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**Public Hearing At State House
 Scheduled For Charlestown Court**

The public hearing before the House Judicial Committee on the closing of the Charlestown District Court is scheduled for Wednesday, March 28 at 1 p.m. in State House Room 138. Anyone who wants to speak out about the bill filed that would merge Charlestown Court business with Boston

Municipal Court downtown can attend.

Since September, when it was announced that Chief Administrative Justice Arthur Mason would seek to consolidate the two courts, the Friends of Charlestown District Court formed in an effort to show how vital the court and its programs are

in the neighborhood and to fight the bill.

The Friends hosted a ceremony last month to rededicate the historic Charlestown court and honor the state's first black justice, who presided in Charlestown, for Black History Month. A children's Christ-

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**Second Democratic Caucus
 To Be Held March 31**

by Lynn Peters

It's Official. The second Ward 2 Democratic Caucus is set for Saturday, March 31 at the Kent Community School at 50 Bunker Hill St. Registration begins promptly at 1:30 p.m. and closes at 2:15 p.m. sharp. And members of the 17-delegate slate who won the first time vow to run again with more determination than ever.

That was the word at a Tuesday evening press con-

ference called by the delegates to "clear the air," since the caucus proceedings were challenged by independent candidate Billy Galvin and upheld by the State Democratic Committee.

"There are no defections at all from the slate," said previously elected alternate delegate Dennis McLaughlin, referring to previously elected delegate David Flanagan who mistakenly

thought he might be unable to represent Charlestown at the Democratic State Convention in June. All confirmed that the slate is intact and defended a group run for election as ethical.

"It seems to be that when people run together, it's looked at as a negative," said previously elected delegate Tom Cunha, who denied that the slate was made up of "the power people."

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**Senior Citizens Celebrate St. Patrick's Day
 With Gala Party At The Schrafft Center**



CHARLESTOWN ROSE Barbie Marsden (right) thanked Thomas Flatley (center) for hosting the annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner for Charlestown's senior citizens, and presented him with a Connemara marble desk set and clock which she brought back with her from her trip to Ireland last summer. Shown left is newly elected Mayor of Charlestown Florence Johnson. *(photo by John Dillon)*

It was the wearin' o' the green on March 17 — and green it was in more shades and styles imaginable as over 300 Charlestown senior citizens gathered at the Schrafft Center for the annual St. Patrick's Day Dinner hosted by The Flatley Co.

The room was decorated *(continued on page 11)*



IT WAS A TOE-TAPPING TIME at the Schrafft Center on St. Patrick's Day. Sporting a green carnation, Rep. Richard A. Voke, chairman, House Ways and Means Committee, takes a spin around the dance floor with Kitty Donovan. *(photo by John Dillon)*

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**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.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

This Week At A Glance

Thursday, March 22

- 5:30 p.m. — Charlestown Merchants Association meeting, Roughan's Restaurant, 10 City Square
- 6 p.m. — Charlestown Teen Connection welcomes The Children of War Tour, Charlestown High School Auditorium, 240 Medford St.
- 7 p.m. — Friends of John Boyle O'Reilly Committee meeting, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.
- 7:30 p.m. — Friends of the Charlestown Branch Library meeting with Professor Conor Johnston speaking on John Boyle O'Reilly, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 8 p.m. — Performance of "The Woman Who Shot Lenin," Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill St.

Friday, March 23

- 7 p.m. — Basketball and Tennis Clinic for 6- to 16-year-olds sponsored by CHAD, Quinn Athletic Facility, 255 Medford St.
- 8 p.m. — Performance of "The Woman Who Shot Lenin," Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill St.

Saturday, March 24

- noon to 4 p.m. — Girl Scout Cookie Sale, Constitution Quarters lobby, Charlestown Navy Yard
- 5 and 8 p.m. — Performances of "The Woman Who Shot Lenin," Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill St.

Sunday, March 25

- 8:30 a.m. — Mass followed by meeting of the Holy Name Society, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.
- 7 p.m. — Performance of "The Woman Who Shot Lenin," Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill St.

Monday, March 26

- 3:30 p.m. — Creative Drama Classes for children 8 to 12, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 7 p.m. — Charlestown Neighborhood Council Billboard Committee meeting, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.
- 7:30 p.m. — Country Store, Officers of Court St. Jude 1123, CDA, Bishop Lawton Hall, 313 Bunker Hill St.

Tuesday, March 27

- 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. — Children's Films, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 7 p.m. — Friends of the Training Field meeting, St. Mary's Parish Hall, Winthrop Street

Wednesday, March 28

- 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.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 29

- 12:15 p.m. — Charlestown Kiwanis Club Meeting, Barrett's on Boston Harbour Restaurant
- 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.

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.

Plan Ahead

Thursday, April 5

- 10 a.m. — Charlestown Healthy Aging Program (CHAP) meeting, Constitution Co-op Apartments, 42 Park St.
- 6:30 p.m. — Choral Festival Concert, St. Mary's Church, 55 Warren 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.

Saturday, April 7

- 10:30 a.m. — Spring Sp"EGG"tacular for children 5 and older, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 6 p.m. — 21st Annual Lt. Michael P. Quinn, USMC, Scholarship Dinner Dance, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School 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.
- 7:30 p.m. — St. Mary's Players present "Triumph and Tragedy," St. Mary's Church, 55 Warren St.

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

Saturday, April 28

- 9 a.m. — Charlestown Lions Club Second Annual Breakfast, St. John's Church Lower Parish Hall, 27 Devens St.

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Increase In Attendance And Reported Crime At Public Safety Meeting

by Kathy Giordano

The monthly Public Safety/Police Community Relations meeting increased its attendance Tuesday night. Although there were still plenty of empty seats, those who did attend heard a well-prepared lecture on home safety techniques. Committee Chairman Mel Stillman and Boston Police Community Relations Officer Joe McNulty co-chaired the meeting. Neighborhood Council members Dennis McLaughlin, Stephen Collins, Jim Mansfield, Bob Wallace, Kate McDonough and Ken Stone were present, as were Officer Jim McNamara, community service-night officer, and guest speaker Sgt. Robert O'Leary, crime prevention officer.

Twenty residents and Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services Community Liaison Judy Evers listened intently to the program and were given an opportunity to voice their concerns on recent happenings in the community.

O'Leary displayed numerous safety devices to make the home more secure against attempted burgla-

ries. He cautioned the audience that if a house break had occurred in their neighborhood, they should be aware that the same thief would most likely return and try to gain access through the same methods. He advised residents to find out how the culprit gained entrance and to determine whether the same access could be made to their home.

"It's usually the same thief using the same method of entry. It is almost always a person from your immediate area who is burglarizing your neighborhood," O'Leary stated.

The majority of house-breaks are made through the front door, according to O'Leary, using readily available tools such as screwdrivers and tire irons. The best defense against such a break-in is a good lock installed on a strong door frame, he said. He recommended that a dead bolt be installed in addition to any existing lock, stating: "Never reduce any hardware you have. Add to it."

Referring to a recent FBI report that claimed 29 percent of house-breaks na-

tionwide occur through open doors, O'Leary informed residents that insurance companies might not pay on policies if the home owner was found to be negligent in this manner. He advised those in attendance to lock their doors and windows when not at home and leave a radio on to a talk show to make the thief think that there is someone inside.

According to police records, the majority of break-ins happen during the daytime when most people are at work or busy doing errands. He advised everyone not to enter their home if they have any suspicion that a thief might be inside. He advised them to leave immediately and go to the nearest phone and call the police. "Let the police enter the house with you," he said.

Other safety points that O'Leary passed along included tips on lost house keys and personal safety for women. He stated that if a handbag is stolen and contains the person's identification and house keys, all locks for those keys should be changed.

He stated that it would

not be necessary to change the entire lock. A locksmith can change the cylinder where the key fits and save on the overall expense. He said that this could be done by the home owner who can remove the locks and take them to a locksmith or have the locksmith come to the house. "It's more costly," he stated, "but it's better than leaving an empty house without any locks on the doors."

O'Leary also advised women to never enter a darkened house. He suggested that they leave a light on inside the house as well as one on the outside to enable them to see if an intruder might be present.

O'Leary is a BPD specialist in crime prevention, and as part of his duties will inspect any home or business to determine if the property has adequate security methods in use. Constantly upgrading his knowledge of the latest security devices on the market, O'Leary can make recommendations to the home owner or businessperson on how to make their property more resistant to burglary. He can be reached for more informa-

tion or a site visit by calling 247-4345. McNulty is also well-informed on home security and can be reached at 247-4627.

