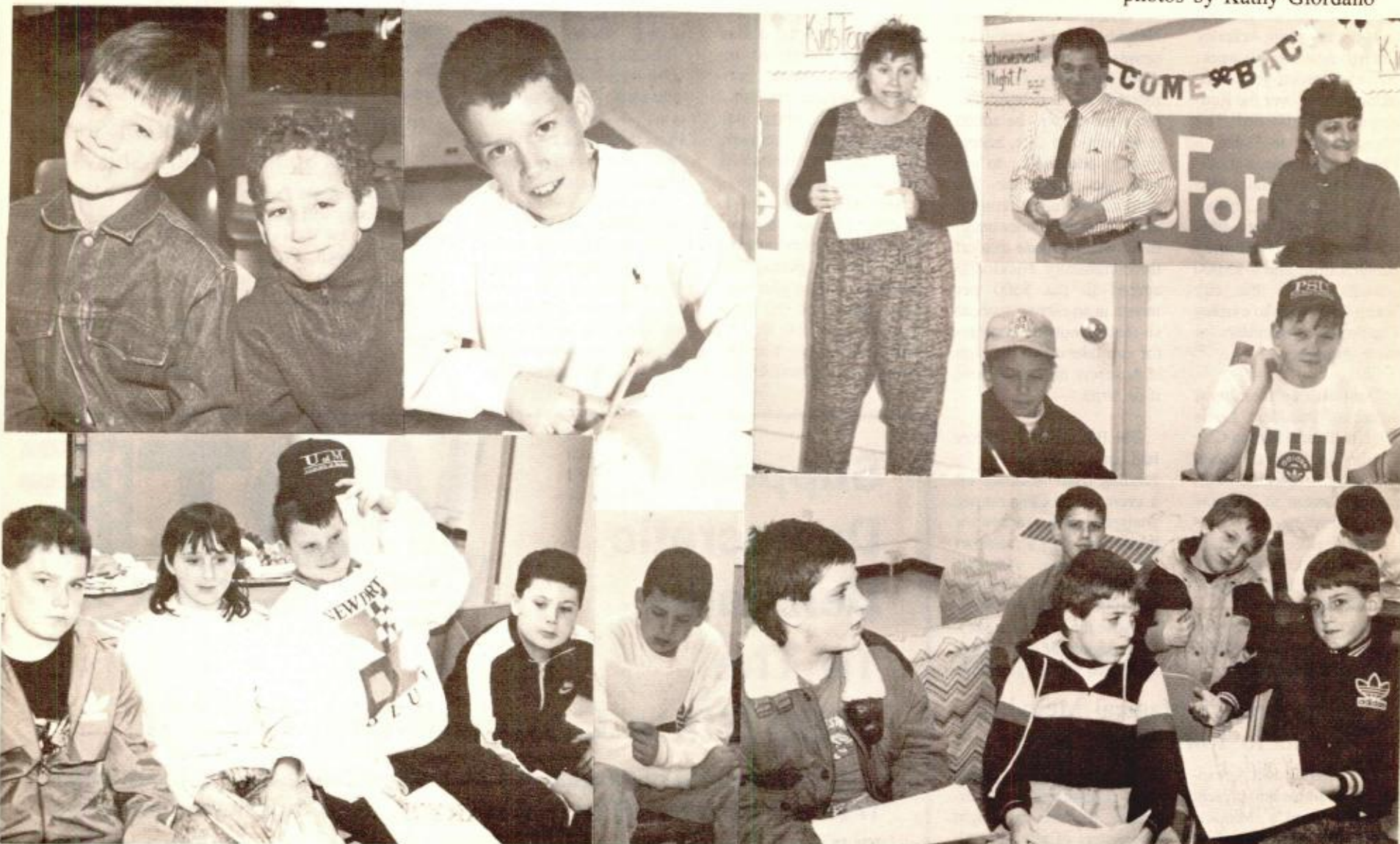
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# Kids Force Members Host Achievement Night

photos by Kathy Giordano



MEMBERS OF KIDS FORCE invited two former residents of the Bunker Hill Housing Development to appear at their recently held Appreciation Night. Linda Lacey and David Flanagan participated in the program, which was designed to give the 8-to-14-year-old residents of the development genuine role models worthy of emulation. Cathy Kennedy,

youth outreach worker and Kids Force director, stated that this is only the first of many such programs planned for the newly formed group. Shown in photos above are: Top row (l. to r.) Sean O'Brien, Michael O'Brien, Secretary Colin Swales, Kennedy, Flanagan and Lacey; Second row on right (l. to r.) Brian Wadman and President Jim Tallent;

Bottom row (l. to r.) Jim Yandle, Treasurer Nicole Matson, Vice President Joe Tallent, Bob Yandle, Mark Shean, Chris Smith, Philip Corriea, Bobby Black, Ernie McCrary and Richie Sullivan.

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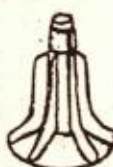
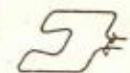
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**Deadline:** March 31.

#### MICHAEL P. QUINN SCHOLARSHIP

The Lt. Michael P. Quinn, USMC, Scholarship is an award of \$1,500 for the first year of college with a potential second-year supplement of \$750.

**Eligibility:** The boy or girl must be a resident of Charlestown since September 1989 and graduate with the class of 1990.

**Applications:** Applications are available by calling 242-5493, 242-5445, 242-4353, or by writing to Charlestown P.O. Box 216.

**Deadline:** May 1.

#### OLD CHARLESTOWN SCHOOLBOYS ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Old Charlestown Schoolboys Scholarship is an award of \$1,000 for the first year of college.

**Eligibility:** The boy or girl must be a Charlestown resident for at least 10 years who is currently a high school senior and planning to go to college.

**Applications:** Applications are available at the Patriot office at One Thompson Square, the Shell Gas Station in City Square, the Charlestown High School office on Medford Street, or by calling scholarship Chairman John Geagan at 325-1702.

**Deadline:** Applications must be submitted to Association Secretary William Magner, P.O. Box 375, Charlestown, Mass. 02129 on or before May 1.

### BHCC And Area Schools To Perform Joint Concert

The Bunker Hill Community College Choir will join other groups from Cambridge Rindge and Latin, Malden and Medford high schools for a Choral Festival Concert at St. Mary's Church, 55 Warren St., on Thursday, April 5 at

6:30 p.m.

The concert will consist of smaller works performed by the four student choirs individually and together, highlighting a variety of choral styles, from early classical to contemporary show tunes. The concert will close with a presentation of "The Mass in C Major, K. 259" by Mozart with soloists and full orchestra.

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## Charlestown Branch Library Welcomes New Children's Librarian

by Kathy Giordano

Anne Smart, new children's librarian at the Charlestown Branch Library, has taken on her duties with enthusiasm and energy. Her first priority upon her Feb. 7 arrival was to continue the quality of programs that were already well-established at the branch, such as the preschool story hour, Tuesday film series and summer reading club.

When asked about her long-term goals as the new children's librarian, Smart stated her desire to reach out to more children in the community and encourage them to read. To better achieve this goal she has reinstated the school visit program in local schools.

The Charlestown resident

is a Quincy native who graduated from North Texas State University. After graduation she worked in Texas for 10 years using her skills in library science in local public libraries and elementary and high schools. She also spent a year overseas in United Arab Emirates as librarian in an American-run school.

Smart expressed her desire to see more children from the community use the library facilities. To make their visits more beneficial she has been busy upgrading the reading materials that will be made available to them.

Branch Librarian Maureen Marx said that "Anne is a welcome addition to the staff," and feels her enthu-



ANNE SMART is enthusiastic over her new position as Charlestown's children's librarian.

(photo by Kathy Giordano)

siasm toward reading will rub off on the children fortunate enough to come in contact with her.

### New Windows For Edwards School — Less Parking For Teachers And Neighbors

Beginning today, work starts on replacing all the windows at the Clarence R. Edwards School on Walker Street, and teachers and neighbors who use the school's rear parking lot on Eden Street will feel a crunch for the next six to eight weeks.

