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Wins Bantam Championship



SUFFOLK COUNTY DIVISION ONE BANTAM CHAMPIONS from Charlestown. Shown front row (l. to r.) Chipper O'Connor, Pat Sullivan, Matthew Mahoney, Pat O'Neil, Ron Vitali, John Dillon, and Dan Killoran. Back row (l. to r.) Ron Vitale, Coach,

Daryl Locke, Brendon McNeil, Billy Vraible, Chris Donnelly, and Dan Harrington, Coach. Missing from photo is Tommy Mahoney, Bill Nolan, and Tommy Martin.

(photo by John Dillon)

Recently Charlestown won the Suffolk County Division 1 Bantam Championship.

During the course of the district playdowns, the Charlestown

Bantams A Team defeated a tough Neponset Team 4 to 3 in overtime in an exciting game at the North End Rink. They came right back the next day to beat a

well disciplined Hyde Park Squad 5 to 1 at the East Boston Rink. Then they followed this up with probably the best Bantam game

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Charlestown Landmark Closes Doors

The rumors were true. Schrafft's Candy Co. was closed. 350 people will have to find new jobs with no time to spare as the closing was immediate — last Monday — without prior notice.

The closing jeopardizes many plans for retirements of the aged and loyal candyworkers and the future of the young men and women starting out with families and new houses. Although a Schrafft's spokesman has said that employees will be called in during the next few weeks and benefits due them will be reviewed, no one could be specific about how the company will handle those who were only a few months from retirement. The company is trying to find jobs for their ex-employees with other candy manufacturers in the area.

Although employees said they felt something was wrong, the news still came as a jolt. For several years Schrafft's had been losing money, despite their sales of approximately \$44 million last year. They attribute their financial difficulties to the rise in cost of commodities such as sugar and cocoa, along with escalating labor, utilities and shipping costs that were forcing candy prices

sky-high.

However, other candy manufacturers said Schrafft's also failed because they did not diversify their product line in a time when the consumer had become weight-conscious and money-conscious. According to Domenic Antonellis, president of Necco (Boston Herald American 3-10-81), Schrafft's continued to market almost exclusively box chocolates when consumers were buying candy bars or natural sweets ranging from fruit to honey.

Manufacturing work will stop by a week from tomorrow and a small staff will be kept to run the shipping department until the inventory is sold off, probably in two to three months.

Meanwhile, the 800,000 square foot, five-story, brick and stone factory, the Schrafft's name and the company's product line are all for sale, according to Jack C. Farn, Schrafft's general manager.

William F. Schrafft, a confectioner from Bavaria, founded the candy business in a small Eliot Street store in Boston, 1861. He enlarged the operation in 1895, in-

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Charlestown Community Calendar

Thursday, March 12

St. Catherine's Parish Mission - 7:30 p.m. - St. Catherine's Church, Hayes Square
Charlestown Town Council Meeting - 7:30 p.m. - Mary Colbert Apartments, Devens Street

Friday, March 13

Parents' Discussion Group and Pre-School Story Hour - 10:00 a.m. - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street
Irish Music and Dancing - 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. - Elderly Nutrition Site, Rutherford Avenue

Saturday, March 14

Registration For Babe Ruth Baseball League - 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Boys' Club, 15 Green Street

Registration For Children's Theater Workshop - 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. - 442 Bunker Hill Street

"Townies On Ice" - 5 to 7 p.m. - Charlestown Skating Rink

Sunday, March 15

Las Vegas Night - 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. - Holiday Inn, Washington Street

Ecumenical Lenten Service - 6:00 p.m. - St. Catherine's Church, Hayes Square

Monday, March 16

Little League Registration - 6 to 8 p.m. - Medford Street Gym.
Spiritual Renewal Week Begins

- 7 p.m. Mass - St. Francis de Sales Church, 305 Bunker Hill Street

Daughters of Isabella No. 1 Meeting - 7:30 p.m. - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street

Wednesday, March 18

Film Series For Elderly - 12:30 p.m. - Elderly Nutrition Site, Rutherford Ave.

Films For Children - 3:30 p.m. - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street

Little League Registration - 6 to 8 p.m. - Medford Street Gym

Thursday, March 19

Little League Registration - 6 to 8 p.m. - Medford Street Gym

Friday, March 20

Parents' Discussion Group and Pre-School Story Hour - 10:00 a.m. - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street

Irish Night Dinner/Dance - 8 p.m. - St. Francis de Sales Church, Bishop Lawton Hall, 305 Bunker Hill Street

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

Saturday March 21

Registration for Babe Ruth Baseball League - 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - Boys' Club, 15 Green Street

Monday, March 23

Concert of Traditional Irish Music - 7:00 p.m. - Charlestown

Branch Library, 179 Main Street
Thursday, March 26

Little League Meeting - 7:30 p.m. - Medford Street Gym

Saturday, March 28

Registration For Babe Ruth League Baseball - 10:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. - Boys' Club, 15 Green Street

Irish Night to benefit Bunker Hill Museum and the Charlestown Working Theater - 8:00 p.m. - Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill Street

Saturday, April 4

Rummage Sale - 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. - First Church, Green Street

Saturday, April 11

Little League Tryouts - 10 a.m.

to 2 p.m. - Ryan Playground, Sullivan Square

Quinn Scholarship Dinner Dance - 6:15 p.m. - St. Catherine's Hall, Tufts Street

Charlestown Community Center Benefit - 7 to 10 p.m. - Museum of Science

Sunday, April 12

Little League Tryouts - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Ryan Playground, Sullivan Square

Sunday, April 26

Third Annual Home Fair sponsored by the Charlestown Preservation Society - Bunker Hill Community College

Saturday, May 9

Charlestown Preservation Society House Tour

Constitution Museum Discusses Revitalization of Maritime Heritage

There is a growing concern about America's waterfronts. In New York City, San Francisco, Baltimore, and especially here in Boston, the waterfronts and the maritime heritage they hold are seeing a revitalization.

Discussing this resurgence of interest in maritime history and architectural preservation will be the Director of the South Street Seaport Museum in New York City, John Hightower. His illustrated talk will be given at the USS Constitution Museum on March 19 at 7:30 p.m. It is free as one of the Samuel Eliot Morison Lecture Series funded by the Lowell Institute.