As part of the usual agenda at the monthly meetings, McNulty gave a report on

recent crime statistics. He reported that the number of stolen and recovered automobiles in Charlestown increased last month, as did handbag snatches. He stated that police patrols have

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By Joetta Silva
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CHAD St. Patrick's Dance Draws Kids To The Club

photos by Jeanne Davis and Lynn Peters



ERIN BLAIKIE'S POSTER took first-place in the Charlestown Against Drugs contest. Twelve-year-old Blaikie of 7 Cross St. was not at the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club on Friday night to hear the announcement and receive her ribbon and \$250 U.S. Savings Bond. Shown are the judges who considered 27 entered posters in the contest (l. to r.) Peter Looney of CHAD; Jerry Steimel, CHAD's co-chairperson and club director; and Mary MacInness. Missing is CHAD's Tom Desmond, who also judged the contest. (photo by Jeanne Davis)



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Miniseries Begins Sunday, March 25

Pans And Plaudits Follow 'Common Ground' Preview

by Gloria J. Conway

The long-awaited, or for some folks the long-dreaded, two-part miniseries based on the J. Anthony Lukas Pulitzer Prize-winning book "Common Ground" will be aired starting on Sunday night. Fifteen years after the first yellow buses rolled into Charlestown, the memories of the strife, the heartache and the turmoil of the mid-70s pour from the television screen in this four-hour feature.

"Common Ground" was based on the lives of three families: the Irish McGoff family of Charlestown, the black Twymon family of Roxbury, and the Yankee Diver family of the South End. Where Lukas' book traced the genealogy of these families back several generations, developing the family and community settings, the film opens in the mid-60s and brings the audience through to the graduation of the class of 1977 at Charlestown High School.

Daniel H. Blatt, executive producer of the miniseries for Lorimar Television, told the audience at a preview of the film at the World Trade Center earlier this week that based on their research, they believe that what they depicted happened in Boston. Many of those who viewed the film disagree — and although some details may dim in the mind's eye, the overall picture of Boston in the mid-70s remains vivid to those who lived in the city during those days.

Besides the members of the families who are the focus of this story, only names of persons in the public domain were used, such as Mayor Kevin White, Charlestown High School Headmasters Frank Power and Robert Murphy, Judge W. Arthur Garrity, along with several CHS teachers. Others in the story were given names or not referred to by name. One case in point was former Boston School Committee chairman John Kerrigan who was portrayed in the film but not identified.

The film lacks explanations and transitions. Those who lived through the era will note numerous inaccuracies including school buses approaching Charlestown over the Tobin Bridge from Chelsea, crowds of adults outside the doors of CHS the first day of school in 1975, men holding beer cans during mothers' marches, beer bottles and liquor glasses on the tables during anti-forced busing meetings — to name just a few. Although Blatt said that the producers tried to depict a portion of history, there were scenes depicted that simply weren't true.

Following the preview of the film on Monday, members of the audience were asked to comment or ask questions of Lukas, Blatt and Leslie Moonves, the executive vice president of creative affairs for Lorimar.

Moonves had stated in his opening remarks that the film was controversial and would stir emotions — and that it did. In the audience were representatives from various media outlets; Channel 7 executives; Mayor Kevin White; present and former Boston City Councillors and School Committee members; present and former school department employees including William Reid and Jerome Winegar, both of whom served as headmasters of South Boston High, and former superintendent William Leary; along with members of the McGoff and Twymon families.

The first to address the panel was Boston City Councillor Jim Kelly. He told them that he thought the people of Charlestown were portrayed in an unfair and negative fashion. He stated: "It may be an accurate portrayal of the book it's based on, but it's not an accurate portrayal of the people of Charlestown and it's not an accurate portrayal of the period of busing." Kelly went on to say that people love the neighborhood where they were born and raised, and the "film makes light of the sacred-

ness of neighborhoods." He concluded by stating that "forced busing was a predictable failure in 1974 and here in 1990, the facts are in that forced busing has failed."

Cassandra Twymon, who was a student on the first buses into Charlestown High in 1975, told the gathering that "prejudice has not changed in Boston, but it can change if we learn how to talk to each other — to communicate." She said that what was shown in the film was "not all that happened — other rotten things happened that were not shown." Twymon said that as far as school went, she just wanted "to sit in my chair, do my part and go home to my blackness." She concluded by stating that she was "glad she was in the movie, and glad she was depicted very well."

Former Boston School Committee member and anti-forced busing activist Elvira "Pixie" Palladino stated that she thought "the film is being shown at the wrong time." Noting that she had contacted the Mayor and Channel 7 asking that the film not be shown, she said: "I am not for censorship. I believe everyone has a right to state their opinions. There is a time for this film, but the time isn't now." Referring to the people of Charlestown, she said, "Good people have been depicted in a terrible manner — it doesn't do them justice. We all suffered through a hard time — it wasn't easy for anyone."

George Walker, son of Rachel Twymon, matriarch of the Twymon family who died recently following a



THE "COMMON GROUND" miniseries will be aired on Sunday, March 25 and Tuesday, March 27 at 9 p.m. on Channel 7. Shown above is Jane Curtin (left) and Georgia Emelin (right) who star as Alice and Lisa McGoff of Charlestown, mother and daughter united against forced busing.

long illness, congratulated the film executives "for a great job!" He said: "Forced busing did not work for the majority, but it did work for some. I applaud those

who had the courage and strength to go to school under any of those circumstances."

Charlestown resident Jim Conway was critical of the

portrayal of this community. He said: "I don't know why you painted Charlestown with such a broad brush." He referred to the liquor and beer at the anti-forced busing meetings, the enormous American Legion seal on the wall of that meeting room where drinking was going on and the clothing of the community residents. He commented on the use of stereotypes in the film, adding: "You wanted to portray to the rest of the country what Charlestown was and I don't think you have any inkling of what our community is or what the broad base of the people are. I have worked in Roxbury, I live in Charlestown — there are some bigots in both communities . . . there shouldn't be bigots . . . but you painted the whole community as bigots."

Boston City Councillor Charles Yancey said he came "fully expecting we would see portrayed a very ugly moment in the history (continued on page 7)

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Charlestown Students Among Timilty School's Highest Achievers

Five Charlestown students have received honors at the James P. Timilty Middle School in Roxbury.

Gregory Bilodeau and Nicholas Smith were named to the honor roll; Amanda Fornash received a merit award; and George Collins, Amanda Fornash, Carol Fornash and Nicholas

Smith were cited for perfect attendance.

The Timilty School was recently awarded the Secondary School Excellence Award by the U.S. Department of Education. This was the only middle school in the state and one of only a few in the nation to have received this honor.

Olsson To Appear In Musical

Mount St. Joseph Academy's Drama Society will present the rock musical "Godspell," on April 4, 5 and 6.

Richelle Olsson of Charlestown, a sophomore at MSJA, has been rehearsing for this production since January. "Godspell," a perennial favorite from 1970, is based on the gospels of St. Matthew and its run in Boston was such a success that

it broke all box office records at that time.

You are invited to join Olsson and the cast of "Godspell" for this very special evening. The theater is located at MSJA's gymnasium at 617 Cambridge St. in Brighton. Tickets are \$5, and may be purchased at the door. Curtain is at 8 p.m.

Mitigate Is Key Word On Billboards

by Kathy Giordano
The Billboards Committee of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council will meet on Monday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

After months of discussions about removing the billboard on top of Roughan's Hall in City Square, Committee Chairman Ken Stone has comprised a list of residential requests to be presented to representatives of Ackerley Communications, owner of the billboard. Although the Neighborhood Council voted at its February meeting to fight the company's insistence to retain the sign, Stone took into account reports of ongoing litigation procedures between Ackerley and other communities, which have been found to be costly and time-consuming. He sought the advice of Council Chairman Dennis McLaughlin, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services Neighborhood-Information Coordinator Kevin McCaffrey and others on how to best handle the ultimate removal of the sign.

They met with a representative from Ackerley and worked out a list of possible benefits that might be realized if the neighborhood decided not to take the company to court.

This list includes a written agreement from Ackerley that no new lease would be entered into by building owner Jonathan Davis, president of the H.J. Davis Development Corp. The agreement will also include Ackerley's assumption of all legal costs incurred by the community for litigation if the sign is not removed by the designated time.

Also among the requests on the list are the removal of another billboard located at the end of Chestnut Street overlooking the CANA construction project and summer jobs for Charlestown youths.

The committee will discuss these items with McCaffrey at the Monday meeting, and it is hoped that a representative from the advertising company will also be on hand to answer questions.

The public is welcome to attend.

Neighborhood Council Meetings

BILLBOARD COMMITTEE

Chairman Ken Stone has announced that the Billboard Committee will meet on Monday, March 26 at 7 p.m. at the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St. to discuss the Ackerley Communications billboard atop Roughan's Hall in City Square.

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.

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

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



• **Bragging Rights** . . . go to Joan and Eddie McKinnon who have welcomed a new arrival to their clan. Daughter Pam and husband John Willis brought a baby girl into the family Tuesday night, making Joan and Eddie grandparents for the first time . . . **Mr. McKinnon** definitely looks like a grandpa, but you, Joannie — NEVER! Our warmest best wishes to one and all!!

• **Tying The Knot** . . . sometime in '92 will be Billy Evers and Erin Doherty who announced their engagement last weekend. Best wishes!

• **True To Form** . . . always keeping himself busy is Francis Kirk of High Street. Francis was seen recently at the Children's Museum's celebration of Children and Hospital Day 1990, entertaining over 2,500 youngsters. You didn't see him there? Maybe not. He was dressed as "Buckle-Up Bear" and was quite a hit with the kids . . . Keep up the good work, Francis.