"We're requesting cooperation from our neighbors," said Gregory Thomas, Edwards principal. "Parking is going to be scarce, and the teachers will need to get in and get to work."

Thomas said that about

#### Annual Girl's Club Reunion

The annual Girls' Club Reunion to benefit the Redgate, Graham, Wall Scholarship Fund will be held May 11 at 8 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus hall, 75 West School St. There will be a roast beef dinner, and tickets can be purchased at the Boys & Girls Club, 15 Green St., for \$20.

This event is sponsored by the Redgate, Graham, Wall Scholarship Committee.

\$500,000 is being spent to replace all 350 to 400 of the school's 52-year-old windows. The work requires putting two trailers in the small lot, reducing its capacity by nearly a half. Teachers' cars will take the bulk of the spaces between

8 a.m. and 3 p.m., but the smaller parking lot will force some teachers and neighbors onto the street during the course of the day, Thomas said.

Thomas also said that he is more than willing to meet with neighbors to discuss

how to share the lot in the next two months.

"For the most part, the neighbors have been cooperative," he said. "We should be able to get through this without major problems or major loss of temper."

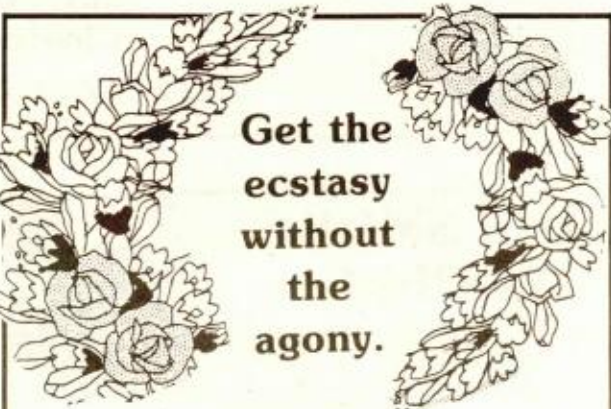
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# Charlestown Scores Victory — Courthouse Stays

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lice station.

"We have been promised a police station over and over again," he said. Doris also informed the committee that "perhaps the finest program for mentally retarded children in the state is now in operation at the former site of the police station. When the Life Focus Center moves out, not only should the courthouse remain, but the police station should be put back where it was."

Rep. Kevin Fitzgerald stated: "It is important that we don't walk away from the people of Charlestown. Those who brought up families and paid taxes are struggling to maintain a neighborhood life of their own. The courthouse helps maintain that balance. It represents a formal part of that community."

He recommended that the committee remove the

bill. "Let it die in committee," Fitzgerald said.

Rep. Richard Voke brought to the attention of the committee the number of residents who took the time to attend the hearing.

"They feel strongly about the Charlestown District Court, the oldest in the commonwealth," he said. Voke suggested that the committee and its staff, in reviewing any potential changes to the legal system, "do it as a whole." He requested that the bill be "killed," chiding committee members Rep. Sal DiMasi and Sen. Michael LoPresti to "combine Chelsea and East Boston courts (their districts), but leave Charlestown alone."

The only voice in favor of Bill 1916 was heard from Chief Justice of the Trial Court Arthur Mason, who when asked by the committee if he had heard testimony from the community

on the subject, stated that he felt "this hearing was the forum for residents to express their feelings."

Mason stated: "Charlestown does not do that much business and has a lack of funding. The merger with BMC would expand the full line of services."

City Councillor Robert Travaglini, unable to appear at the hearing due to council hearings, sent a letter to the committee, noting that "the Charlestown Court plays a role that is not limited to the law enforcement/judicial aspects of its mission, but rather to the court's importance as a link in the overall human service network within Charlestown." He wrote that the court "has also developed its own services, including parent support groups and educational programs which cover a wide range of issues ... I express my opposition to any measure which would limit or cease the activities of this necessary local resource."

Speaker after speaker went before the committee expressing the importance of the courthouse. The rise in crime and drug use, the increase in court cases, and the elderly's desire to maintain the court as a safety

blanket were just a few reasons given in the testimony in favor of retaining the court.

Residents Jack Whelan, Doug Cummings, Tim Dinneen, Bob Wallace, Marty O'Brien, Charlie Clifford, Eddie McGuinness, Mel Stillman, Judy Evers and Bill Galvin all brought the message home to the committee. In their own way they let the committee members know the importance of the local court, and its programs and employees to the community.

But perhaps Peter Loo-

ney summed it up best. He stated: "Let us fight for our police station some other time. That is not the problem today. We'll worry about that later. The court system cannot fight the drug problems alone, but working with the community we can fight together. We need the Charlestown Courthouse."

Committee Chairman DiMasi informed the gathering that the committee would go into executive session after the hearing and decide the outcome of the bill, but committee member

Rep. Marion Walsh of West Roxbury called to "Take a vote now!"

The committee voted unanimously that the bill be voted out unfavorably, and it died in committee.

The battle cry had been heard, and the fight had been victorious. To make the victory more sweet, a new bill has been filed to allow "each district court to conduct all court business within its jurisdiction."

According to a local attorney, this bill, if passed, could eliminate future courthouse battles.

## Dan Ryan:

### Charlestown's Right Connection

by Bob DeCristoforo

The Charlestown Teen Connection made the right connection when it hired Dan Ryan as one of its youth workers. Ryan, a Christopher Columbus High School graduate, is no longer a good kid. He is a good young man, who has turned his energy into helping other good kids become good men and women.

Ryan is full of life, full of energy and full of fun, and he has wisely woven all three into his job. He has already taught many that there is nothing wrong with being happy. Caring is something he learned at home from his parents, especially his mother. Over the years the Ryans have taken good care of many

Townie kids, and now Ryan is continuing the family tradition.

Whether it be refereeing a ball hockey game, driving kids to an event or just being there, Danny Ryan is much appreciated, valued and loved. Charlestown is lucky to have a Danny Ryan. Boston needs more of them.

### Arts And Crafts Supplies Available At The Harvard-Kent

The Harvard-Kent School has arts and crafts supplies, such as paper and styrofoam, which community organizations are welcome to take free. The school's new basement recycle center is supplied by the downtown recycling center for community reuse

of certain materials. The Harvard-Kent basement is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2 to 4 p.m. Please bring your own container to carry away what you take. For more information, call Pat Rooney at the school at 242-5303.

### Board Of Appeal Decision

On March 27, the Board of Appeal of the city of Boston granted approval to D. Hawk, D. Bennet and L. Tretararo to construct a roof deck on their property at 26 Prospect St.

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## Resident To Participate In 'Battle Of The Brains'

Encyclopaedia Britannica's "Battle of the Brains" will be held at Meadow Glen Mall in Medford on Saturday, April 7 and will include Francis Manganelli of Prospect Street.

Nine greater Boston and North Shore schools are set

to go head-to-head in this academic quiz competition, which starts at 11 a.m.

Ted O'Brien of WRKO radio will moderate, and the first round features Manganelli's St. Anthony School of Somerville, Immaculate Conception

School of Revere and Peabody Elementary School of Cambridge from 11 a.m. to noon.

Winners of the three-round action will compete in the championship round on April 8 at 2 p.m.

Each school will be represented by a team of three students and an alternate. Students from sixth, seventh and eighth grades will be quizzed on questions in science, mathematics, social studies, literature, fine

arts, U.S. history, the Constitution and general knowledge. The first-place school will receive the 32-volume set of **The New Encyclopaedia Britannica**. Second prize is the 21-volume set of **The Animals of America** and third prize is the three-volume **Merriam-Webster Third International Dictionary**.

Manganelli, 11, is a sixth-grader at St. Anthony and is the son of Carl and Kathleen Manganelli.

## Reunion Planned

The Cathedral High School Alumni Association of Boston is holding its ninth Grand Annual Reunion at Lombardo's in Ran-

dolph on April 20. All graduating classes are welcome for only \$25 per person. For more information, call 328-9413.