John Hightower has been the Director of the South Street Seaport Museum since 1977. South Street Seaport is presently undergoing major restoration, under the development of the

Rouse Corporation, which was responsible for the renovation of Boston's Quincy Market. When completed, South Street Seaport will incorporate both the Museum as an interpreter of New York City's maritime heritage and commercial shops and restaurants which will reflect the environment and flavor of waterfront activities.

This same weaving of cultural and commercial use of waterfront buildings and land will be the hallmark of the Charlestown Navy Yard in the next few years. The Boston National Historic Park Service and the Boston Redevelopment Authority are currently recycling historic structures for a variety of uses, all in keeping with the architectural and historical significance of the Navy Yard.

MBTA Public Hearings

The MBTA today reminded riders who may be affected by service changes planned for March 21 that public hearings, at which details of the changes will be given, will be held at four locations on Monday, March 16.

The hearings, all to begin at 7:30 p.m., will be held at the Blackstone School, 380 Shawmut Avenue, Boston; the Watertown Administration Building, Civil Defense Room 155 Main Street;

Lynn City Hall, Room 412, and the Braintree Police Training Center, Union Street and Cleveland Avenue.

The proposed systemwide changes, due to insufficient funding appropriated by the Advisory Board, range from reduced frequency of service to discontinuance of some routes.

Everyone attending the hearings will be given an opportunity to express their views.

Free Film Series For The Elderly

A Wednesday afternoon travel film series is about to begin at the Rutherford Avenue elderly nutrition site. Each movie takes you on a short, picturesque tour

through the streets and shows you the main attractions of each featured location. Movies scheduled are: "New York" on March 18, "The Carribean" on March 25, "Bermuda" on April 1, and "San Francisco" on April 8. Showtime for each movie is 12:30 p.m. by projectionist Janice Preschel.

The series is free to all senior citizens. sponsored by the Kit Clark Senior House through the cooperation of Jane Ciccarelli at Eastern Airlines, Logan Airport. For more information call Margaret Turner, site manager, 114 Rutherford Avenue, 242-0969.

It's A Girl

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Montgomery, Jr., of 23 Mystic Street, Charlestown, announce the birth of their daughter, Amy Lou, born on February 24, 1981 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Brighton.

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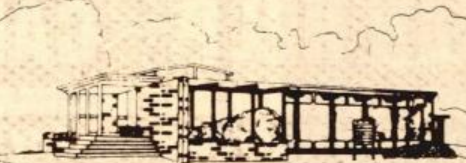
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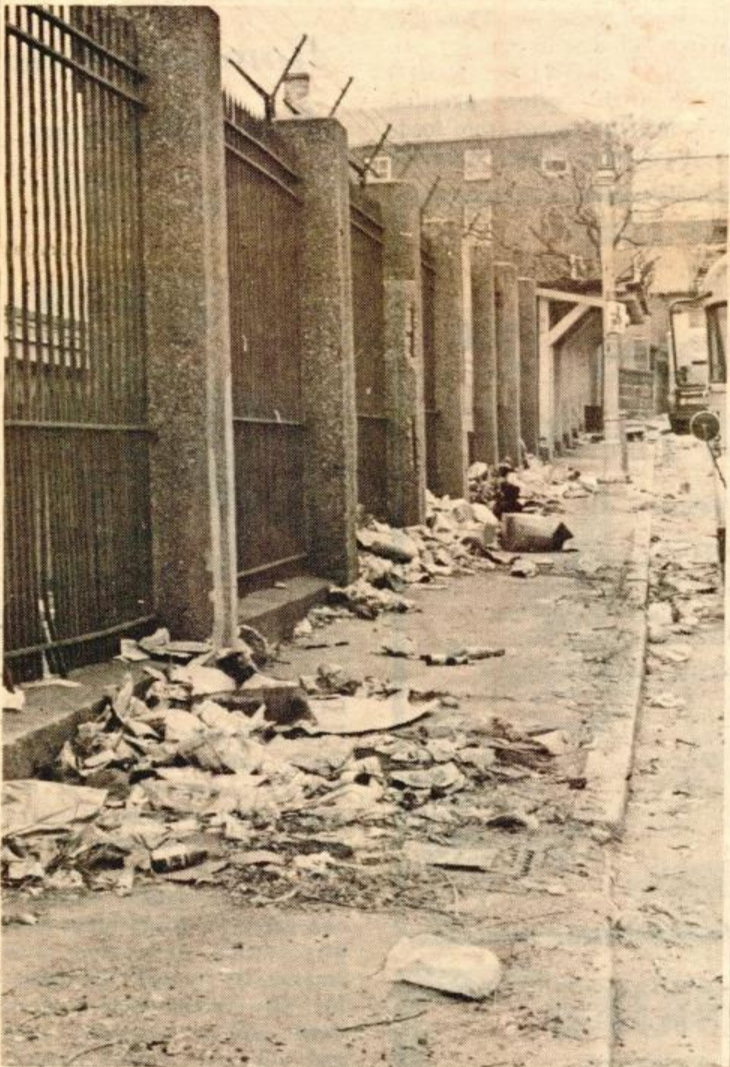
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Editorial

Charlestown Dump



CHARLESTOWN DUMP "Townies" complain about outsiders "dumping on Charlestown", yet sometime we can't even keep our own back yards clean. This is the site that has, for the past three weeks, greeted visitor and resident, alike, when they enter Chelsea Street to reach Bunker Hill or Medford Streets. The sight is bad and the stench is bad; but the fact that this street has been allowed to become and remain a dumping ground is worse. Chelsea Street makes a hypocrisy out of community endeavors that are undertaken to alleviate this kind of mess. This collection of debris questions the integrity of city offices that are paid to prevent these kind of build-ups. Why is everyone turning their heads when they pass along Chelsea Street? Because it's not their problem? Wrong. Chelsea Street is a blight on Charlestown and that's a problem that should concern everyone.

(photos by Maria Girvin)

Recruitment Opens For ABCD Summer Jobs

For young people in Boston, the time to line up a summer job is now. And one good way to do it is to fill out an application for ABCD's Summer Youth Employment Program.

Boston residents between the ages of 14 and 21, in or out of school, whose families meet federal low-income guidelines are eligible to apply, as are handicapped youth. ABCD's neighborhood Area Planning Action Councils (APACs) will select applicants on the basis of financial need.

In Charlestown, the place to go to file an application is Charlestown NEC, One Thompson Square, Charlestown. Telephone number is 242-4548 or 242-4549.