• **In The News** . . . Architect Claude Miquelle of Adams Street was featured in last Friday's "At Home" section of the **Globe**. He and his Wakefield firm were chosen to design the New American Home, the centerpiece for this year's National Association of Homebuilders convention in Atlanta, Ga. Sponsor of the exhibit **Builder Magazine**, chose Miquelle for his track record and quality of work. The two-story, eight-room house sold on the second day of the exhibit. Congrats, Claude!

• **Focusing In** . . . Sunday **Globe** "Short Circuits" column included none other than our former "Man in City Square," David Flanagan, mentioning his departure from his duties at the CANA project to that of government relations for the Associated General Contractors . . . Good luck, David!

• **Mixed Reviews** . . . are coming in after the sneak preview of CBS's two-parter "Common Ground." Tune in to Channel 7 at 9 p.m. on Sunday night and relive the 1975 busing era here in Charlestown — as well as the rest of Boston . . . If you'd like to share your thoughts after seeing the show, why not jot them down and send them to us for publication.

• **Look Who's Another Year Older** . . . Why it's Alison Cunha who celebrated her 7th birthday with a sleep-over party that Mom and Dad (Marsha and Tom) are still recuperating from . . . Aislinn Doherty of Baldwin Street was treated to a gala celebration over the weekend as she turned 5 years old . . . March 20th marked the big day for Kathy Powell of Bunker Hill Florist . . . Helen McLaughlin of Pleasant Street will be feasted by her family on the 24th, while her friend Peg Sullivan will celebrate her 50th on March 25th . . . Former Townie and now New Yorker Dick Gauthier will be receiving many cards on his big day — the 26th . . . and Tara McKinnon will celebrate her 24th birthday, also on the 26th . . . We hope all of you have a great year!

• **Mark Your Calendar** . . . Wednesday, March 28 at 1 p.m. Be present at Room 138 in the State House to show your support to retain the Charlestown Courthouse in City Square. The House will be hearing testimony at that time to determine the future of our much-needed court. See you there.

• **Recuperating At Home** . . . is Anna Roche of Union Street after suffering a heart attack last weekend. Speedy recovery, Anna!

• **Also On The Mend** . . . is Janet Black of Russell Street. After recent surgery at Mass. General, Janet is resting at home from her duties as traffic supervisor at Bunker Hill and School streets. Your presence is missed, Janet. Get well soon!

• **Hate To Do Things Over** . . . but that's what we'll all have to do on March 31 when the Ward 2 Democratic Caucus is reheld. The State Committee has made its decision and all votes were disallowed. See you there. This time I'm bringing my knitting! Understand the original date under consideration for this rerun was April 1st!

• **Just In Case** . . . you haven't had your fill of Irish celebrations . . . the Irish Fiddle Festival will take place this Sunday, March 25 at Boston College beginning at 11 a.m. Sixteen of the top Irish traditional fiddlers currently residing in America will be entertaining throughout the day beginning with a Mass at St. Ignatius Church featuring traditional Irish songs accompanied by the fiddlers. Two free concerts will be offered at 12:30 and 2:30 p.m. A Festival Concert will take place at 8 p.m. at \$10 a ticket. Reservations are required. Call 552-4843 or 552-3938 for more info.

• **Now That Spring Has Arrived — Officially** . . . not by temperatures . . . the countdown begins for Daylight Savings . . . We'll turn those clocks ahead on Sunday, April 1st . . . only 10 days away!

• **Don't Bother Calling** . . . We won't answer because today is National Goof-Off Day! (Well, we'll goof off till the boss gets in, anyway!)

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Birthday
**Jamie
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McLaughlin**

March 23rd

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**April, Ellie, Nancy
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Pans And Plaudits Follow 'Common Ground' Preview

(continued from page 5)
of Boston." He noted: "The title of the book 'Common Ground' I feel is a profound title, but sitting through this [film] and understanding the emotions, perhaps for the first time, and empathizing with all the people involved in this very tragic drama in Boston, I get a sense of exploitation. I found very little 'common ground' in the television presentation." He said: "Mr. Blatt used the term 'profit from the experience.' That might have been a Freudian slip because someone is going to profit from it, but my concern is that I found very little 'common ground' within this TV presentation."

Yancey asked Lukas to compare the film with his intent in writing the book "Common Ground."

Lukas said that Blatt and Moonves are professionals and know the economics of the television industry. He said they know that exploitation is not doing four hours of race and class in

Boston — "that's not the way to make big money." He said that the miniseries came within 24 hours of never seeing the screen. Lukas said: "CBS is the third-ranking network and takes a long hard look at the profits." He added that he had a "lot of respect" for Moonves and Blatt.

Lukas added that he "has reservations" and that 20 or 50 hours on the subject would have been more appropriate. He added that he wished CBS "had stuck with the original seven hours" and a lot was cut for the four-hour show.

"I am proud of this production," Lukas said, "It was done with integrity, honesty and very hard work." He said the film focuses in on the Twymons and the McGoffs, noting that they are "very gutsy people to open their lives to me with as much honesty as they did and subject themselves to criticism." Lukas said that he found the end of the movie "quite moving." He said: "I find my-

self in some agreement with 'Pixie' Palladino . . . the burden of busing did indeed fall on families like the Twymons and the McGoffs who had few resources and few choices and were stuck in the Boston Public Schools . . . the Twymons and McGoffs had much in common."

Lisa McGoff Collins stepped to the microphone, stating that she had "a million things" she wanted to say. She said that she was mad at the reactions.

She said: "The book was about three families — what we went through not what other people went through . . . whether you believe it or not, be my guest — I am not going to apologize to anybody about what this movie is about. What they did was a wonderful job. It's a movie with sensationalism in their own way — they had to make it interesting. Granted, I don't like that the things in Charlestown are bad things, but they happened. They didn't have time to show all the good things."

"Cassandra and I were 17 years old," McGoff continued, "we were not adults — we were just trying to figure out what was going on. The movie shows that we were guinea pigs in the beginning and, granted it is not working, but that has nothing to do with us. I did my best, I just wanted to go to my prom and have some memories."

She said that was "her thing" and her mother did "her thing" and she believed in it. Lisa added that "my Mom is one of the best people I have ever met." McGoff added, "We love the movie. I could see my whole life going across the screen — it is true from be-

ginning to end. There were so many good things that happened then and granted it wasn't shown. There wasn't enough time — nobody understands that. I love the town, I love the people in the town, that is why I still live there. We would never sell our town out."

Rachel Twymon agreed with McGoff that it was their story.

Boston School Committee member Marion Ego stated that she felt the film portrayed every negative stereotype of people who lived in Charlestown and in the black community. She said: "As I watched, I was frustrated as the negative stereotypes were used across the board and there will very little redeeming shown."

Moonves responded that he didn't agree. He said: "The families and Lukas were given veto rights on the script, some changes were made and all three families have endorsed it."

Lukas said that Conway had made a valid point. He stated: "I did my best to portray Charlestown as a complicated community in the book. It's true that some of the distinctions got washed away in the film, but you can't take the complexities of a 659 page book and put them all in." He admitted that perhaps they could have emphasized a little more of the diversity of Charlestown. He said: "Perhaps we didn't do full justice to Charlestown, but it was not done with the intent to slander Charlestown."

Lukas went on to say that if they had really gone out to do injury to Charlestown they wouldn't have cast a figure as sympathetic as



ALICE MCGOFF (left) joined her neighbors in an evening march against force busing in September 1975.

Jane Curtin in the role as Alice McGoff.

Moonves added that Lorimar Television will lose money on "Common Ground." He commended Lukas on the book. He referred to the original seven-hour production, adding that much had to be left out.

Following the showing of the film, Alice McGoff stated: "I have tried to get across that only a part of what was going on in Charlestown during that time was shown in the film, and that was a disappointment. I spoke for no one else but myself — I never mentioned the name of another person — I could only speak for my own family." She added: "These things happened to me — they happened to Lisa."

McGoff said that Charlestown residents were as good as those from any section of the city, noting "we acted with total dignity through some very difficult times." She stated that she was "not a consultant" to

the film and if she had control would have said "how hard we worked in the town to keep the lid on."

Lisa echoed her mother's views, noting, "We had no control, we had no say." She stated that there were many other things that she wished had been said about the support of her friends, fellow class officers, the student council, the teachers, the senior class advisor Pat Greateorex, adding, "I did not do it alone." She said she was always an involved kid. She added: "People who know me know what I'm like — I didn't sell out the town. I did the book and the movie about me — what I went through."

So on Sunday night, March 25 at 9 p.m., Charlestown, Boston and the nation will turn the dial to CBS as the lives of the three Boston families — the McGoffs, the Twymons and the Divers — unfold through the story "Common Ground."



LISA MCGOFF (far right) marched up Bunker Hill Street as a protest against court-ordered busing in September 1975.

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mediate threats to their well-being: drugs, alcohol and teen-age pregnancy. As a prevention program, SMART Moves attempts to reach 10- to 12-year-olds before the onset of alcohol and drug use and early sexual involvement.