## News From The Charlestown Boys & Girls Club



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### • CLUB CLOSING

The club will be closed on Saturday, March 31 for a staff Boys Clubs of America training session in South Boston. The High Street building will be open for the Hurwitz Tourney.

### • SUPERFIT

Any boy or girl between 6 and 12 interested in participating in this year's Superfit program should sign up this week in the club gym. The program starts on April 4, and continues for six to eight weeks with two sessions a week on Wednesdays and Fridays.

### • PARENT / TOT SWIM

Beginning Saturday, April 7, there will be parent/tot swims in the club pool from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. The program runs for eight weeks and costs \$20.

### • BRUINS DINNER

On March 20, 12 club and four staff members had the opportunity to enjoy the annual Bruins Dinner at Caruso's Diplomat in Saugus. There were pictures, autographs, a question-and-answer period and a delicious prime rib dinner.

The club's lucky guests were Lori Burke, Brendan Brennan, Chris Brennan, Eddie Gallagher, Kolleen Hayes, Caitrin Houlihan, Chuckie Kozlowski, Mike Leahy, Kelly Mahoney, Mark Norris, Jodi Neff and Lynn O'Brien. Staff and chaperones were Kelly Fitzgerald, Steven McLaughlin, Eileen O'Brien and Joseph Porter.

The club wishes to extend a special thank you to Kim Wright, one of our board members, and her grandfather for the generous gift of tickets.

## Announce Engagement



DAVID P. KOVALCIN and DENISE A. MERLINO

Carmen and Elizabeth Merlino of Melrose, owners of High Pharmacy in Charlestown, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Denise A. Merlino, also of Melrose, to David P. Kovalcin of Waltham, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kovalcin of McKeesport, Pa.

Merlino graduated from U/Mass Boston with a B.S. in nuclear medicine technology and is currently working on an MBA with a con-

centration in health care management from Western New England College. She has been working at the Lahey Clinic Medical Center in Burlington for seven years.

Kovalcin is a graduate of Penn State with an M.S. in mechanical engineering. He has been a senior engineer at the Raytheon Equipment Division of Sudbury for the past five years.

A Feb. 2, 1991 wedding is planned.

## 'Triumph & Tragedy' To Be Presented By St. Mary Players

The St. Mary Players will present the 11th production of "Triumph & Tragedy," an original Passion Play written and directed by parishioners Richard and Mary Wilkins, on Sunday, April 8 at the church, 55 Warren St. at 7:30 p.m. The play is adapted from the Gospels of Matthew and the music is original. There is no admission charge.

The St. Mary Players relive the glory of Palm Sunday through Good Friday as seen through the eyes of Saul, a childhood friend of Jesus. The ensemble retraces Jesus's grand entrance into Jerusalem, His betrayal and agony in the garden of Gethsemani, His Last Supper with His disciples, His interrogation and mock trial before Pilate, His brutalizing walk to Calvary and His crucifixion and death on the

Cross.

The St. Mary Players, who have brought the drama to Brockton, Squantum and Framingham audiences, include: Dennis Collins, Jim Barker, Jacqueline Fabiano, Stephen Collins, Desmond Pieri, Frank Harmon, Brendan Sullivan, Eileen Rooney, Michael Sullivan, John Walsh, Greg Leonard, Bob Rooney, Connie Ryan, Kay Hickey, Peggy O'Brien, Brenda Page, Ralph Lyons, Edward McKinnon, Bill Boyle, Timothy Dineen, Erin Lynch, Clare Wilkins, Maureen Gaffney and Bob Kilcoyne.

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### Gordee On The Move

Karin Gordee of Charlestown has been promoted to buyer of cosmetics for the Jordan Marsh Co.

Gordee previously served as divisional/operational

manager at the Jordan Marsh store in Somerville, and is a 1984 graduate of the University of Massachusetts.

**Happy Birthday**




**Michelle**  
March 31st

Love,  
**Mom, Dad,  
Pete, Nana  
and Chris**

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Love,  
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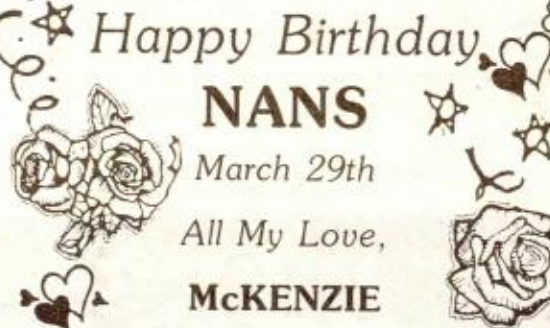


**CAROL**  
March 30th

Love,  
**Patrice**



**Happy Birthday**



**NANS**  
March 29th


All My Love,  
**McKENZIE**

**Happy 1st Birthday**

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Love,  
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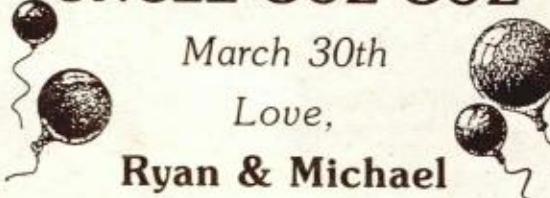


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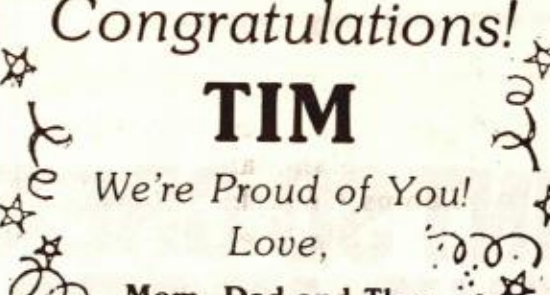


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**Happy Birthday**  
*Love You Whole Bunches*