The Summer Youth Employment Program has been run for the past 16 years by Action for Boston Community Development and has been funded for several years by the City of Boston's Employment and Economic Policy Administration (EEPA). Over the years, ABCD, Boston's official anti-poverty agency, has placed more than 100,000 young people in positions that allow them to help not only themselves,

but others as well.

Nonprofit organizations and government agencies have hired them as recreation counselors, receptionists, day-care counselors, nurse assistants, and more. And for the youngsters, being enrolled in the Summer Youth Employment Program means not only useful work, but workshops and training in the

basic skills of finding and keeping a job after completing school.

Anyone who thinks he or she might be eligible should get an application form from the local APAC. Parents or guardians must fill out income information. Applicants must supply their own social security number, proof of birth date, proof of residence, and proof of family income.

Come Celebrate "Irish Night" At Working Theater

There will be one last chance for the "Wearin' o' the Green" this March at the Charlestown Working Theater on Saturday, March 28. The Theater is planning another of their now famous "Fests" in cooperation with the Charlestown Historical Society, this one in celebration of the Irish!

Entertainment will have a thoroughly Irish theme. Kevin McDermott the popular Irish tenor will sing. Comhaltas Ceoltoiri Eireann will be on hand to perform and a group of Irish Step Dancers will show how to keep our feet moving.

Charlestown's native Irish talent will also be appearing (thanks to Kay Whelan for helping to arrange it!) Tom Hickey will sing some favorite Irish songs and the Kelly family, Bernie, Rita and Patty, will sing and play the banjo and guitar.

It will be a cabaret style evening with small tables set up around the stage. Refreshments will be available. Tickets for the evening's festivities are \$5 each. Mark March 28 on your calendar... in GREEN for Irish night at the Charlestown Working Theater. (For additional information call 242-3534.)



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Betty Walker To Lead Evacuation Day Parade

Chief Marshals of the South Boston Evacuation - St. Patrick's Day Parade are not born to the position, nor are they made by the jurisdiction of an important individual or group, but rather by their own perseverance and dedication to the principals of one for all and all for one in the final voting decision of the delegates of the South Boston Allied War Veteran's Council.

Betty Walker, a Navy EX-WAVE, is to lead and represent veterans of all wars and all branches of the services, in 1981, as chief marshal on Sunday, March 15, in a reverse direction of the usual, with the start at the point which was the finish and the finish point which was the start.

This year the direction of the parade will be from Broadway MBTA Station to Andrew Square, with a starting time of 1 p.m.

The Herald on Monday, March 2, in an article by Jack Cadigan, stated that women, in taking

leading roles, are making themselves heard and turning things around.

The Globe on Tuesday, March 3, in an article by Richard H. Stewart, led off with a caption that the parade was to do a flip-flop and that Betty gets what Betty wants — and it is, to a degree, true.

Betty Walker is the chief marshal of one of Boston's most important celebrations, but the mayor and the legislators seem to forget and do not allocate sufficient funds for a truly appropriate recognition of the historical occasion.

Many delegates at the Allied War Veteran's Council meetings are in fact, past chief marshals and 16 were present at the final meeting before the parade.

The meeting was held at the Stephen Darius Legion Post No. 317, of which Betty Walker is a past commander, on Sunday, March 1st. All delegates voted to support Betty in this year's

plans. Last year at a brunch, preceding the Evacuation Day parade, 21 past chief marshals assembled at the Martin F. McDonough Legion Post No. 368, on West Broadway, at 11 a.m. in honoring Thomas Beggan, the 1980 chief marshal, who is this year's South Boston Allied War Veteran's Council commander.

The brunch was initiated four years ago by Joseph W. Walker, 1963's chief marshal and presently a supervisor of Veteran's Services of Boston. It was long before he imagined or even considered, his wife Betty would be elected to the distinguished and honored position of a chief marshal.

A silver Revere bowl will be awarded during the pre-parade brunch, at the McDonough Legion Post with the engraving reading, "South Boston Allied War Veteran's Council, Past Chief Marshal's Award, to 1981 Chief Marshal Betty Walker."

"The Shamrock"

by Anthony O'Manconi

In the emerald hills of Ireland,
On the river banks so grand,
Saint Patrick spread the Christian Faith
And sowed the seeds of love not hate.

From fields he picked a wee shamrock,
Then held it high above his flock.
"Three leaves - one stem - a mystery
But from it learn the Trinity."

A clover in the field of green,
Tells more to me than any theme.
They grow and thrive near Galway Bay
Where a bit of Heaven fell one day.

"Erin Go Bragh"

Ecumenical Lenten Service

St. Catherine's is the host church Sunday evening, March 15, for the second Charlestown Ecumenical Lenten Service. Rev. Alvin Strong of First Church, Green St. will preach on Chapter 2 of St. Paul's "Letter to

the Galatians." Refreshments will be served in the School Hall on Tufts St. at 6:00 p.m. The evening service begins at 6:30 p.m. in the newly renovated lower church.

"Set Point For Diabetes"

WJIB will sponsor "Set Point for Diabetes" fund raiser at the Boston Tennis Club, 653 Summer Street, Boston on Saturday, March 28, from 7-11 p.m. Tennis, racquetball, darts or socializing will comprise the evening. Complimentary hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, and free parking will be available. All proceeds will benefit American Diabetes Association Mass. Affiliate.

Admission is \$15.00 per person. For more information, call WJIB, 523-6611.

Diet Workshop Open House

The Diet Workshop is giving a free new cookbook entitled "BONUS FOOD COOKBOOK", to all Members and guests who attend an Open House meeting the week of March 16th. The public is invited at no obligation to attend a class and receive their free book in Charlestown at Charlestown Community Center, 14 Green Street on Thursday, March 19th at 7:00 p.m.

The "BONUS FOOD COOKBOOK" offers exciting new recipes created from foods of the Bonus category from the

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Voke Launches Campaign To Prevent Further Cuts In Bus Service

Representative Richard Voke today launched a campaign to prevent any further unilateral reductions in bus service by the MBTA Board of Directors. In a letter to his legislative colleagues, Representative Voke angrily denounced the latest round of service cuts announced by the "T" which are scheduled to go into effect on March 21, 1981. "The Board of Director's decision is irresponsible and destructive. The Board plans to

cut service on every bus route in the system without knowing whether or not such cuts are necessary to keep the "T" within its 1981 budget."