By increasing preteens' knowledge about drugs, alcohol and sexuality, the small size of the group provides a comfortable and safe setting where kids feel free to ask questions. The youngsters learn to identify and resist peer and media pressures to use drugs and alcohol, and understand the physical and social changes in their lives.

The sexuality and pregnancy component of this program makes it unique,

but it does not deal with morality or birth control. The message is to postpone sexual involvement, and participants are given knowledge to allow them to make serious decisions and understand the consequences of those decisions.

Preteens will learn to say no and how to do that. The individual can choose from various SMART Moves techniques that best meet his or her needs as a growing teen-ager.

All parents of 10- to 12-year-olds in the community are encouraged to contact the club at 242-1775 to register their youngsters for SMART Moves. The program will be conducted in one-hour sessions twice a week for five weeks.

Country Store

A Country Store presented by Court St. Jude No. 1123, C.D.A., will be held on Monday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. at Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St. (Please note change in date.)

The public is cordially invited.

Five Flee Bartlett Street Fire

by Kathy Giordano

A fire of suspicious origin hit 84-86-88 Bartlett St. last Thursday at 3:23 a.m. Smoke detectors are being credited for the safe evacuation of the five occupants of the buildings. No injuries were reported.

The blaze began in the front entry-way of 84-86 Bartlett St., forcing residents to flee through the rear exits into their yards. The flames quickly spread upward through the wood-framed buildings, causing extensive damage to the second and third floors. An early estimate of damage was set at \$70,000 by the fire department.

The Arson Squad is investigating reports of a 30-year-old white male seen running around carrying a baseball bat and heard screaming outside the homes at the time of the blaze. It has been determined that the cause of the fire

was an incendiary device placed in the first floor hallway. Quick response by three engine companies, two ladder trucks and the rescue unit brought the blaze under control before

a second alarm had to be called in.

The Arson Squad and the Boston Police Department are continuing the investigation of the fire.

It's A Girl . . .

Pamela and John Willis of 20 Glen St., Somerville, proudly announce the birth of their daughter Courtney, born March 21 at Beth Israel Hospital. The baby weighed 6 pounds 3 ounces and was 18 3/4 inches long. The maternal grandpar-

ents are Joan and Ed McKinnon of Sullivan Street, Charlestown.

The paternal grandparents are Serena and Frank Coffee of Somerville.

Mrs. Willis is the former Pamela McKinnon of Charlestown.

It's Twins . . .

Jean and Thomas Klessens of Weymouth announce the birth of two daughters, Amanda Jean and Kate Allison, on Feb. 3 at St. Margaret's Hospital in Dorchester.

The maternal grandpar-

ents are Mary and the late John Ramsey of Connecticut.

The paternal grandparents are William and Margaret (Teirnan) Klessens of Somerville, formerly of Charlestown.

We Have Thin Mints, Samoas, Tagalongs . . .



A VARIETY of Girl Scout Cookies were being offered for sale on Saturday in the Bunker Hill Mall as part of the fund-raising project of local troops. Shown (l. to r.) are cookie salespersons Heather Swift, Kellie Walsh, Cookie Chairman Yolanda Swift, Brownie Troop 9303 Leader Phyllis Hickey and helper Robert Swift. If you missed last Saturday's sale, the scouts will be in the lobby of Constitution Quarters in the Navy Yard on Saturday, March 24 from noon to 4 pm.

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.

Under the Lifeline Program, eligible residential customers will receive a \$3.50 reduction in their basic monthly rate, plus a waiver of the monthly F.C.C. \$3.50 Subscriber Line Charge — a total monthly benefit of \$7.00.

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- Massachusetts General Relief
- Supplemental Security Income
- Medicaid
- Food Stamps
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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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Senior Citizens Celebrate St. Patrick's Day At The Flatley Company's Annual Dinner And Party

photos by John Dillon





(continued from page one) in green and white, with balloons, leprechauns and flowers donated by Goldstar Nursery of Lexington, all adding to the spirit of the day. Tom Flatley, president of The Flatley Co., was on hand, welcoming the guests, dancing and even entertaining with an Irish ballad or two.

While plates heaping with corned beef and cabbage and all the fixin's were carried steaming from the kitchens of Creative Gourmet Caterers, located in the Schrafft Center, Flatley visited each table while Joe Joyce and his band, The People's Choice, brought entertainers to the microphone and dancers to the floor who could not let the lively beat pass them by.

During the dinner, Rep. Richard A. Voke, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, stopped

at each table to extend his warm wishes on the day, and even took a turn or two around the dance floor. Voke's Administrative Assistant Jay Ash was also on hand, greeting guests.

Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy arrived for the festivities accompanied by his District Representative Jim Walsh and Charlestown resident Gerry Benoit. The Congressman greeted the enthusiastic group, and told a couple of Irish stories, much to the delight of the seniors. He said that his 99-year-old grandmother, Rose, was celebrating St. Patrick's Day at Cape Cod.

Phyllis Senna of 9 Walford Way kissed Kennedy as he stopped by her table. She told him, "This kiss is for your grandmother. It must be a great feeling to know all these people love you and Mayor Flynn." He then danced with newly elected

Mayor of Charlestown Florence Johnson to a medley of Irish tunes. His call for a round of applause for the new mayor was greeted with a standing ovation.

Others bringing greetings to the Charlestown seniors were Diane Watson, the city's Commissioner of Elderly Affairs, along with her deputy Carolyn Callo-way; and State Senate candidate Tom Birmingham, accompanied by resident Dan O'Neil.

During the celebration, Charlestown Rose Barbie Marsden presented Flatley with a Connemara marble desk set and clock that she had brought back for him from her trip to Ireland last summer when she competed in the Western Rose Festival. She thanked Flatley for his support of the seniors of the town, and of the Charlestown community as a whole. He express-

ed his delight with the gift and the thought behind it.

The music and dancing continued into the afternoon. The seniors were also treated to a performance of Irish Step Dancing by a group of youngsters from the Mary Martin School of Dance.

The senior guests were treated royally from the time they were picked up by one of the many Flatley Co. vans, the Boys & Girls Club van and volunteer drivers who were put into service for the day, until they were returned to their homes. Among the drivers was Local 25 retiree Mel Stillman who enjoys this event and donates his time each year.

The party met with raves from the Charlestown seniors, with thanks to Thomas Flatley for hosting the party that once again made St. Patrick's Day memorable for them.



JOINING the St. Patrick's Day celebration for Charlestown senior citizens at The Schrafft Center was U.S. Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy, shown greeting Mildred Furlong (left) and Margaret Goyette (right).

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Charlestown Residents On Unclaimed Money List

State Treasurer Robert Q. Crane has released the names of 33,000 individuals and businesses that are due more than \$25 million from abandoned accounts.

Under the State's Unclaimed Money Law, bank accounts, insurance proceeds, payroll checks, stock certificates and the like that have been inactive for at least five years are deemed to be abandoned. All such accounts must be reported to the Treasury, which then attempts to notify the rightful owners or legal heirs. Last year Crane returned more than half of the \$30 million in reported abandoned accounts.

Crane said compliance with the law is improving. Nevertheless, he is not totally satisfied. "It is apparent that less than a sincere effort is being made by some institutions to find the owners. How can anyone fail to locate McDonald's Boston University or the New England Aquarium?" he asked.

People whose names appear on the Unclaimed Money List should contact the State Treasurer's office at 426-0060.

Local residents and businesses on the list are:

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Bink, Deborah A. Ciol
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Bratley, Carol, A.
Brotherhood Intl.
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Burke, Lois C.
Burke, Christine Lois
Burton, Elizabeth
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Christopher, Concetta J.
Coppola, Dorothy
Livote, Filomena Mary
Corse, Dean M.
Corse, Emily Lockwood
Curry, Patrick
Curry, Patrick
DiCicco, Mario
Dromgoole, Mary J., Tr.
Broman, Marjorie D.
Enos, Mary V.
Enos, Mary V.
Felleter, Mary J.
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Gallion, William T.
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Katoff, Anna
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Kizer, Harry R.
Kraft, E.
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Lawrence, Joan L.
Lynch, William F.
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Papirio, John R.
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Norma M.
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Clifford, Veronica
Weisbrod, Lucien or
Weisbrod, Catherine
White, Cynthia L. or
Naples, Josephine
Zaccone, Leo A.

Increase In Attendance And Reported Crime At Public Safety Meeting

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been increased around Monument Square because of a rash of car thefts in the area.

As a result, a 19-year-old and a juvenile were arrested after being spotted by a High Street resident. The police caught the two hiding in a car and arrested them. They had in their possession, according to McNulty, a wooden club, screwdriver and flashlight. McNamara added that this arrest would include a felony charge, in addition to the breaking and entering charge, because of the pos-

session of these items.

Residents voiced their concerns about young adults taking drugs and drinking at the Bunker Hill Park during the day and requested more police patrols in that area. Another section in need of beefed-up patrols, according to residents, is Medford Street near the high school, because of an increase in cars being stolen, vandalized and dumped there. Evers requested that more police visibility be given to Mystic and Pearl streets, a request she received from residents of the two streets. McNamara

stated that a "sector integrity" patrol has been started in the community, which has officers leave their patrol cars for a length of time to walk and talk to residents.