**Ma Ma**  
March 31st

**Ryan Stillman**



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



- **Gotta Admit, Moe, You Done Good . . .** as guest panelist on Tuesday night's discussion forum after the second segment "Common Ground." Moe Gillen, who was active in the anti-busing campaign back in the '70s was quick to set the story straight. Like always, he told it like it was . . . With one exception, that is! . . . Moe was introduced as the president of the Kennedy Center Board of Directors, a position he held some 14 years ago, but not today . . . Like always, the news media (excluding us, of course) made the mistake and didn't bother to correct it!
- **They'll Be Dancin' In The Streets . . .** as the Holubowich clan gather on Monday, April 2nd to celebrate matriarch Mary's 72nd birthday. Have a great day, Mary! Many happy returns.
- **Sharing Birthdays . . .** were mom and daughter Chiappa on March 26th. Krissy turned 19 and Mary celebrated the (?) anniversary of her 39th. Their Old Landing Way homestead was rockin' with celebrations, we hear! Have a wonderful year, gals!
- **Many Happy Years Of Retirement . . .** to Doris Shaw of Essex Street who has bid goodbye to her duties at Pioneer Financial. We hope you enjoy your leisure time to the fullest, Doris!
- **A Good Time Was Had By One And All . . .** at David Flanagan's going away party last week. CANA personnel bid David adieu with the help of many Charlestown friends. David's former boss Fred Salvucci even stopped by for the send off . . . Hope your new duties are to your likin', David . . . You're missed already!
- **We Should Have Known . . .** by the happy glow on her face! The birth of Courtney Willis last week to Pam (McKinnon) and Donald Willis not only made Eddie and Joanie McKinnon happy, but made the new great-grandmother so ecstatic that she was walking on air. In the rush to let the world know of the new arrival, we didn't mention her name . . . Well, Peg White of Pleasant Street is the delighted firsttime great-grandmother and shares the honors with Doris Rumson of Somerville on the paternal side of the family . . . Our hearty congrats to the whole clan!
- **Street Cleaning Starts Next Week . . .** Beginning April 2nd — Monday — not only will the street sweeper return to our streets, but the meter maid will be on duty as well. Word to the wise, tickets will be distributed to all violators. No warning notices, but actual \$15 fines. Better check those posted signs, folks, and move those cars!
- **Speaking Of Dirty Streets . . .** Good news is that our own Tommy Donahue will be back on days this week making sure the streets are taken care of. Your daily presence has been missed, Tom, as is evident by the dirty streets you'll find upon your transfer from nights . . . As you walk or drive by Tom, give him a wave in appreciation for his return!
- **Get Well Kenny McCarthy Sr. . .** "Gabriel Hornblower" has informed us that you are recuperating at home after a heart attack. We hope you're up and about real soon!
- **Not A Familiar Face In The Lot . . .** at last Thursday's groundbreaking ceremony for the new Charlestown pumping station on Alford Street. MWRA Executive Director Paul Levy and BRA Senior Planner Larry Brophy were the only two recognizable faces at the ceremony, and they even gave out coffee and doughnuts!
- **CANA Model Moved . . .** formerly located at the Navy Yard BRA office, can now be seen at the CANA field office on Rutherford Avenue. The public is welcome to come by and view the model, which depicts what City Square will look like after construction is completed — sans the newly revamped ramp system off Rutherford Avenue. The field office is open Monday to Friday. Call 241-5560 for more info.
- **Selected . . .** Tom Flatley, of Flatley's at the Schrafft Center, and Tom McIntyre of the Bricklayers and Masons Union, have been selected as members of the Mayor's Citizen's Committee for the Great Hunger Memorial Project which will include the construction of a memorial monument at Quincy Market. The memorial will be dedicated to the victims of the Irish Famine and the ongoing famine in Ethiopia. Unveiling of the memorial will take place in 1995.
- **Little Early For April Fools Day, Lorraine . . .** so why were you spotted wearin' odd-colored socks in the Coffee Shop this week? The next time you stop by for a delicious meal at Lorraine Connolly's Thompson Square eatery, ask her what prompted this drastic change in her otherwise precise daily attire!
- **Don't Forget To Change Those Clocks . . .** This Sunday, April 1st at 2 a.m. daylight savings time will begin. Move that clock AHEAD one hour! So you lose an hour's sleep, won't it be worth it as you gain more light toward the end of each day?

SUNDAY IS ALSO APRIL FOOLS DAY! HAVE FUN!



THE CHILDREN OF WAR

# Their Pain Brings Hope For Love And Peace

by Lynn Peters

There is perhaps nothing more powerful than the story of a child who survived a cruel beginning, except maybe, for an auditorium of young people completely captivated by the impassioned words of those their own age. Last week's Children of War event framed this very scene. Our typically passive children clapped to songs of world peace and gave a standing ovation to a group of remarkable young people from around the world who described their incomprehensible pain and anger — and a common hope for love and peace.

Their message was about uniting young people through peace, across the city and the world. Invited by the Community Schools Teen Connection, 13 young people talked openly about their experiences growing up in war-torn places such as Northern Ireland, Cambodia, Guatemala and contemporary Boston. Emotionally exhausted from reliving their pasts in a series of public and television events for their local tour, the Children of War were at times in tears and prompted like reactions from their Charlestown audience.

The organization teaches that refugees, people of color, whites, suburban, inner-city and working-class youth all share common bonds of hurt, isolation, internalized negative stereotypes about themselves, and seeing families torn apart by drugs, divorce, alcohol, poverty and despair. When hurt turns to rage or hope-

lessness, young people become desensitized.

"My heart is as small as a little rock and is black as the darkest crayon," said Pheiu Phu, a Cambodian refugee who lives with his host family in San Francisco. "I had no childhood."

An emotional and mistrusting Phu described the physical and emotional tortures he endured, the separation from his parents at 4 and the leftover despair in his young adulthood. "I was brainwashed to believe that no one cared about me or anyone else," he said.

Taken from his parents and kept in a refugee camp where 10-year-olds were being taught to handle guns and kill, Phu said he was allowed to be with his parents once a year for a half-hour without touching them and without seeing their faces. He never went to school in Cambodia, and can neither read nor write in his own language. He said he is just learning to love and be loved.

In another dramatic presentation, a girl from Guatemala and her translator explained life in that country. She could not be identified because of governmental punishments. She told of children with bloated bellies from worms who were forced to work the fields for 17 cents a day. She described the cardboard houses shared by eight and nine people, and the rich people who threw garbage at the poor and at their homes.

Speaking of her work as a teacher, she said, "The



PHEIU PHU, a child of war, touched the emotions of the young Charlestown audience at the high school who listened to his painful memories of being a Cambodian refugee. (photo by Lynn Peters)

children would ask me 'Who am I? Why am I living?' " She told the audience: "Don't take pity on the children of my country. I tell you this so you will know the reality of the world."

Miriam Bentwich of Israel, who became close friends with a Palestinian girl, remarked on 18-year-olds with M-16s making decisions on whether to pull the trigger.

"I'm not here to give you an unpleasant feeling, but we are the new generation," she said. "If you won't do anything, who will?"

While our local youngsters listened to the horror stories of being poor in Guatemala and being a child refugee in Cambodia, Carl Bernard, a Haitian-

American living in Dorchester, brought a grim picture of racism and hostility home.

"The philosophy is that every person is a child of war, no matter where you're born," Bernard said. "We are all victims of our society by being taught to hate one another."

He told of his struggle growing up black in a racist America, and of being Haitian and looked down on by other blacks of different nationalities. He told of being beaten by other teen-agers near Faneuil Hall. "The kids who did that to me were taught by their parents," he said. "Living in Dorchester, I see black men fighting black men because of drugs, poverty and low self-image."

"Hatred is wrong, and it

doesn't work," said Bernard, who also writes songs for Children of War. "Peace means simply accepting others as they are. Don't keep up walls between yourself and others at school. You're going to be the leaders of this world. There's a whole big world out there, and we all have to get along."

The 13 international and local visitors had an impact on a few in the audience, who had remained mesmerized during the program. Thomas Tringale, who had traveled to Charlestown from East Boston with Umana School classmates, left his seat to hug every one of the participants. He was followed by Albert Moschella, a CHS student and McNulty Court resident.

"That's what they needed," said Tringale. "I also came from a dysfunctional neighborhood that had drugs, crime and poverty." Children of War is a 6-year-old national organiza-

tion, which has toured 400 high schools in 60 U.S. cities to reach young people. The 3-year-old Boston chapter is also active and aims at helping heal racism and violence and developing youth leadership. Children of War received the Reebok International Human Rights Award in 1988 and other multicultural, educational and leadership recognitions.

A free citywide Children of War youth conference is planned for Saturday, April 7 at the John F. Kennedy Library. The 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. event will feature Children of War speakers, and discussions on "Violence in our World: Here and There" and the next steps at our schools in the Boston community.

"We want to get the message across that we want to live in peace," said Adam Donnelly, a Northern Ireland Catholic. "We've got to put aside our differences for the one goal of peace."



CHILDREN OF WAR: (l. to r.) Bill Bowman, Carl Bernard and John Mauner of the local Boston chapter sang about world peace at a recent performance at the Charlestown High School auditorium. (photo by Lynn Peters)

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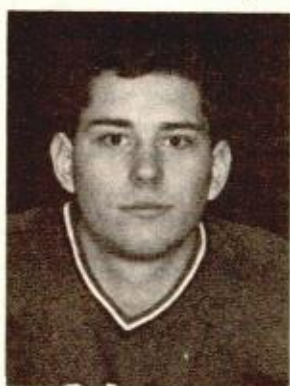
# TOWNIE SPORTS LINE

## Kevin McGonagle Earns Second Varsity Letter In Hockey

Kevin McGonagle, Charlestown resident and sophomore at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Conn., earned his second varsity letter in ice hockey.