Representative Voke called upon his colleagues to support a bill he wrote which, if passed by the legislature, would strengthen the rights of the riding public and protect them against unnecessary cuts in service. Under current law, the MBTA is

required to hold a hearing to discuss a change in service only after 25 persons using the affected route sign a petition requesting a hearing. Even if the signatures are collected, the MBTA is not required to hold the hearing before the change goes into effect and no person or agency, other than the Board of Directors, has the power to review the service reductions.

The Voke-sponsored legislation requires the MBTA to hold a public hearing 30 days before any change in service takes effect and gives the MBTA Advisory Board power to review the proposed changes. Voke's bill also requires the public hearing to be held in the neighborhood to be affected by the proposed cut in service.

"Passage of this legislation is essential if we want a level of service adequate to meet the basic needs of the riding public. The new service schedule for bus routes in my district provides for only one bus trip an hour after 6:00 p.m. on most routes and no service after 10:00 p.m. on some routes," wrote Representative Voke.

Representative Voke plans to collect the necessary signatures to force the "T" to hold public hearings in Chelsea and Charlestown and he encouraged all his colleagues to do the same.

A hearing on Representative Voke's proposal to strengthen the law against service cuts will be held March 24th at the State House before the Committee on Transportation.

Boys' Club News

by Charlie McGonagle

It was a year ago last weekend when young John David Fitzpatrick lost his life in one of this town's most senseless tragedies. Time, we are told, has a way of making us forget. But the enormity of the events of a year ago has taken precedence over time.

Last Saturday afternoon at four o'clock, a Memorial Mass was celebrated at St. Francis de Sales Church. Hundreds of people, most of them young, filled the staid old church. They had come to show they had not forgotten. Their presence proved beyond a doubt that there is a great deal of love in the hearts of the young people of this town. It was a day when the corners, the gyms, and the playgrounds emptied and the Communion Rail filled. It was a day when barracuda jackets and blue jeans were replaced by suits and ties. It was a day of remembrance, a day of respect.

As they exited the church the young people were quiet. Even as they filled the sidewalks on their descent of Bunker Hill, they spoke little. Their thoughts had drifted back to a year ago, and the impact of the tragedy had once again reached their hearts.

"As long as Christopher Columbus High School exists," said Father Gilbert from the altar, "so will the memory of John David Fitzpatrick. Through a scholarship which was established in his name, primarily by donations from the people of this town, a graduating senior will be honored each year."

Within the next few weeks, the Exercise Room at the Boys' Club, an area where John spent so many of his leisure hours, will be dedicated in his memory. His friends at the Club have purchased a plaque which will adorn one of the room's walls.

Yes, John David Fitzpatrick, died a year ago tragically and senselessly, but he has not been forgotten. Some of the good young people of this town refuse to let that happen.

Tournament Director, Bob Gould, has a few open slots in each of the three divisions for the upcoming Nate Hurwitz Tournament. The Divisions are as follows.

- 1. Eighteen years of age and under
- 2. Thirteen to fifteen years of age - no high school varsity player may compete in this division.
- 3. Twelve and under.

As tournament action is scheduled to get underway next Wednesday night, March 18, interested teams should contact Bob as soon as possible. Entries will be limited to sixteen teams in each division, selected on a first come, first served basis.

In Alumni League Basketball Action, the Sullivan Club defeated the Mooney Club in the playoff finals to annex the crown. In a hard fought contest, one in

which the lead see-sawed back and forth for two and one half periods before the quicker Sullivans grabbed an advantage, Kevin O'Halloran emerged as the star.

Kevin's cat-like moves to the hoop resulted in his being fouled on numerous occasions. Nineteen different times during the contest he stood at the foul line. On seventeen of those trips he was successful. His final total of thirty-seven points was certainly one of the most impressive performances in recent Alumni League Playoff Competition.

Congratulations to the Boys' Club 17 years of Age and Under Basketball Team for capturing the Inter-Agency League Championship in a hard fought 41-38 victory over arch rival South Boston. To Team members Paul Mahoney, Jerry Wallace, Andy Ahern, Jim Greatorex, Dan Fitzpatrick, Mike Johnson, Paul Junta, and Mark Smith...a job well done.

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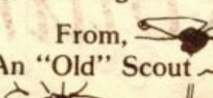
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Democratic Caucus Results

On Saturday, February 21, approximately 160 registered Democrats from Charlestown caucused at the Mary Colbert Apts. for the purpose of electing delegates to the 1981 Democratic Issues Convention.

Edward Patrick Callahan, Chairman of the Ward 2 Democratic Committee and chairman of the caucus, announced the names of those elected. They are: Maureen Collins, Nancy Sullivan, Michelle Sodregren, Janet Woods, Dunreith Kelly, Donna Hickey, Steven Owens, Brian Hickey, Ed Callahan, William Howard, John Revelotis, and Phil Coleman.

Commenting on the unusually high voter turnout Callahan said that he was both "grateful and surprised." At the 1979 caucus fewer than 30 people attended. This year approximately 160 Democrats registered to participate at the caucus. I would at this time like to thank all those individuals who took the time to attend the caucus. Due to the large turnout, conditions were somewhat less than comfortable and all participants conducted themselves with a high degree of

patience and poise. I would also like to thank John Gardiner of the Kennedy Center for the use of the fine facilities at the Colbert Apartments."

The 1981 Democratic Issues Convention will be held on April 11, 1981 at the Springfield Civic Center. 3,000 plus delegates from around the Commonwealth will gather in Springfield for the purpose of discussing issues pertinent to the Charter of the Massachusetts Democratic State Party.

Reunion

The Dorchester High School Class of '61' is planning a 20th Reunion. Interested parties should contact Robert Francis at 696-3566.

Extends Winter No Shut Off Moratorium

State DPU Chairman Doris R. Pote announced today that the DPU Commission has requested all utility companies to extend the legislatively mandated winter "no shut off" moratorium until April 15.

Chairman Pote stated that she expected the utilities to

Legion To Honor American Dead And Missing

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Washington, D.C. military district will accept the award, in the form of a plaque that will be put on permanent display at the tomb.

George Nicholson, Commander of the Cyril P. Morrisette Post, Quincy, and Dana L. Webb of the William E. Carter Post, Mattapan, combat veterans of the Vietnam war, will be attending the ceremonies.