The next monthly meeting will feature a guest speaker from the Neighborhood Watch sector of the police department. The discussion will concentrate on the best methods that neighborhoods can take to safeguard their immediate surroundings. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 10 at the Kent Community School, 50 Bunker Hill St.

Training Field Friends To Meet

by Kathy Giordano

The Friends of the Training Field will hold its Spring Membership meeting on Tuesday, March 27 at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall on Winthrop Street.

The Friends started their efforts last fall when a group of neighbors got together to spruce up the park and plant bulbs for spring blooming. News of the

group spread, and many interested residents from throughout the community have expressed desire to join in. With the cooperation of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, the Friends hope to be able to improve the conditions of the park by planting flowers and replace a diseased tree that had to be removed last year.

According to the Landmark Commission, the Training Field, also known as Winthrop Square or Common, is the second oldest park in the nation and was founded in 1640. The only known older park is Boston Common. The group plans to commemorate the park's 350th an-

niversary this year beginning with a gathering on April 22, which is Earth Day across the country.

The Training Field is the gateway to the Bunker Hill Monument with over 500,000 visitors passing through the park each year on their way to the square. The Friends of the Training Field hope to be able to beautify the area, promote the historical significance and prominence of the park and restore its urban open space atmosphere.

All are welcome to attend the meeting, become a member and work with the Friends of the Training Field in planning for the park's restoration.

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.

It's A Girl . . .

Jessica Ahearn and David M. Smith of Charlestown announce the birth of their daughter Bridgette Erin Smith on March 9 at the Cambridge Hospital. The baby weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

The maternal grandparents are Elizabeth Ahearn of Charlestown and the late John Ahearn.

The paternal grandparents are Robert and Judith Smith of Charlestown.

Claim your money from the office of State Treasurer Robert Q. Crane

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To facilitate processing your claim, Treasurer Crane urges you to include your name as listed in the newspaper, your address and social security number on all communications.

Owners of abandoned property need not pay a finder's fee to anyone to claim what is rightfully theirs.

Papa Gino's Supports Constitution Museum Program



PAPA GINO'S DONATES \$1,000 to benefit Charlestown youth participation in the USS Constitution Museum's Saturday Kids Free Program. The fifth grade class from the Harvard-Kent School recently took advantage of the program and had lunch at Papa Gino's following a museum tour. Charlestown Papa Gino's Manager Gupreet Takhar (left) is shown presenting the check to Carrie Long (center), museum director of development, and Laureen Young (right), museum education director.

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Birmingham To Announce For State Senate

Kicking off a campaign in which he promises to knock on every door in Charlestown, Tom Birmingham will announce his candidacy for the State Senate at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 24 at the John Boyle O'Reilly Park in the Bunker

Hill Mall, Charlestown. Birmingham is looking to build on his 1988 Charlestown election support following the retirement of the popular incumbent Sen. Fran Doris. The public is cordially invited to attend. (political release)

Going, Going . . . Still Going



THERE WERE NO TAKERS on the former Nancy Sales Building on Medford Street at last Thursday's noon auction. Michael L. Berger of Michael's Auctioneers and Appraisers on Newbury Street in Boston, however, said that he is negotiating with four bidders and expects a sale in the next two weeks. Berger would not identify who is interested in buying the building. (photo by Lynn Peters)

Silva Realty Achieves National Recognition

Silva Realty Associates, a local real estate firm serving Charlestown, ranked in the top 10 percentile of more than 8,500 firms across the country and has received an Achievement of Excellence award from National Statistical Research Co. in Chicago.

Based on a computer analysis of hundreds of thousands of completed custo-

mer questionnaires, Silva Realty scored above the national average. Recent home buyers were asked to evaluate the real estate firm they used, and Silva Realty customers rated the service as good or excellent.

Charlestown Residents Place In Don Bosco Science Fair

Six Charlestown residents were among the 46 Don Bosco Technical High School students who entered the school's annual Science Fair.

Matthew M. Shea of 39 Mead St. was a third-place

Gold Science Medal winner for "Faster Than a Speeding Bullet, How to Determine the Velocity of a Projectile." David J. Walsh of 51 Sullivan St. won a fourth-place Silver Science Medal for "How Much

Hajj Honored As Ritz-Carlton Employee

Adele Hajj of Charlestown was among 15 outstanding Ritz-Carlton employees who were presented the "Five Star Award" at a gala awards ceremony in the Hotel's Grand Ballroom on March 14. Chosen from a staff of over 525 employees, the distinguished Five Star Award winners were recognized for their commitment to excellence in guest service at The Ritz-Carlton,

Boston. When presenting Hajj with the Five Star Award, Hotel Manager Jim Beley emphasized, "We are pleased to recognize the outstanding effort of Adele Hajj. She is an extremely talented and enthusiastic individual who is truly deserving of the Five Star Award."

Hajj is a member of The Ritz-Carlton, Boston Valet Department.

Children's Films

The Film Program for Children will be presented at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St., on Tuesday, March 27 at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

The features will be "Children of Wax," in which we discover if a curious wax-child will see the light of day; a deep chill is in store when two ice-ghosts visit in "Two Frosts;" and Chip-N-Dale make Donald Duck flip over his flapjacks in "Three for Breakfast."

Retiring to the jungle, hunter Lafcadio faces other lions in "Lafcadio, The Lion Who Shot Back," shown only at 3:30 p.m.

The suggested readings in conjunction with these films are: **Lafcadio, The Lion Who Shot Back** by Shel Silverstein, **Snow Maiden** by Claudia Fregosi and **Arts and Crafts You Can Eat** by Vicki Cobb.

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CONTEST RULES AND ENTRY FORM

Charlestown Christmas Walk POSTER CONTEST

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1. This contest is restricted to students from 5 to 12 years of age, living in Charlestown or attending Charlestown schools.

2. The theme of the poster is "A Victorian Christmas in Charlestown." The theme should reflect turn of the century Charlestown, c. 1875-1900. Try to imagine yourself in an era of chimney sweeps, horse-drawn carriages, bustled gowns, gas street lamps, candle-lit windows glistening on the Christmas snow, and carolers in plumed hats and fur muffs singing on every street corner.

3. Only individual entries will be accepted. Group entries are not valid.

4. All entries should be vertical — 11 inches by 17 inches — and suitable for wall display.

5. Media used can include oils, watercolor, crayon, charcoal, colored pencil and cut paper.

6. Students may submit more than one entry, but each entry must be labeled on the back with entrant's name, age, grade, telephone number, and it must be signed by a teacher, parent or guardian.

7. Each entry must be packaged separately and be ready for reproduction. **No staples or folds are allowed.**

8. Entries become the property of the Charlestown Christmas Walk and cannot be returned.

9. Winners will be selected by a panel of impartial judges. The decision of the judges will be final. Judging will take place at the Preble Room, Building 5, in the Boston National Historical Park section of the Charlestown Navy Yard on Saturday, April 28.

10. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

- First Place winners in the following categories will receive individual prizes — 5-6 years; 7-8 years; 9-10 years; and 11-12 years.

- Second and third place winners will receive a certificate.

- Best of Show will become this year's poster and future Christmas Card.

11. Entries will be displayed at the Preble Room, Building 5, adjacent to USS Constitution in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

TO BE ELIGIBLE, ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE PREBLE ROOM BY 5 P.M. ON APRIL 6

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

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Charlestown Youth Hockey Update

by Peter Golden

In-House Championship

The In-House Championship game was played on March 10 before a large enthusiastic crowd at the Charlestown Rink. The Wings and the Flyers were well-prepared for a game with plenty of action and stellar plays. After a 2-2 tie at the end of the second period, the Wings went on to turn up the attack with two third-period goals to ice the game and the championship.

Goal scorers for the Wings sextet were Chad Titcomb, Greg Stein, Ed Kelly and Mike McPherson. Chris Tamburello and Jim Kane were the lamp-lighters for the Flyers.

At the Award Ceremony, the family of Denise Ezeziel presented the trophy to the Wings and their coaches Dave Bryson and Joe Wilkins. Congratulations to the Wings and the CYHA for a terrific season of In-House play.

Tournament Wrap Up

On St. Patrick's Day weekend the Squirt B's played in the State Squirt

Championships in Springfield for a step up in competition. The B's took the ice on Friday night against the Springfield Capitals, starting slowly and falling behind 2-0 early in the game.

D.J. O'Brien was immense in the nets despite the two goals. Then the local lads found their skating legs in the second period. Mike Fidler started the scoring with a quick wrist shot during a wild goal mouth scramble. The Charlestown team and its fans thought that Terry Smith had scored the tying goal, but alas, the referees were the only ones who didn't see the goal. The disappointment fueled the Townie attack as they repeatedly hit on the Springfield goal. Finally, in the third period, Ricky Evers went on a nifty rink-length dash and tied the game.

On Saturday morning the B's faced a powerful Medfield club. Despite two early Medfield goals, the B's continued their hard work and finished the first period down by two. But in the se-

cond period, the roof fell in on the Townies as Medfield scored six unanswered goals to take an 8-0 lead into the third period.