A talented left wing for the Cardinals during the 1989-90 season, McGonagle played in 23 of the team's 24 contests. He finished seventh on the team in scoring with seven goals and nine assists for 16 points. One of his goals counted as a gamewinner, as he snapped a 1-1 deadlock with Tufts in the third period to lift Wesleyan to a 2-1 victory over the Jumbos with the unassisted tally. In his two seasons with the Cardinals, McGonagle has collected 14 goals and 16 assists for 30 career points.

The son of John and Virginia McGonagle of Monument Street, he is a 1988 graduate of Boston



KEVIN McGONAGLE

Latin School where he was a three-time letterwinner in football, hockey and baseball.

At Wesleyan, McGonagle is a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity, a member of the varsity baseball team in the spring and is pegged as a prime candidate for the starting job at third base after lettering as an outfielder last year.

The 1990 Nate Hurwitz Basketball Tournament is in full swing at the Boys & Girls Club. There are 105 teams entered in six different divisions, and the opening week's competition has been fast and furious. With the addition of 15 teams in the newly formed 11-and-under division, the margin of victory has ranged from one point on a last-second shot to your everyday blowout.

Games are held Tuesday through Fridays at 6, 7 and 8 p.m., Saturdays on the hour starting at 10 a.m. and Sunday at noon and 1 and 2 p.m. Come to the club and check out the action.

### First-Week Highlights

<b>• 11-and-Under</b>	
Everett Rats I	36
Gate of Heaven	35
Charlestown Club	30
Arlington Club	28

(Nick Smith hit a 3 and 2 pointer in the last 30 seconds.)

Condon	29
Everett Rat II	28
Dennis, MA	27
Southie Club	24

<b>• 13-and-Under</b>	
Everett Rats I	36
Panthers	20
South End Club	52
Tynan	27
Everett Rats II	35
Milton 7 Stars	28

<b>• 16-and-Under</b>	
Wilmington	63
Braintree	52
Cape Codders	86
Winchester Sachems	38
MUBS	91
Xavarian	50
Dan Marr Club	45
Tanners	44
Winchester	65
Tripoli Bakery	44
Andover	68
Roxbury Club	65

Tornadoes	49
Newton Trucksters	33
Canton	48
Eagles	38
Spartans	50
Maroon & Gold	49
G-Pac	71
St. Francis	55

<b>• 19-and-Under</b>	
B. Running Men	61
Mass AAU	46
<b>• Men's Open</b>	
Remingtons	93
Powderhouse Pub	64
Globe	69
Herald	57

## Charlestown Teen Connection News

### • SPECIAL THANK YOU

We would like to extend a very special thank you to John Lynch who once again offers his time and energy to the youth of this community. We appreciated the great tour of City Hall.

### • PARENT HOCKEY GAME

Last month the Teen Connection sponsored a Parent-Daughter Hockey Game. It was a wonderful event, and the parents should be applauded for their participation and good sportsmanship. It was everyone's benefit to watch these people play: Kelly Fitzpatrick, Kelly Doherty, Helen Scales, Linda Howell, Elaine Hardy, Kim Campbell, Christine Sorrentino, Michelle Macomber, Noreen Hagerty, Shannon McLaughlin, Shannon Lawler, Melissa Doherty, Jessica Sweeney, Mary Crilley, Julie Treanor, Paul "Casanova" Allen, Sharon "Dimples" Lynch, John "Fish" Scales, Linda "What-A" Howell, Pat "Hop-A-Long" Hardy, Grace "Cuddle Cups" Campbell, John "So" Sorrentino, Danny "Cryin'" Ryan, Maureen "Lunchbox" Hagerty, Trisha "Boom-Boom" Tkachuk, Helen "Crawler" Lawler, Michelle "Stormin'" Gorman, Mark "Clutch" Gorman, Betty "Boop" Sweeney, Ann Marie "Bam-Bam" Crilley, Allison "Teddy" Treanor, Cheryl Collins, Ann "Sniper" Collins, Correy Gallagher and Lois "Lane" Gallagher.

### • VOLLEYBALL UPDATE

#### Standings As Of March 27

Team	W	L
Jackson & Co.	7	1
Total Package	6	2
3 D's	4	4
Cricket's	3	5
Charlie Roses	3	5
Susie & Seaweeds	1	7

#### Volleyball All-Stars

The Volleyball All-Stars are April Brennan, Brian O'Neil, Gregg Jackson, Linda Howell, Cheryl Collins, Jamie Mastro, Jimmy Gillen, Michelle Macomber, Anthony Matson, Noreen Hagerty, Bridget Hanlon, John Scanlon and Kenny Giordano.

### • FLAG FOOTBALL UPDATE

Team	W	L
Silver Box	7	1
Main St.	6	2
Newtowne	5	3
Notre Dame	1	7
Parkies	1	7

## Little League News

### REGISTRATION

The registration fee for Charlestown Little League is \$20 per family. Bring your birth certificate to registration!

If you failed to register, you may do so at the tryouts on Saturday, March 31 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or Sunday, April 1 from noon to 2 p.m. at the Little League Field at Ryan Park in Sullivan Square. If necessary, a raindate tryout will be held Saturday, April 7 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Players must be 8 years old before Aug. 1, 1990 (or you are too young) and not 13 years old before Aug. 1, 1990 (or you are too old).

Minor leaguers will tryout on the Minor League field.

**Major Leaguers: Remember, You Must Register!**

John Curtin

## Babe Ruth Tryouts

Tryouts for this year's Babe Ruth teams will be held Saturday, April 7 at 1:30 p.m. Anyone interested should come down to the big diamond at the Ryan Playground in Sullivan Square.

For more information, call Rob McIntosh at 242-0541.

## Charlestown Players Invited To Register For Pop Warner Football

The Everett Huskies Pop Warner Football Registration will be held April 2 and 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Everett Recreational Center, Elm Street (beside

the police station).

Charlestown youngsters, ages 8 to 14 are welcome to register. The registration fee is \$20. Youngsters must bring their birth certificate and have parental consent to register.

For more information, call Tom Quigley at 389-9223.

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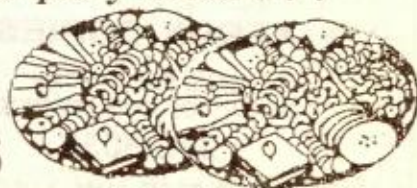
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## Tom Birmingham Announces Candidacy For State Senate

by **Kathy Giordano**  
Tom Birmingham officially announced his candidacy for State Senate on this past Saturday at the John Boyle O'Reilly Park adjacent to Thompson Square. This was one of several such stops made by Birmingham during the day, taking him throughout the district, which includes parts of Suffolk, Essex and Middlesex counties.

This is Birmingham's second bid for the senatorial seat, having run two years ago against the incumbent, Sen. Fran Doris. Doris recently announced that he will not be seeking re-election this fall.

Born in Charlestown and

still having family ties in the community, Birmingham attended Harvard on a Rhodes Scholarship and graduated from Harvard Law School. He is now a practicing labor lawyer fighting "successfully to protect the rights of working people, our standard of living, our jobs, pensions and health care." He added: "I believe these experiences prepared me well for the hard battles which will have to be fought in the State House in order to protect the very viability of our communities as decent places to live, work and raise families in the years to come."

Charlestown resident

Brian Callahan introduced the candidate to more than 50 people who gathered to hear the announcement, urging them to support Birmingham's candidacy and calling on them to work together toward a victory.

Birmingham said that he will try to meet every resident of Charlestown by knocking on doors throughout the community. "I have learned that there is no substitute for meeting people personally and speaking with them directly," he stated.

He concluded by saying: "It will be vitally important to have not only a strong voice on Beacon Hill but one that is attentive to the



**FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS** of Tom Birmingham (shown front center) gathered at John Boyle O'Reilly Park on Saturday as Birmingham officially announced his can-

didacy for State Senate in the Suffolk, Essex, Middlesex district, which includes Charlestown.