"This award is to reflect the gratitude and appreciation that all Vietnam veterans deserve from their fellow Americans" said Legion Commander James Conway. A large turnout of top government and military officials along with representatives from every American Legion Department in the United States

is anticipated.

The American Legion proposed the original monument to the Unknown Soldier in 1921 and has led the nation in paying homage to U.S. war dead following every conflict thereafter. The March 16th ceremony falls on the 62nd birthday of the nation's largest veterans organization.

It is the hope that this will trigger more public activities for those who gave so much in the most unpopular war in our history. The patriotic reception for our hostages returning from Iran reminded many Americans that there was still an unfulfilled debt of recognition owed the Vietnam veteran for his service and sacrifice.

To Celebrate 40th Anniversary

John and Alice Curtin of 24 Monument Square will celebrate their 40th Wedding Anniversary on Thursday, March 12, 1981. Mrs. Curtin is the former Alice E. McGonagle of Everett.

They are the proud parents of seven children, the youngest being Ricky who was 21 years old on November 16, 1980.

They are also blessed with 10 grandchildren, the youngest of whom is Kelley Rea Sheilds of

Atlanta, Georgia who just reached her first birthday on March 6, 1981.

On Honor Roll

James (Bubba) Ryan of 101 Warren Street, Charlestown, a freshman at Saint Dominic Savio High School, has received a certificate of honor in recognition of having achieved academic excellence in scholarship for the first semester.

Schrafft's Closes

(continued from page 1) volving his sons and forming W.F. Schrafft and Sons, Corp. By 1927 sales had reached over \$7 million and the next year the Charlestown plant was built. It was then the largest factory in the world for candy production.

In 1929, the operation was purchased by Frank G. Shattuck Co., which had been set up by a former Schrafft's salesman to operate the company's retail stores. Helme Products, Inc., a tobacco, snacks and candy firm, bought Schrafft's in 1967 and Gulf & Western acquired it in 1974.

N.E. Miniature And Doll House Exhibit

The fifth edition of the New England Miniature and Doll House Exhibit Show and Sale will be presented Sunday, March 29 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Danversport Yacht Club, 161 Elliot St., Danvers, Mass.

This event will help benefit the Handi Kids program in West

Bridgewater, Mass. The Handi Kids Foundation provides assistance to hospitals and other agencies, donating funds and equipment. Organized recreational programs give the youngsters social, cultural and educational opportunities.

Lavish displays will contain doll houses, furniture, accessories, kits, dolls, wall paper, rugs, antiques, - all in miniature.

Of historical interest will be the exhibit of a miniature reproduction of the Ironmaster's House at Saugus Iron Works, originally built in 1646. Henry B. Fandel, of 17 Pine Street, Saugus, with the assistance of his family, has faithfully reproduced every detail of this National Historic Site.

Exhibitors will answer questions and offer helpful hints with demonstrations to those planning to make items in miniature. Admission to the show is \$1.50, children 75 cents.

Further show information may be obtained by phoning 532-0606 in Peabody, or by writing show headquarters: Paul Exhibitions, 4 Longstreet Rd., Peabody, Mass. 01960.

Directions to reach Danversport Yacht Club: take Route 128 North to Exit 22-E to Route 62.

To Teach Art Classes In Arlington

Geoffrey Rogers of 10 Monument Square in Charlestown will be teaching two art classes this spring at The Old Schwamb Mill in Arlington: Introductory Oil Painting and a Watercolor Workshop. Both classes begin Monday March 16, for 12 weeks.

The Oil Painting course will serve as an introduction to image-making and an inquiry into different ways of visual thinking, using composition, color theory, design, perspective, and light. The practical aspects of dealing with oil painting materials will also be discussed. The class is open to both beginning and continuing students.

The Watercolor Workshop will cover the controlled handling of wet on wet, dry brush technique, and a thorough exploration of color. A high quality of draughtsmanship is an essential requirement for students planning to take this course.

Mr. Rogers is a professional painter and experienced teacher. He has a National Diploma from the Central School of Design in London.

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To Talk Of Many Things

by Sal Giarratani
KUDOS TO LANGONE
 Congrats go out to City Councillor Fred Langone relative to the exposure of the Mayor's so-called "debit transfers." Fearless Fred, as he is sometimes called by his friends and political enemies alike, is the one who provided the City Council, Boston Research Bureau, Boston Finance Commission and news media outlets with copies of those inter-departmental transfers!

And now Superior Court Judge Paul Garrity has found in favor of the City Council that the Mayor's Office - the Executive Branch of city government - has violated the spirit and letter of the city charter with those debit transfers.

The court decision will be challenged but the case against

those transfers of funds looks quite solid and chief credit for it all goes to the Boston City Council and especially Councillor Fred Langone!
DUMP HB 2101!

The Boston School Committee won overwhelming support last week from the city's state legislators as the school committee called for the defeat of legislation aimed at giving the mayor and city council full fiscal control of the School Department.

I am no great fan of the incumbent school committee but I would rather it retain present powers than to reform in the eyes of the mayor's liking!

DISTRICT REPRESENTATION
 District representation of the city council or school committee is a cruel hoax to all the people of Boston. It would not - and in

fact - could not in any manner, shape or form be any more representative of Boston's diverse neighborhoods than the present citywide structure of both elected bodies.

The move to reform the structure has been tried before and failed dismally. If this tired old reform is brought back from the dead, it will fail again - a sort of reverse phoenix syndrome.

The liberal establishment in this city just won't give up!

BOSTON CATHOLIC LEAGUE
 The Boston Chapter, Catholic League - the Bay State unit of a national Catholic anti-defamation and civil rights union - took their show on the road this week. On Wednesday of this week, they were out in Lawrence speaking to the parents and teachers at the Holy Rosary

School. The Boston Chapter has developed an excellent slide presentation, if I do say myself, and the main topic of discussion as expected was tuition tax credits.

The Catholic League is hoping to come before parent-teacher meetings wherever and whenever possible. The League is growing and is an idea whose time is very much now!

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING TONIGHT.

If you are concerned about Charlestown then you should make your presence felt at the Mary Colbert Apartments on Devens Street tonight as the Charlestown Town Council Meeting is called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Here's your chance to air your gripes and to see what some resi-

dents are attempting to do to improve the quality of life in the town. But the Town Council and the Survey being developed can't do anything without your support, encouragement and participation... Don't sit back, take the driver's seat and help out!

Remember, for the Town Council to truly represent the needs of the community, your input is not only asked but is almost mandated.