The Townies came back in the third period to score two. The first goal was a great reward for a hustling Chet Ferreira. Joe Tallent added the second goal on a nifty penalty shot that beat the Medfield goalie clearly. But Medfield's two late third-period goals slammed the door shut. Despite the final 10-2 score, goalies O'Brien and Mike Machado were terrific. Their many sparkling saves helped the team immensely.

In the final game Charlestown went against Winchester. The Townies hit the ice hungry for a win and set the tempo for the game early in the first period with tremendous forechecking that bottled Winchester in its own end of the ice.

Evers scored the only goal in the first period. When the second period started the young Townies continued to apply the pressure on the Sachems. Jason Duncan made all the hard

work pay off by netting the Townie second goal after being set up by Ferreira. The third began with fatigue taking its toll on the Charlestown sextet. Winchester took immediate advantage of the situation to score a goal and cut the lead to 2-1. It then became a real struggle as both teams applied pressure at both ends of the rink.

Somehow the young Townies got their second wind late in the third period. Coach Rob MacIntosh, with just under two minutes to play, sent out Ferreira, Jamie Hutchins and Kevin Golden. This line proceeded to forecheck Winchester to death, keeping the Sachems on the defensive for the next minute and a half. In the final seconds Winchester staged a last desperate attack that was thwarted by the stout Townie defense to preserve the 2-1 victory.

It was a happy bunch of skaters who left the ice with their hard-earned victory. Throughout the tournament each skater gave his best effort and came home with a respectable 1-1-1 record

against some of the best Squirt teams in the state. The B's close out their GBL season with two more weekend games.

Billerica Tournament

The Woburn Mites had an exciting debut in Hallonborg Tournament action on the weekend of March 9-11. The Townies defeated Burlington 3-2 on Friday in a hard-fought struggle. Townie goalie Ryan Connolly was tremendous, making at least 30 saves to preserve the win. The scorers for Charlestown were Fred Arroyo with one goal and one assist, Ed Kelly with two goals and one assist, and Chuck Hollien with one assist.

On Saturday morning the Townies faced a strong Tewksbury club, and despite their best efforts the local lads fell 13-1 with Ed Kelly scoring the lone goal.

In the evening contest the mighty Mites went against the hosting Billerica team. The Townies fell behind early 4-1, but in true Townie fashion, the skaters battled back. Coach Ed Lynch, with two minutes left in the

game, pulled his goalie. His gamble paid off with the littlest Townies scoring two quick goals to cut the lead to 4-3. Unfortunately, the tying goal could not be scored, and the game ended with a 4-3 Billerica victory. Once again, Kelly, Arroyo and Hollien were the offensive stars.

Sunday's consolation game against Burlington was another nail-biter as Charlestown fought hard to preserve a 2-1 lead. The Townies were successful in holding Burlington off the board and skated off with their second victory. Ryan Connolly showed tremendous performance in the goal and came up with many big saves to help preserve the victory. Kelly and Jim Garvey were the goal-scorers in this game. A tip of the hat for a job well-done to the Woburn Mites and their coaches.

Note . . .

Don't forget the Season Wrap-Up Dance at the Knights of Columbus hall on March 30. See Phil Coleman for tickets.

Gopher Hunting Season At BC NCAA Hockey Playoffs Begin Friday

by Bob DeCristoforo

The NCAA Hockey playoffs will begin this weekend for Boston College. The Eagles will host the Minnesota Gophers in the best-of-three series. The winner will advance to the Hockey Final Four in Detroit the weekend of March 30-April 1.

Boston College became the first team in the six-year existence of Hockey East to capture two conference tournament titles with a 4-3 victory over the University of Maine at Kelley Rink.

Two Charlestown residents will be in action for the Eagles, with Bill Nolan at right wing and Sean Far-

ley at left wing.

Nolan garnered 7 goals and 6 assists for a total of 13 points in the Hockey East Tourney, with an overall of 12 goals and 10 assists in BC's 38-game season.

Farley chalked up 3 goals and 2 assists for a total of 5 points in the tourney, and scored 5 goals and 5 assists

for a total of 10 points during regular season play.

By virtue of its Hockey East Championship, BC got the top seed in the tournament and a first-round bye.

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Jimmy Fund To Hold Basketball Tournament

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Calmes Member Of Ski Team

Jere Calmes of Charlestown was a member of the 1989-90 men's ski team at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, where he is a sophomore.

Calmes qualified for the NCAA Division I championships as an alternate after four consecutive Top 20 finishes in the slalom during the regular season. The Bobcats finished 12th in the

NCAA Division I rankings. The son of Jere Calmes of 30 Jefferson Ave., Charlestown, and Bonnie Fields of Mountain View, Utah, Calmes is a graduate of Park City High School. Coached by Robert Flynn, the Bobcats annually compete against some of the toughest Division I teams in New England.

Charlestown Pride Campsters Enjoy Basketball Field Trips

by Bob DeCristoforo

Good weather kept attendance down at the Charlestown Pride Basketball Camp this week, but some of the kids who attended got a double dose of basketball via the first two field trips.

On Wednesday, members attended the Harwich-Mission High State Semifinals, and Sunday morning, members went to the Boston Celtics Youth Basketball Clinic, sponsored by Polaroid. Both field trips took place at Boston Garden, adding nice supplements to the regular camp sessions, and more field trips to various

basketball events will be taken in the future.

Attending were Santos Figueroa, Shane Fisher, Clinton MacDougall, Angel Maldonado, Dom Tamburello and Francis MacDougall. Special thanks goes to Mrs. MacDougall for her transportation help on Sunday.

Also, a very special Thank You to the person(s) who 'borrowed' the basketballs from the Kent School during the week. All of us, especially the young kids, hope you get as much pleasure out of them as we did.

Hockey Championship Game On 'Moments In Charlestown'

The Division 3 State Hockey Championship game with South Boston facing Bourne at the Boston Garden will be presented by

"Moments In Charlestown" on cable channels A3 and A8 on Sunday, March 25 from noon to 2 p.m.

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. A word of advice for 8-year-olds: many times I have heard 8-year-olds say, "Why should I bother to try out? I'm gonna be on the Minor League team anyhow." Let me remind you that you will be eligible for the majors next year. It wouldn't hurt to have major managers and coaches see how you are doing at the tryouts.

Major Leaguers: Remember, You Must Register!

We would like to thank the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club and its very obliging staff for the use of the facilities during the registrations.

Watch the Patriot for all the Little League News.


NOTE: Players who have ended their Little League eligibility must return their uniforms (pants and shirt) to their managers. We can't replace uniforms every year because some of you don't seem to care. Let's get with it. New players are waiting for them.

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Kennedy Center 241-8866
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JUST AROUND THE CORNER . . .

- **CHAD Tennis and Basketball Clinic:** Kids 6 to 16 can learn to play better tennis and basketball at the Friday, March 23 clinic from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Medford Street gym. This month's clinic features a tennis ball machine to practice with. Bring a racket if you have one. All action is videotaped and replayed for the kids, and call Tom Desmond at 241-8932 to copy a tape.
- **Saturday Morning Films:** Come see "PCP" and "Alcohol & Cocaine" at the Senior Lounge, 55 Bunker Hill St. on Saturday, March 31 at 10:30 a.m. The films are suited for teens and adults, but all are invited. Sponsored by the Kennedy Center and CHAD, these films are free.

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SENIOR UPDATE

Golden Age Senior Center

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Main Office - 255 Medford St. - 242-2770

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

This service is available to seniors every Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Golden Age Center. Applications and help completing them is available.



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 23 - 29

- Friday** — Breaded fish, baked potatoes, corn Monterey, snowflake roll, fruit cocktail
 - Monday** — Swedish meatballs and noodles, mixed vegetables, pumpernickle bread, pudding
 - Tuesday** — Low-sodium sausage, mashed potatoes, squash, wheat bread, applesauce
 - Wednesday** — Baked tarragon chicken, delmonico potatoes, cranberry sauce, peas and onions, sesame twist, peaches
 - Thursday** — Veal patty, sauce and spaghetti, Italian green beans, rye bread, cookie
- Milk served with all meals.

Fantastic Sam's To Raise Money For Easter Seals

Fantastic Sam's, the original family haircutters in Charlestown, is devoting from now to April 15 to helping the Massachusetts Easter Seal Society to help people with disabilities. For \$1 customers may purchase plastic eggs containing discount coupons good for \$2 off the next visit to Fantastic Sam's or \$1 off any Hardier product.

All money raised by Fantastic Sam's supports local Easter Seal services for men, women and children with disabilities.

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• Chapman Lock key in Thompson Square on Friday, March 16.
• Small key on island at Thompson Square on Monday, March 19. Could be mailbox or small lock key.
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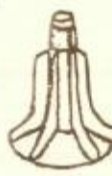
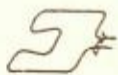
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★ EVENTS OF THE WEEK ★

- Friday, March 23**
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, March 26**
10 a.m. - Crochet, Mary Colbert Apartments
10 a.m. - Seniorobics, Senior Lounge
11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge
12:45 p.m. - Bingo, Senior Lounge
- Tuesday, March 27**
10 a.m. - Crochet, Senior Lounge
11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge
- Wednesday, March 28**
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, Social Security Representative, Senior Lounge
11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge
12:45 p.m. - Bingo, Senior Lounge
- Thursday, March 29**
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

★ SENIOR LOUNGE EVENTS ★

Contact Bobbie or Phyllis at 241-8866

- **Easter Centerpieces** — with fresh floral arrangements will be hosted by Kerrigan's Flower Shop on Thursday, April 5 at 1 p.m. The donation is \$5. Sign up in advance.
- **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.