(photo by Kathy Giordano)

## Friends Of John Boyle O'Reilly Plan For Upcoming Events

The youth of the Charlestown community were at the forefront of last week's Friends of John Boyle O'Reilly meeting as plans are formulated for the awarding of two scholarships and the establishing of an essay contest.

Members Sheila Brown, Norita Lee, Francis Coleman, Al Madden and Arthur Hurley were named to the Scholarship Committee which will determine the rules and regulations for the awarding of scholarships to a Charlestown boy and girl.

The Essay Committee will be announcing the details of the essay contest shortly. Charlestown residents in the fourth through 11th grades will be able to compete for the \$25 prize which will be awarded to

each grade.

Members had expressed concern on the condition of the flags in the O'Reilly Park at the Bunker Hill Mall. Replacement of the American flag will be provided by U.S. Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy; Boston City Councillor Michael McCormack will donate the city flag; the organization's historian Al Madden will obtain the Irish flag; and funds for a new state flag will come from the organization's treasury. Member Joe Kent stated that the new flags will be in place shortly. In addition, 60 tulip bulbs have been planted around the memorial stone in the park.

The next meeting of the Friends will be at 7 p.m. on

Thursday, April 5 at the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

needs of the town. Given the geographic and demographic realities of the senatorial district, there is always a danger that Charlestown will be neglected or

forgotten."

He promised, that if elected: "I will serve in the state Senate in the same way that I have campaigned. I will be accessible. I will be

hard-working, and I will bring to the people of this district representation which will be respected and which you can be proud of."

# Special Notice for Massachusetts Residents

Massachusetts residents can receive help in paying for their telephone service under two new low-income assistance programs being offered by New England Telephone, at the direction of the Department of Public Utilities. The two programs are called Lifeline Telephone Assistance and Link-Up America.

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Eligibility for either the Lifeline or Link-Up program must be verified by the Department of Public Welfare or the Massachusetts Office of Fuel Assistance.

During the month of March, recipients of current benefits will be mailed information about applying for the programs. If you feel you are eligible and have not been notified or if you would like further information about these programs, please contact our Customer Response Center weekdays between 8:30 am and 5:00 pm at 1 800 555-5000.



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### Neighborhood Council Meetings

#### MONTHLY MEETING

The Charlestown Neighborhood Council will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 3 at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 75 West School St.

#### NEW ENGLAND AQUARIUM COMMITTEE

Representatives from the New England Aquarium will make a presentation to the council's Aquarium Committee-of-the-Whole at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 4 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 75 West School St. The presentation will include the outline of an initial benefits package proposed by the NEA. No vote will be taken at this meeting.

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### Golden Age Senior Center

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#### ACTIVITIES

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

#### SCREENINGS SCHEDULED

- A Tax Screening and help with income tax filing will be held on Wednesday, April 4 from 6:30 to 9 p.m.
- A Vision Screening will be held on Monday, April 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- A Hearing Screening will be held on Thursday, May 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- A Blood Pressure Screening will be conducted on April 20 at 11:45 a.m. by the Boston Visiting Nurse Association.

#### TRIPS

- Atlantic City — Show Boat Casino, Tuesday to Thursday, April 3, 4 and 5. The cost is \$139, double occupancy.
- Rockingham Park — Monday, May 7. Call Sheila Walsh for more details.

#### BUS TO STOP & SHOP

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

#### HOUSING, EDUCATION AND INFORMATION SERVICE

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### KIT CLARK SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

at the Rutherford Avenue Senior Center, 114 Rutherford Ave., and at the Senior Lounge, 55 Bunker Hill St.

#### MENU — March 30 - April 5

- Friday** — Fish nuggets, potato puffs, coleslaw, roll, fresh fruit
- Monday** — Sweet and sour turkey, fried rice, Oriental vegetables, French roll, pudding
- Tuesday** — Knockwurst or chicken, baked beans, peas and carrots, rye bread, cookie
- Wednesday** — Meatloaf with gravy, O'Brien potatoes, green beans, wheat bread, mixed fruit
- Thursday** — Cream of spinach soup, baked chicken, mashed potatoes, oatmeal bread, fresh fruit

### Old Charlestown Schoolboys To Hold 77th Reunion

The 77th annual reunion of the Old Charlestown Schoolboys Association will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 10 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 75 West School St.

Applications for membership are available from

Association Secretary William Wagner, P.O. Box 375, Charlestown, who can be reached at 581-0828.

Prospective members must have been born in Charlestown and have attended school in Charlestown before 1938.

### John P. Loring Dead At 69

John Perley Loring, formerly of Charlestown, died Jan. 26 of heart failure at the Washoe Medical Center in Reno, Nev. He was 69 years old.

Born in Charlestown on April 3, 1920, Loring attended St. Francis de Sales Grammar School and Boston Technical High School. He served in the Army Air Corps in India-CBI and worked for 33 years for the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Sparks, Nev., where he had lived for the past 48 years.

He leaves his wife Rae Loring; son Gregory John;

two granddaughters, Dawn and Christine, all of Sparks; and a sister, Margaret Hickey, of Charlestown. He was the son of the late Henry James and Grace (McCarthy) Loring, and the brother of the late Alice Brown and Henry "Henny" Loring.

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at St. Mary's Church, Warren Street, on Saturday, April 7 at 7:30 a.m. Donations in his memory may be sent to the American Lung Association.

### Find Something French At Little Brothers' Auction

The Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly celebrates 10 years in Boston this weekend with La Fabulous French Furnishings & Antiques Sale. Antique enthusiasts, bargain hunters, prize seekers and celebrity hounds will all be attending, and there will be something French for everyone.

Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly is selling and auctioning a houseful of

furnishings and antiques imported from France as a benefit for the lonely and isolated elderly in Boston and surrounding communities. La Fabulous French Furnishings & Antiques Sale takes place Saturday, March 31 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and April 1 from noon to 6 p.m. at the Little Brothers - Friends of the Elderly house, 530 Columbus Ave. in Boston.

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#### ★ EVENTS OF THE WEEK ★

##### Friday, March 30

10 a.m. - Arts & Crafts and Seniorobics, Senior Lounge

11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge

12:45 p.m. - Bingo, Senior Lounge

##### Monday, April 2

10 a.m. - Crochet, Mary Colbert Apartments

11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge

12:45 p.m. - Bingo, Senior Lounge

##### Tuesday, April 3

10 a.m. - Crochet, Senior Lounge

11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge

##### Wednesday, April 4

9:30 a.m. - Stop & Shop Bus, Anchorage Apts.

10 a.m. - Crochet, Mary Colbert Apartments

10 a.m. - Arts & Crafts, Social Services

Information and Referral, Senior Lounge

11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge

12:45 p.m. - Bingo, Senior Lounge

##### Thursday, April 5

9:30 a.m. - Stop & Shop Bus, Senior Lounge,

Golden Age Ctr., Constitution Co-op Apts.

10 a.m. - Crochet, Senior Lounge

11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge

1 p.m. - Easter Centerpieces, Senior Lounge

#### ★ SENIOR LOUNGE EVENTS ★

Contact Bobbie or Phyllis at 241-8866

• **Boston Aid To The Blind** — an information/referral service for adults 50 and older who are legally blind will be held Thursday, April 12 at noon.

• **Podiatrist** — Tuesday, April 17 at 2 p.m. Sign up in advance. Bring your Medicaid or Medicare card with you.

• **Free Blood Pressure Screening** — Friday, April 20 at 11:45 a.m. by the Boston Visiting Nurse Association.

#### ★ TRIPS ★

Contact Phyllis or Bobbie at 241-8866

• **Vanity Fair and White's Restaurant** — Tuesday, April 10, leaving from the Senior Lounge at 8:30 a.m. The \$19 cost includes luxury motorcoach transportation and dinner with a choice of roast turkey, fried chicken or pot roast.

• **Harts Turkey Farm** — Tuesday, May 15, leaving from the Senior Lounge at 8:30 a.m. The \$23 cost includes luxury motorcoach transportation, a choice of turkey, sirloin of beef or broiled fish dinner, and a tour of Lake Winnepesaukee.