Whether, you are young or old, homeowner, landlord or rent-payer, you have a personal stake in the future of Charlestown. So come on over to the old Harvard School tonight - over to where the action is!

BOTTOM LINE
 Together, we conservatives can make the difference if we keep on keeping on!

Disabled Artist Exhibit

Although he lives in the heart of Boston and thousands of people pass his apartment house every day, Jack Towle was lonely. The shy young artist, confined to a wheelchair by a spinal tumor that immobilized his legs and limited the range of his arms, did not know that one floor away another handicapped artist, Kenneth Lockhart, also was working in relative isolation.

Towle and Lockhart met for the first time a few weeks ago when their paintings were among those chosen for Easter Seal Society's Disabled Artists' Exhibition, to be held March 11-31, in the John Hancock Tower lobby, Copley Square, Boston. Presented in celebration of 1981 as The International Year of Disabled Persons, New England's first show and sale by professional artists with physical handicaps will be open to the public free of charge from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily.

"One of the very important things this show will accomplish is to help overcome the problems of isolation among serious artists who are handicapped," says Phyllis Rosen. Long associated with the Newbury Street gallery scene, she is a member of the exhibition's art selection committee.

Probably the most prestigious event of its kind ever held, the exhibition will feature paintings and photographs by artists from as far away as Japan. It will acquaint people with the talents, skills and productivity of creative people with physical disabilities.

"Handicapped people are making serious art, incredible quality art locally," says Ms. Rosen. "They need what other artists need, contact with the art community."

Participating in the exhibition are artists who must overcome severe handicaps to approach the canvas. Some, like Glen Fowler of Salisbury, paint with the brush between their teeth. Others use their feet. One, fabric sculptor Beth Silvercoud of Brockton, is an amputee who manages to use a loom. Their art is an extraordinary example of the victory of human courage and ingenuity over human frailty.

In addition to spotlighting the achievements of artists with physical disabilities, the exhibition will provide an opportunity for them to market their works. All proceeds from the sale of art will go to the artists. Easter Seal Society is an advocate in behalf of people with physical disabilities.

According to Joan S. Sonnabend, chairperson, a distinguished jury has selected from hundreds of entries approximately 50 pieces for display. Cash awards for best in the show will be announced March 10 at the gala preview night.

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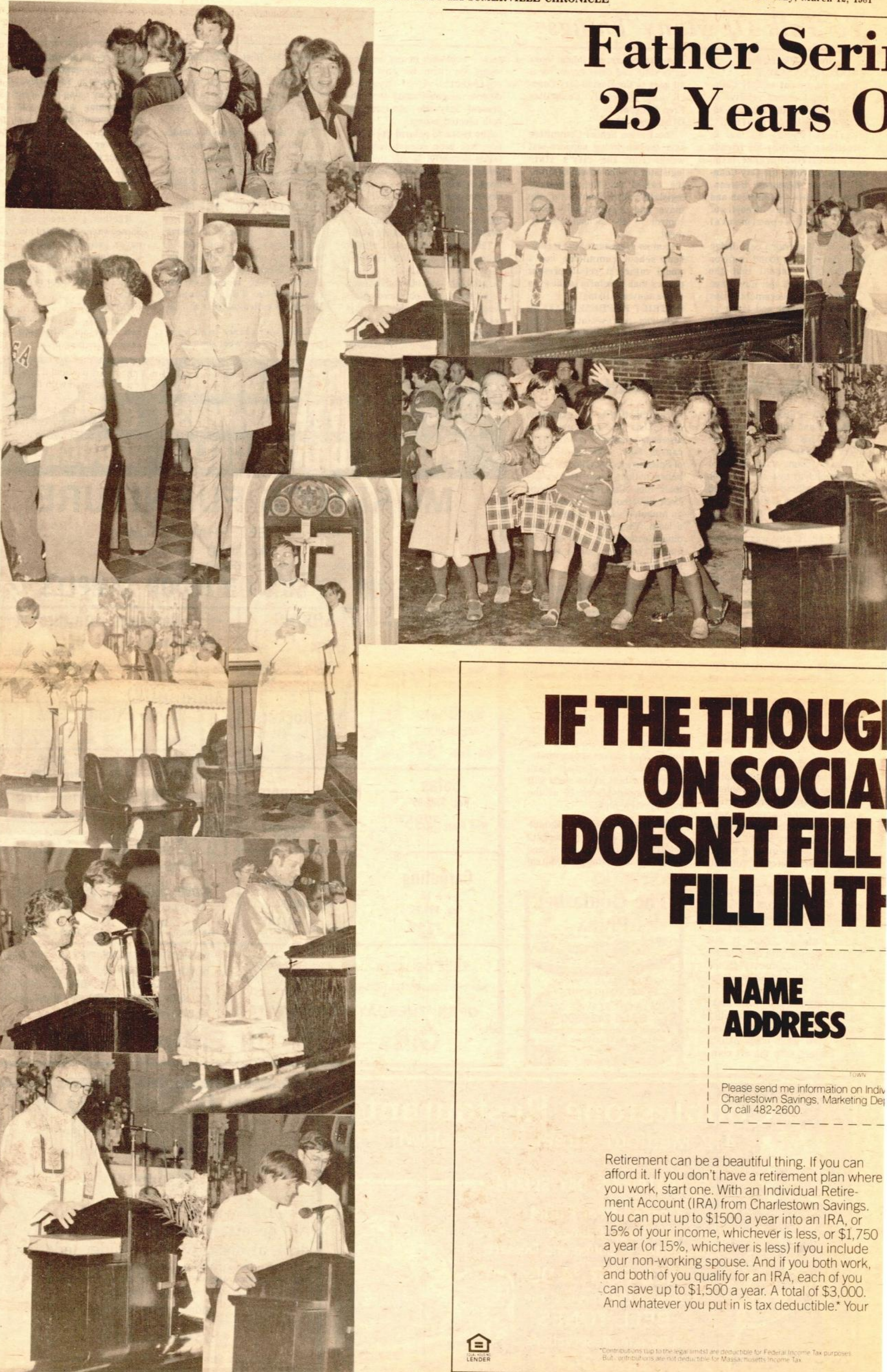
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o Celebrates Priesthood

photos by John Dillon



On Sunday, February 1, St. Catherine's Church was filled with well-wishers celebrating Father Serino's 25th Jubilee Year, marking one of the most festive events in parish history.