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



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Second Democratic Caucus To Be Held March 31

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The group of delegates-now-candidates pledged to remain uncommitted on which gubernatorial candidate to support at the June convention. "We're not committed to anybody because we want to hear what Charlestown has to say in the coming months," Cunha said.

Galvin challenged the Feb. 3 caucus at the state level, charging a number of possible rule violations, such as ballot handling, registration times and the manner in which delegates and alternates were elected. His letter received the attention of the State Committee, which scheduled a

March 10 hearing. The members of the slate said that there are problems with current caucus rules, and that the challenging process bothered them.

Peter Looney, elected February delegate, said he thought that all delegates should have been notified of the hearing since the decision affected them.

"They never notified anyone who ran that we are not delegates now," Looney said, "but they cashed my check (a \$35 state requirement) five days after the hearing."

"The State Committee didn't allow us to take care of our own business our own way," Cunha said.

Public Hearing At State House Scheduled For Charlestown Court

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mas party was hosted by the Friends at the courthouse, and Dr. Barbara Burke, chief probation officer, runs regular parent support groups. The Friends are also planning a Law Day in May.

Peter Looney, a member of the Friends, said local attorneys, elected officials and residents will attend next week's hearing. He said, although he feels optimistic, it will be important to present the statistics and

background on the local court to show the level of involvement.

"The court is important to us mainly because of the youth of the town," Looney said. "We understand that the court won't solve our drug and crime problems, but between the court, police and community we can, and we have to rely on the court to be a part of the community with a judge and a probation officer who understands our problems."

"Now where's our credibility when we get down to the convention in Springfield? The label is unfair. We followed the rules as presented and as we understood them."

Cunha said he believed that the February caucus was conducted fairly and the rules were posted in four different places in the Knights of Columbus hall where the first caucus was held.

The members of the slate also expressed disappointment, saying they felt personally insulted by the chal-

lenge and embarrassed to have to return to the 400 voters who turned out the first time and ask for their time and support again.

"It casts an aura of wrongdoing on the the 17 delegates," said delegate and candidate Sheila Brown, "and we didn't do anything wrong."

"The man who made the protest knew the rules better than anyone, and he didn't say anything (at the caucus)," McLaughlin said. "There is a smell of sour grapes, and it's turned the town upside down."

Kiwanis Welcomes New Member



THE KIWANIS CLUB of Charlestown welcomed its newest member, Judy Evers, community liaison from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, at the club's luncheon meeting on March 15. Shown (l. to r.) Evers; David Carr, president of Charlestown Kiwanis; and Barbara Burke, who sponsored Evers for membership.

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Lead Poisoning And Prevention Topic Of Adult Discussion Group

The Adult Discussion Group of the Charlestown Branch Library will present the program "Lead Poisoning and Prevention" on Wednesday, March 28 at 10:15 a.m. at the library, 179 Main St.

The speaker will be Lorraine Brooks, R.N., from the Boston Childhood Lead Prevention Program. Lead poisoning is something that can be prevented, and Brooks will address concerns and answer questions.

BHHC To Participate In Universal Health Program For Small Businesses

The Bunker Hill Health Center at 73 High St. will participate in a health insurance program launched recently by the governor to make group insurance available to small businesses. BHHC is affiliated with the Neighborhood Health Plan, the Boston-based health maintenance organization selected to implement the phase-in universal health program in Boston.

sal health initiative of this scope.

"No one in any city neighborhood should feel they have to choose between feeding their kids and seeing a doctor," said Jay Harrington, chief executive officer of Neighborhood Health Plan. "Neighborhood Health Plan exists to ensure that the people of Boston's neighborhoods have access to the care they need. This means providing comprehensive health insurance that business can afford, and it means providing high quality care through the health professionals most attuned to the people's needs — the community health centers that have been serving their neighborhoods for years."

Sponsored by the state's Department of Medical Security, Neighborhood Health Plan's Universal Health Package makes affordable group health insurance available immediately to the many Metro Boston small businesses that have previously found health insurance unavailable or too costly to offer as an employment benefit. Plans call for insuring at least 1,500 individuals through Metro Boston small businesses in 1990 alone. With this program, Boston becomes the first major market in the country to implement a univer-

Any Charlestown business that has less than 25 employees and has not offered health insurance to its employees within the last 12 months is eligible for coverage under this program. Qualified businesses should contact Neighborhood Health Plan at 288-1293.

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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

I would like to thank all of my family, friends and neighbors for their thoughtfulness during my recent illness. The flowers, cards and well wishes really helped my recovery.

Thank you all,
Peter O'Hearn

Sincere Thanks

I am writing on behalf of the CYHA Squirt II team. We would like to take this opportunity to thank some people.

Firstly, we thank Paul Wrenn for his help on the bench during the year and in Springfield.

Secondly, we thank the parents for their time and effort to support us during our successful season.

Lastly, we thank David Hansen for his help in some key situations to calm down the "braintrust."

You are all appreciated. On behalf of the team, thank you.
Rob McIntosh, coach

Board of Appeal Hearings

A public hearing will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 27 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:

- D. Hawk, D. Bennet and L. Tretararo are seeking a variance of Article 20(20-1) of the Boston Zoning Code to construct a roof deck at 26 Prospect St.

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.

BOARD OF APPEAL DECISIONS

The appeals of the 52 Monument Avenue Condominium Trust, Linda Fisher, Trustee, concerning 52 Monument Ave., and of Geoffrey Smyth concerning 72 High St., were granted with provisos and the decisions were filed with the office of the Commissioner of the Inspectional Services Department on March 7.

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Tell her we miss her, we'll never forget,

We think of her always and speak of her yet.

With all good memories.

Love,

**Mattie, Rookie, Rita, Millie,
grandchildren and great-grandchildren**

1988 1990

HELEN J. LAWLER

Second Anniversary Mass

St. Francis de Sales Church
Saturday, April 7 at 7:30 a.m.

May you always walk in sunshine

And God's love around you flow,

For the happiness you gave us,

No one will ever know.

**Joe, Helen, Peggy, Judy, Moe,
Hunna and Grandchildren**

Thank You

I would like to thank everyone who participated in electing me as the 1990 Mayor of Charlestown.

I cannot put into words how I have felt this past week. It will be a real privilege to represent Charlestown in County Mayo this year.

When I accepted the Mayor's Medallion, I didn't consider it a personal achievement. I felt that it was a victory for all of the people who take the time to care about Charlestown, and a victory for the people who keep organizations, such as the Charlestown-To-Charlestown Committee, a strong and vibrant part of our community.

Everyone should be proud we have events like this. You are all the living definition of Townie Pride.

Love and thanks to all.

Florence Johnson
1990 Mayor of Charlestown

Just Thinking . . .

Well, finally, what has seemed like an eternity is over. The neighborhood council voted 20-1 to approve the Navy Yard master plan, which by the way includes the site for the New England Aquarium. But somehow I do not feel that it is quite over yet. The opposition must have something up its sleeves, after all, for a small group of people, they did put up an admirable fight and delayed the process right up until the very end. Looking back, they fought to keep Shipyard Park out of the hands of the aqua-people and to keep the multitude of tourists out of the park. Now, let's see what they will do about the safety factor in the park. It is still not safe there.

At the last open meeting on the master plan, a woman who has lived in Charlestown for a year and a half had quite a bit to say about the Navy Yard. For that matter, she ran over her allotted time and finished what she had to say after everyone else had spoken. One point that she made was to keep the character of the Yard intact. I can agree with that. Charlestown was built around the Navy Yard, and the character of the Yard came from creating a strong defense for an emerging nation — which translates to jobs and capitalism.

Anyway, spring is in the air. Stoney Beach will be filled to the max, Little League will be starting up, the men's softball league gets under way and the Townies open football camp. Oh, those pulled leg muscles. This is the time of year when five out of 10 are limping around town, but what the heck, come June everyone is in shape.

Dan O'Neil

Scholarship Applications Available

Several scholarships are available to local students. Interested persons should check the qualifications and filing deadline, and contact the scholarship representative for further information.

MATTY O'NEIL SCHOLARSHIP

The Matthew J. "Matty" O'Neil Scholarship is an award of \$1,000 for the first year of college.

Eligibility: The boy or girl must be a Charlestown resident since 1985, be a high school senior graduating in May 1990, and have college applications to show that you plan to attend college in September 1990.

Applications: Applications are available at high school guidance offices, or call Ed Johnson at 241-9891.

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.

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

Deadline: May 1.

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CORNELIUS O'CALLAHAN

Fifth Anniversary Mass

St. Francis de Sales Church
Sunday, March 25
at 11:30 a.m.

We love you and miss you
and will never forget you.