• **Kittery, Maine** — Tuesday, June 26, leaving from the Senior Lounge at 8:30 a.m. The \$22 cost includes luxury motorcoach transportation and dinner at Warren's restaurant with a choice of baked haddock, stuffed chicken breast or sirloin tips.

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



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Churches, Denominations and Traditions change their beliefs, doctrines and practices constantly in order to appease certain groups or appeal to a broader spectrum of people. Beliefs and practices that would have damned one who disobeyed to hell, years ago, now have been changed so that, to do the opposite will make you a saint. The constant changes going on in Churches today are open proof that many Churches have not based their faith and practices upon an unchangeable, infallible truth. Jesus Christ in His prayer to the Father, says that the Word of God is truth and that one is sanctified or made Holy through the Word. "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:17). My Friend, if you are seeking Truth, then you need to go to God's Word. It tells you of a truthful Savior who is the same yesterday, today and forever (Heb. 13:8). The way of Salvation has not changed either. It is still received by believing in Jesus Christ as your Savior from sin. Seek out a Church that preaches from the Bible and bases its faith and practices on the unchangeable truth, the Word of God.

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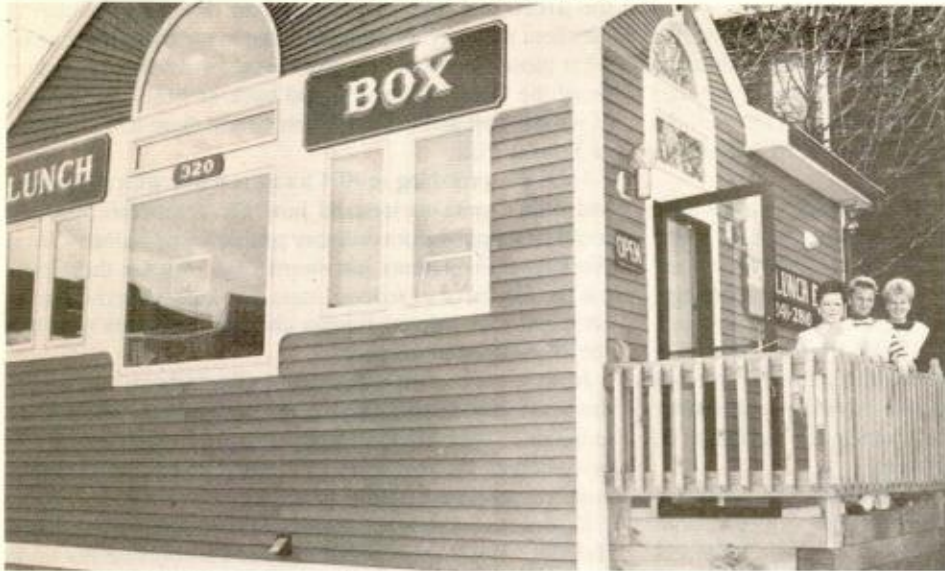
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Lunch Box is open Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturdays between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Shown taking a break from their kitchen duties are (l. to r.) Ellie Hagerty, Proprietor Joanne Eatherton and Anne O'Leary. (Missing from the photo are Maureen and Noreen Hagerty.)

(photo by Kathy Giordano)

## Nolan, Farley Earn Trip To Final Four In Detroit

by Bob DeCristoforo

By the time most of you read this, most of us will be in Detroit for the NCAA Championship.

Thanks to Bill Nolan, Sean Farley and their Boston College teammates, we'll be in the Motor City this weekend when the Eagles take on Wisconsin at the Joe Louis Arena in the semifinal round of hockey's Final Four.

On Sunday, BC toppled Minnesota 6-1 in the deciding game of the best-of-three quarter final series. Hobey Baker candidate Dave Emma set the tone for

the evening's celebration by putting the Eagles up 1-0 at the six-second mark of the first period. The Eagles never looked back.

The 17-minute-plus post game on ice celebration was something to behold. Kelly Rink at Conte Forum shook in tribute to these fine players and their coaches. Jubilation might be the word to describe the event.

This team has not only the talent to win the national title, it also has that special something which makes for championships. Watch out Detroit, here comes Boston!

## On Dean's List At Salem State

Three Charlestown residents are listed on the Salem State College dean's list for the 1989 fall semester. They are Molly Adams, Ralph L. Conte and Kelly A. Ruggiero.

## Peace Education For Early Childhood Topic Of Adult Discussion Group

The Adult Discussion Group of the Charlestown Branch Library will present the program "Peace Education For Early Childhood" on Wednesdays, April 4 and 11 at 10:15 a.m. at the library, 179 Main St.

The speaker will be Early Childhood Specialist Craig

Edward Carpenter of Charlestown was nominated for Clerk of the Year by the Boston Federal Executive Board for his high level of work performance at the U.S. Army Materials Technology Laboratory in Waverlytown.

As a mail clerk, Carpenter works for the U.S. Army Information Systems Command, which manages all information-related services at MTL. He started at MTL in 1987, and became recognized as a dedicated, professional employee with a sensitivity to the needs of

## It's A Girl . . .

James and Kerri Gaughan of Hyde Park are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Shannyn Ann, on March 15 at the Brigham and Women's Hospital. The baby weighed 9 pounds 12 ounces.

The maternal grandparents are Shelagh and John Farley of Charlestown.

The paternal grandparents are Julia and Thomas Gaughan of Hyde Park.

The great-grandparents are Helen Dacey of Charlestown and Catherine Gaughan of South Boston.

Shannyn was welcomed home by her sister Courtney, 3.

## Resident Nominated For Employee Honor

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Following the performance, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., artists will teach a workshop on storytelling, improvisation, radio drama and sound effects for up to 20 children ages 8 to 12. The teaching workshop takes place in CWT's upstairs dance studio following a short break (bring a lunch!).

There are only eight places left in the remaining workshops. One-day tickets are available for \$14 per child and include both the performance and the workshop. Additional performance tickets are \$7 for Mom, Dad and one child. Additional children's tickets are discounted to \$5.

• **Only two more weekends** . . . "The Woman Who Shot Lenin" performs tonight and Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 5 and 8 p.m., and Sunday at 7 p.m., and continues through April 8. Charlestown residents always get \$2 off the ticket price, which ranges from \$12.50 to \$13.50 depending on the day.

• **And remember** if you're interested in helping on the artistic or technical side of the upcoming productions, we need you! Wardrobe helpers, set builders, light hangers, props runners, ushers, ticket takers . . . there are lots of ways to get involved.

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### 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.



#### Thank You, St. Francis de Sales

The Board of St. Catherine's Food Pantry echoes the sentiments of all the needy who benefit from your monthly food can drive at St. Francis. The parishoners at St. Francis have exemplified a sincere kindness and thoughtfulness. We applaud your continued outstanding effort.

Rudy Doenges and Staff  
St. Catherine's Food Pantry

#### Thanks

I would like to thank the hairdressers at Fantastic Sam's for their quick action in getting medical help for me. Thanks also to Dot and Kay Shea.

I would like to extend a special thank you to all my friends for their cards and phone calls during my recent hospital stay.

Thanks again,  
Anne Roche

#### Thank You, Mr. Flatley

Dear Gloria,

On behalf of the J. F. Kennedy Center, I would like to thank Mr. Thomas Flatley for hosting a wonderful St. Patrick's Day party at the Schrafft's Center on Saturday, March 17.

We thank you for providing a memorable festive and happy occasion for our Charlestown seniors.

Sincerely,  
Judi Meaney  
Director, Senior Services

#### To The Charlestown Slasher(s)

As I sit here in my apartment on a supposedly quiet Charlestown street, I wonder how much brain power, or whatever they call brains today, it took for the person or persons who had nothing better to do late Saturday night or early Sunday morning. You seemingly started at the Bunker Hill Health Center and slashed the tires on the Boys & Girls Club van and then proceeded down Elm Street, randomly slashing tires on a total of 10 vehicles.