Included in the procession for the Liturgy were Rev. Lawrence Buckley, Rev. Peter Quinn, Deacon Joseph Coleman and Sister Ernestine of St. Catherine's; Rev. Robert Boyle, Rev. Paul McCarthy and Deacon Kenneth German of St. Mary's; Rev. Isaiah Sears of the First Baptist Church; Rev. Neil Hastie, formerly of St. John Episcopal Church; Rev. Victor Ford and Rev. Alvin Strong of the First Congregational Church; Rev. Robert Tobin of St. Joseph Jesuit Center; Rev. John Grady of Maryknoll, Hingham; Rev. Adelard Gagnon, of Our Lady of the Assumption, East Boston; Rev. Joseph Baggetta, Chaplain-Youth Service Board; Rev. John Donaghy, S.V.D., Chicago; Rev. Arthur DiPietro, Chaplain, Juvenile Court; Rev. Patrick Ryan, of Boston College and Rev. John Mulkern, of St. Paul's, Hamilton. The procession also included many representatives of the laity from St. Catherine Parish. Father Robert Boyle was the homilist for the occasion.

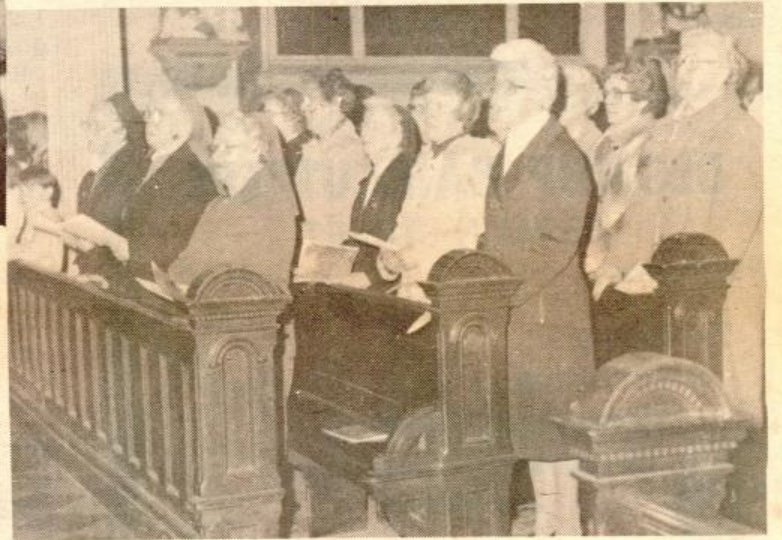
The choir, made up of children from St. Catherine School, received a standing ovation as the dulcet music of their celebrating voices resounded throughout the Church. It seemed that their love for Father Serino stimulated their song. Sister Roger, C.S.J. from St. Joseph Parish in Medford, directed the children's choir. Sister Olivia from the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph, was the accompanist. Sal and Bea Lupis gave a beautiful rendition of the Ave Maria.

Another impressive aspect of the occasion was the presence of Father Serino's family whose love and devotion has accompanied him throughout the years of his priestly ministry. One could sense the gratitude, the joy, and the honor which they were experiencing throughout the celebration. His mother, in particular, appeared to delight in this moment of moments as she united with her son in this beautiful liturgy.

Present, also, were the Sisters from St. Catherine's Parish who work closely with Father Serino in Parish Ministry. The presence of the Dominican Sisters from St. Francis de Sales Parish added joy to this memorable event. Parishioners and friends filled the Church to its capacity.

Following the service, guests were invited to a catered buffet collation in the parish hall. Sal Lupis' band provided music for dancing and song for the rest of the evening.

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And it's also the time, I think,
to debunk some of the myths that

some New Englanders think are
true about we of Irish descent.
For example I don't know of
anyone except "imitation Irish"
in the movies or on TV who say
'Begorrah.'

Nor do I know anyone who ever
was struck by a shillelagh.

It's not true that when we're
having a brew we all sing "My
Wild Irish Rose." There are

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those of us who do "Wild Colonial
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It's not necessary, either, for
we who are Irish to first have to
kiss the Blarney Stone to become
gracious, charming and witty.

Barry Fitzgerald was not our
patron saint, nor Morton Downey
either, but both were fine lads.

Corn beef and cabbage is not
the national dish of Ireland
anymore than pizza is that of Ita-
ly. Changes are that over in the
old country on March 17th lunch
will be celebrated with lamb or
roast chicken or boiled ham —
and thick Irish stew.

Nor is it true that Irish politi-
cians answer questions with
questions. Do we now?

Now for some Irish truths:

Of course there are
leprechauns.

Three of the signers of the
Declaration of Independence
were born in Ireland.

Irish eyes certainly DO smile.
Shamrocks are even luckier
than four-leaf clovers.

A little bit of heaven did fall on
the Emerald Isle.

'Tis said that because we are
Irish we know, just know, that
some day life will break our
hearts. Yet because we are Irish
we have thrived in this great land
and we shall continue to do so as
you'll note from these lines taken
from "The Wearing of the
Green:"

"Then take the shamrock from
your hat,

"And cast it on the sod.

"It will take root and flourish
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right up there with Williams —
Gene Watson whose first MCA
album titled "Between This
Time and the Next Time" was
released last month and is doing
just fine, thank you. Gene is no
newcomer, in fact his disc
"Farewell Party" rivals some of
the great standards of the sixties.

But his new LP is going to grab
you right by the ears and I
predict "Between This Time and
the Next Time" is going to go
round and round and round for a
many-a-month to come. Gene
Watson — five stars.

Another major debut album on
MCA is that of Alicia Myers
whose LP is titled "Alicia,"
which should also become a chart
buster.

"Alicia," the album, is new to
MCA Records but Alicia the
singer-songwriter isn't. Besides
being the lead vocalist for the
popular group "One Way," she
has co-written many of their hits
including the infectious "You
Can Do It."

Now on her first solo album
Alicia clearly shows how her
perspective has broadened,
utilizing past experience and her
ever-present natural talent to
come up with a sensational first
effort. It's a skillfully blended
mixture of R&B and pop to which
I also gave five stars.

Simon & Schuster has three
editions in our book stores this
week which guarantee you hours
of reading pleasure.