Love,

**Your wife, children, granddaughter,
Billy, Jack and Auntie**

Thank You

To the Editor,

I would like to thank all my family and friends who supported me in my run for Mayor of Charlestown. I would like to especially thank my sister Margie for all the running around she did for me.

I would like to wish the new mayor, Florence Johnson, a happy and healthy year as mayor of Charlestown.

Sincerely,
Archie Preadable

Neighborhood Council's Decision Incomprehensible

To Whom It May Concern:

In a time when families are struggling to provide a good education for their children, enroll them in sports and other worthwhile activities, the Neighborhood Council's decision not to amend the Navy Yard master plan is incomprehensible. An original plan to obtain 25 cents from each of the thousands of cars that will be using the parking garage would have established a fund to be used by non-profit groups to benefit the residents of our town. The other plan to obtain 2 percent of the sales price from the present New England Aquarium also fell by the wayside.

Camp Bunker Hill, the Boys & Girls Club, Headstart, CHAD, The Life Focus Center and the many sports enjoyed by our youngsters are just a few of the groups that would have been able to obtain funds to operate their very worthwhile programs. Now this opportunity is gone — gone for this generation and those to follow. We are told that the approval of the master plan is "not the end of the process" — let's make sure it isn't!

Another large scale development in Boston granted 16 pages of public benefits, and included \$1,250,000 for community initiatives, a voluntary housing contribution in addition to the amount mandated, services for the elderly, two child-care facilities among the many very desirable benefits. In comparing that package of benefits to Charlestown's benefit package, we were shortchanged.

As a Charlestown parent I am disappointed that the Council did not take the time to amend the Navy Yard master plan. Make sure that this is not the end of the process. We deserve more.

Sincerely,
Iris Box, resident

Asks That Master Plan Be Approved

Clarence Jones, Chairman
Boston Redevelopment Authority Board
City Hall - 9th floor, Boston, Mass. 02201

Dear Chairman Jones,

I want to join my many neighbors in endorsing the new Charlestown Navy Yard master plan. If faithfully implemented by the BRA, the plan will create economic impetus for the neighborhood, city and region at relatively little environmental expense.

My major concern is that, after three years of debate in scores of neighborhood meetings, there still are no plans for a comprehensive public transportation system to accommodate the millions of tourists who will visit the Navy Yard and the thousands of Bostonians who will live and work there.

To this day, a major concern of the citizens of Charlestown is the parking and traffic congestion which will be created by Navy Yard development. Last year 1.2 million tourists visited the Boston National Historical Park, and many tired visitors who walked here were stranded for lack of public transportation. Now we are faced with the prospect of another 2.1 million tourists which the New England Aquarium estimates will visit its proposed world-class facility.

An obvious way to mitigate the projected traffic and parking congestion would be the implementation of a public transportation system serving the Navy Yard. The more people who take public transportation, the fewer who will drive their individual automobiles and clog and pollute our neighborhood.

Such a comprehensive public transportation system would include water shuttles, frequent bus service to the Green, Red and Orange subway lines and, even possibly, a Light Rail Vehicle link to the Orange Line at the Community College Station.

Yet, ignoring community concerns, the MBTA has steadfastly refused to start planning for this satellite city emerging in our neighborhood.

More than two years ago I asked publicly for MBTA planners to attend these neighborhood meetings. There was no response. Then I headed a committee of citizens which for a year met with Alan Castaline, chief planning officer at the MBTA. Last June when the committee started applying pressure for improved public transit service to the Navy Yard, Castaline abruptly broke off negotiations.

I am now asking that, after the Navy Yard master plan is approved, the BRA through its considerable influence see to it that the MBTA immediately start planning for the millions who will be visiting the new Charlestown Navy Yard.

Sincerely,
William R. Meyer, resident

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POLICE LINE

From the desk of
Deputy Superintendent Robert P. Faherty
Area A, Boston Police Department

Monday, March 12

Stolen automobiles were recovered at Park Street, Thompson Square and Tibbetts Town Way.

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

Tuesday, March 13

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

Wednesday, March 14

Stolen automobiles were recovered on Dunstable and Cambridge streets.

At 3:30 p.m., the Bunker Hill Community College Police arrested a 32-year-old Somerville resident for creating a disturbance.

At 9 p.m., Officer Whiffen observed a 28-year-old Lynnfield resident get out of his motor vehicle and squeeze

through the fence at the Moran Terminal. Upon further investigation the suspect was found in an unlocked 20-foot trailer. He had in his possession white powder, believed to be cocaine, and a handgun which he had been licensed to carry. He was placed under arrest for possession of the drugs.

Detectives Langlois and Donahue arrested a 20-year-old Tibbetts Town Way resident on a default warrant.

A stolen automobile was recovered on Russell Street.

Thursday, March 15

At 3:23 a.m., the Boston Fire Department and an ambulance were summoned to 84-86 Bartlett St. on a report of a fire. The occupants were evacuated without injury and the fire was extinguished after causing an estimated \$70,000 damage. The fire, caused by an incendiary device, is of suspicious origin, and is being investigated by the Arson Squad.

At 10:30 p.m., officers responded to an apartment at 41 Carney Court on a report of a fight. They met the occupants who had been drinking and a fight ensued. One of the occupants was hit with a baseball bat. No medical attention was

needed.

Friday, March 16

At 1:30 a.m., Officer Rautenburg arrested a 26-year-old resident at Dunstable and Main streets for drinking in public.

An automobile parked at 30 Monument Square was broken into at about 8 p.m. by two individuals described as approximately 16 years old, and an attempt was made to steal it. An individual scared them away by yelling at them.

Saturday, March 17

At 7:30 a.m., an individual described as being about 30 years old entered Store 24 at 140 Main St., pointed a hunting knife at the clerk and demanded money. He was given \$50 and fled on foot up Green Street.

An automobile parked at Third Street and 7th Avenue was broken into during the day. The vent window was broken and a mountain bike was stolen.

A stolen automobile was recovered on Baldwin Street.

Sunday, March 18

A stolen automobile was recovered on Park Street.

Tuesday, March 20

At 1 a.m., officers responded to 50 Decatur St. on a report that there were individuals outside with guns. As the officers arrived, they observed an automobile leaving the scene. They stopped the vehicle and found six individuals inside. During an investigation, the officers discovered a handgun next to a 19-year-old Jamaica Plain resident. Another handgun was found fully loaded under the rear seat. The other five occupants were placed under arrest.

At 1:30 a.m., officers found that three automobiles had been broken into in the Monument Square area. As they searched the area a call came in that there was breaking glass near 28 High St. As the officers approached, they observed two individuals inside of an automobile. The suspects attempted to run with the officers in pursuit, down Trenton Street to Bunker Hill Street where a 19-year-old resident and a juvenile were apprehended. A wooden club, screwdriver and flashlight were found on the suspects.

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

Residents are reminded: If you know of any drug activity in your neighborhood, call the Boston Police Hot Line at 247-4697. It is not necessary to give your name, and all information will be investigated.

Masked Men Rob Bank Of New England With Sledgehammers And Gunfire

by Lynn Peters

A group of masked men with sledgehammers and a handgun burst into the Bank of New England last Thursday at about 11 a.m., just days after renovations on the Charlestown branch were complete. At least three men, described at the scene as wearing white cloth wrapped around their heads and blue sweat clothes, made off with nearly \$10,000 in cash and coins.

It was not a big take, and no one was injured, but witnesses were shaken. Startled employees in the head teller's room were greeted with broken glass as two of the men smashed through two 3-by-6 windows near the vault. One of the men continued on to empty the tellers' cash drawers, and the other grabbed a bank employee by the tie, order-

ing him to open the vault just inside the windows. When the employee would not open it, the robber fired four shots into an automatic teller machine door lock in an unsuccessful attempt to

get more cash.

According to an eyewitness who watched the robbery from outside the bank, the men left through the broken window with money bags and left in a Jeep Che-

ieves facing the wrong direction on one-way Middlesex Street with the engine running. Two bands of cash had been left behind, and two more witnesses told police they saw three men leave in a third getaway car. They described the car as a red Chevy two-door and said the trio headed into Charlestown.

The police have made no arrests, and the robbery is still under investigation. The van had been reported earlier as stolen in Danvers, and the Jeep was registered to a Beverly woman but was not reported stolen at that time.



IN HASTE, Thursday's bank robbers abandoned a second getaway car on Middlesex Street and left some cash behind. The police have made no arrests, and reports were that the thieves left in a third car after holding up the Bank of New England's recently renovated branch on Main Street.

(photo by Michael Tognarelli)

rokee in the bank's parking lot. She said she thought she saw four men pull up to the front of the bank in a Chevy van. They opened the back of the van, and two waited while two lunged through the windows, she said.

The witness said the crime scene was like a movie. "I've never heard gunshots before, but I knew I had heard four shots," she said. She called 911, and when the men left, she headed toward the bank. "I ran over, poked my head in the window and asked what happened," she said, describing the aftershock as nerve-racking.

A few minutes later, the Jeep was abandoned by the



THE THIEVES arrived in a van reported stolen in Danvers earlier and smashed the two windows with sledgehammers before surprising Bank of New England tellers on Thursday and making off with almost \$10,000.

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