You never even used what you call brain power to realize that those cars and the van are possessions of working people, many of whom can hardly afford some of the high rents, the cost of living in today's economy, and the cost of new tires today which are over and above their budget money.

To you people, whoever you are, I hope that your sleeping habits change when you think of what you have done to your own.

A Concerned Neighbor

### Commentary Brings Back Bittersweet Memories

To the Editor:

Gloria's commentary in the March 22 Patriot on the television movie "Common Ground" and her remembrances of the turmoil surrounding the 1974 federal court order brought bittersweet memories. I remember all too well the trouble visited upon Boston neighborhoods like Charlestown in September 1974.

I believe the first time I ever met Gloria was at a citywide Mass. Citizens Against Forced Busing meeting held in the basement of the Post 26 Legion Hall on Chestnut Street. Back then the anti-busing movement was split over strategy. There were the moderate Mass. Citizens (let's work through the system) and the more defiant ROAR (Restore Our Alienated Rights) members, who believed that the system was stacked against neighborhood people. But in the end, neither moderation nor defiance stood a chance against Judge W. Arthur Garrity and his court decree.

Before the busing controversy, I was quite the conservative. During my student days at Boston State College (1968-72), I opposed both student takeovers of college buildings and anti-war marches. I supported my government's position in respect to the Vietnam War. However, seeing those yellow school bus convoys under police escort rolling up

the streets of Charlestown ended my days as a member of the silent majority. For the first time in my life, I understood what those Kent State students must have felt the day they faced the Ohio National Guard back in 1970. The tyranny of government arrived in full force right there in the shadow of Bunker Hill.

I was 20-something in 1974 living at home with my parents and didn't quite understand how the democratic process could be stripped from ordinary people living ordinary lives. Working-class parents just wanted the best for their kids, but the full force of federal, state and local government intervened and ordered Boston children on buses to satisfy the liberal social planners.

Hollywood has sucker-punched Charlestown and the entire anti-forced busing movement. Stereotyping whole communities as beer-drinking bigots shows that Hollywood will never screen the real story of forced busing and the aftermath of public education in the city.

School Board member John D. O'Bryant recently told the Herald: "Busing succeeded in what the court set out to do — give equal educational access to both black and white kids. The court order was not intended to improve the schools, just guarantee access." Sadly, O'Bryant's view is correct, and today Boston public schools, except for the Latin exam schools, are nothing more than illiteracy factories pushing out high school graduates who read at or near eighth-grade level.

I'm proud of the small role I played during the height of forced busing and for all those decent folks I met along the way like Gloria, Freda Getherall, Benny Nice and so many others. If I had it to do over, like Mayor Curley, "I'd do it again."

Sincerely,  
Sal Giarratani

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#### Thank You

To the Editor:

I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the people whose hard work and support contributed to my winning the endorsement at the Republican State Convention.

Thanks to the delegates who voted for me, and the hard work of the many supporters who gave of their time, energy and financial support, we won a gratifying victory.

The job is not over. Having achieved a victorious weekend, we now have to look forward to November. I ask you to join with me. With your continued support, and the additional help of Independents and Democrats who are fed up with the representation they've been receiving in Washington, I know we can beat John Kerry in November.

Sincerely,  
Dan Daly  
Republican Candidate for U.S. Senate

#### Board of Appeal Hearing

A public hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, April 3 by the Board of Appeal of the city of Boston in Room 801, City Hall, seeking variances from the terms of the Boston Zoning Code:

• Stephen Aloise is seeking variances of Articles 8(8-7-8) 14(14-2) 15(15-1) 17(17-1) of the Boston Zoning Code to change the legal occupancy of 75 Ferrin St. from a three-family to a four-family dwelling by installing a basement apartment.

(printed as a public service)

#### How To Talk To Young Children About Drugs And Alcohol

An eight-week Monday night discussion group, which centers on talking with young children about alcohol and drugs, starts Monday, April 30. The group will meet from 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Sponsored by The Kennedy Center, the group tar-

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### Monday, March 19

At 1 a.m., a 19-year-old resident reported that while at 98 Medford St. he was assaulted by another individual who stabbed him in the leg. The victim was transported to Mass. General Hospital by his friends.

At 8 a.m., a stolen automobile was recovered in the rear of 60 Tibbetts Town Way.

An automobile parked at 251 Bunker Hill St. was vandalized by breaking the side window.

An automobile parked on Cordis Street was broken into at 2 p.m., and a suitcase was taken. The suspects, two white males and a female, were seen committing the crime by a resident, and the female has been identified.

During the day an attempt was made to steal an automobile parked on Winthrop Street.

A stolen automobile was recovered in a Spice Street parking lot at 7:30 p.m.

### Tuesday, March 20

An office at 338 Main St. was broken into during the evening. The rear glass door was broken, and a stereo was stolen.

An automobile parked on Tremont Street was broken into during the evening.

Stolen automobiles were recovered behind 102 Main St. and at 124 Main St.

### Wednesday, March 21

At 8 a.m. Detectives Donahue and Langlois went to an apartment at 90 Medford St. where they placed an 18-year-old resident under arrest on various warrants.

An apartment at 11 Monument Square was broken into during the day. The front door was forced open with a pick axe.

A stolen automobile was recovered on Union Street.

### Thursday, March 22

A stolen automobile was recovered on Tibbetts Town Way at 9:30 a.m.

During the day, an apartment at 50 Pleasant St. was broken into by breaking the latch on a dead bolt, and jewelry and coins were taken.

### Friday, March 23

A resident reported that he was assaulted at Austin and Main streets by a man and woman who showed a knife.

Officer Whiffen arrested a Charlestown man for breaking and entering an apartment at 41 Carney Court. The man was arrested when he was found inside the apartment with the owner's property in his pocket.

A Somerville woman reported that her vehicle, which was on Park Street, was hit by another vehicle that fled the area.

A South Boston man was arrested at Main and Bunker Hill Streets for operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Several automobiles were vandalized in separate incidents: a School Street resident's car was vandalized by several young children who smashed one of his lights with a small hammer; an automobile parked on Warren Street was broken into, and ski equipment was taken; the lock of an automobile parked at Washington and Prescott streets was forced open, but nothing was reported taken; the front window of an automobile parked in front of 17 Austin St. was smashed, but nothing was reported taken; the radio was stolen from an automobile in the parking lot at 15 Sever St.; a car parked at 28 Walker St. had its windshield smashed; an automobile parked in front of 21 Prescott St. was broken into, but nothing was reported taken.

### Saturday, March 24

A New Hampshire man was arrested for selling stolen firearms at the Bunker Hill Mall by Officers Hogan and Hennessy and an agent from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

A juvenile was arrested by the Detectives of Area A on an outstanding breaking and entering warrant.

Officer Lee arrested a man at 25 Starr King Court on an outstanding warrant.

A variety store was broken into at 26 Common St. A window was broken, and a bag of coins was taken.

A Charlestown resident reported that his motor vehicle was hit from behind by a vehicle which fled the scene.

An automobile was set on fire while parked in front of 9 Union St.

### Sunday, March 25

Two automobiles were vandalized on Bartlett Street by

slashing the tires.

At about midnight Officer Whiffen arrested a 29-year-old man on Bunker Hill Street on a warrant for breaking and entering.

Shortly after midnight, a vehicle carrying two passengers on Warren Street was struck on the left side by another automobile trying to pass at a high rate of speed. Nine parked cars were also damaged when the perpetrator's vehicle did not stop. When officers responded, they observed two parked cars flipped on their sides and the perpetrator's vehicle resting against them. The suspect, a 25-year-old Somerville man, attempted to flee the scene. He was arrested and taken to Area A for larceny of a motor vehicle, operating to endanger and several motor vehicle infractions. The two victims sustained leg injuries and were transported to Mass. General Hospital.

These incidents are under investigation by the detectives of Area A.

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