The first is by Lindsay Chaney
and Michael Cieply — "The
Hearsts: Family & Empire —
The Later Years." This is a finely
constructed study of one of
America's most powerful
families which could never quite
control its awesome heritage.
It's an uncluttered spellbinder
that runs 377 pages with an addi-
tional 17 pages of notes and a
14-page index.

I gave "The Hearsts" five
stars and think you will, also.

My next five-star choice is
Malachi Martin's "King of
Kings," a novel of the life of
David that will delight your
reading buds.

David was the first great
captain-king, the quintessential
hero, the shepherd boy destined
for greatness who slew Goliath,
conquered the Philistines,
overthrew Saul and rose to
become the leader of his people.

This has everything going for
it. It moves quickly, factually,
brilliantly. "King of Kings" is
priced at \$15.95 and runs 480
pages. I read it over the weekend
and suggest you do, too.

Marvin Mitchelson, the at-
torney who has won international
acclaim protecting the rights of
those who live together, has pen-
ned a practical guide for those
who have "meaningful
relationships." His guide titled
"Living Together" just might hit
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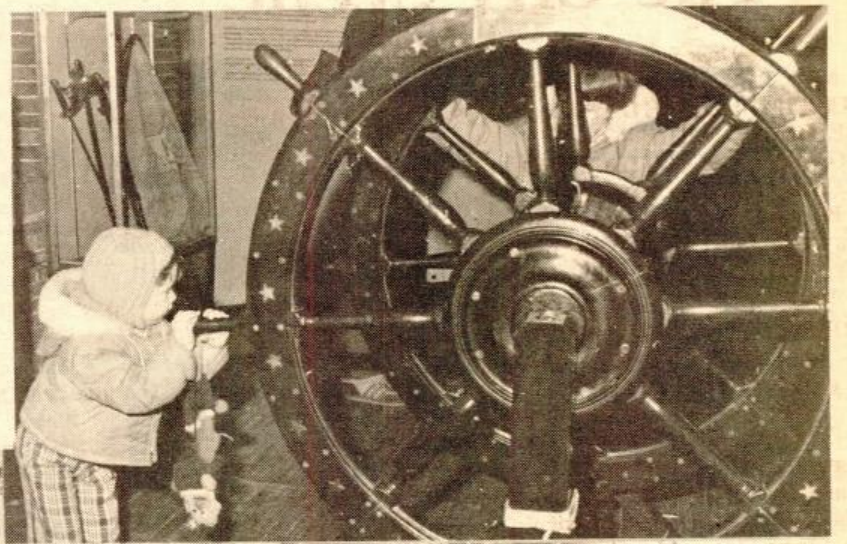
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evolved. A good one — five stars!

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Kerry Campbell of Charlestown, an honor student at Boston Latin Academy has been chosen to be honored as an American High School Athlete. Her remarkable accomplishments have earned her a place of distinction within this elite group of talented athletes. She is one of less than one-tenth of one percent of all American high school students to be so commended.

prepared which will include a feature on Kerry. This will be presented to college admissions officers at two colleges of her choice. She will also receive the volume bound with her name embossed in gold along with a certificate marking this honor.



KERRY CAMPBELL

American High School Athlete is a national honor bestowed exclusively upon those young American athletes who have complied with exacting standards of achievement in athletics, scholastics and extracurricular and community activities. These notable pursuits merit not only the school and community recognition she has gained, but also a position of prominence in this program.

An Athletic profile will be

Arlington Boys' Clubs Begins Spring Basketball Festival

The Arlington Boys' Club is now accepting applications for the 1981 edition of their Spring Basketball Festival. This single elimination tournament will begin on Thursday, April 15 and will culminate on Saturday, May 16. Applications will be accepted from teams on a first come basis through Saturday, March 28 unless the tournament fills before then.

This fine tournament, called by many knowledgeable basketball people as the best tournament of its kind in New England, will again feature top-notch competition in four divisions. The "A" Division (ages 19 & under) "B" Division (ages 16 & under), "C" Division (ages 14 & under) and our "High School" Division for next year's high school teams. This division was initiated last year and proved to be very popular as forty one high schools

from all over Massachusetts took part in the tournament.

The object of the Spring Basketball Festival is to provide the opportunity for basketball teams from this area to meet in tournament competition in a spirit of good sportsmanship. They again guarantee a first rate tournament which includes excellent facilities, topnotch competition, the best in officiating and superb awards. This can be

born out by the fact that the tournament has grown from twenty one teams at its inception five years ago to a record ninety three teams last year.

Anyone interested in receiving an application or further information should contact Tournament Director Brian Crowley at 648-1647. You are urged to call right away so that you won't be among those who are turned away, as happened last year.

C.Y.H.A. News

The schedule for the coming week is:

Mite II	Saturday, March 14	1 p.m.
Squirt A II	Thursday, March 19	8 p.m.
Squirt B II	Bye	
Pee Wee A II	Sunday, March 15	11:40 a.m.
Bantam A I	Sunday, March 15	7:20 a.m.
Bantam B I	Bye	

TOURNEY PLAY SCHEDULE—MIDGET A's—UMass. Dorchester

Friday, March 13	5:30 p.m.	vs.	Braintree
Saturday, March 14	9:30 p.m.	vs.	Everett
Sunday, March 15	9:00/11:00		Semi-final
Sunday, March 15	5:00 p.m.		Championship

TOURNEY PLAY SCHEDULE—BANTAM A's Fessenden School, West Newton

Friday, March 20	5:00 p.m.	vs.	Norwood/Scituate
Saturday, March 21	10:00 a.m.	vs.	Wilmington
Saturday, March 21	4:00 p.m.	vs.	Saugus

St. Mary's Gym Hockey

Last Saturday, St. Mary's Gym Hockey Program completed its regular season schedule. Congratulations to the Leafs on clinching first place in the standings with an undefeated season.

STANDINGS

Leafs	W	L	T	Pts.
Leafs	9	0	1	29
Bruins	6	4	0	22
Wings	6	4	0	22
Hawks	4	5	1	19
Sabres	2	7	1	15
Flyers	1	8	1	13

(3 points - win, 2 points - tie, 1 point - loss)

The playoffs begin this weekend, with games scheduled for Saturday and Sunday afternoon. It has been rumored around the "Parish Hall Hockey Arena" that certain coaches, realizing their final position after the regular season, have assumed the role of "giantslayers," and have set their sights for the Number 1 position in the playoffs. But Denny Borden and Marty Fabiano, coaches of the Goliath-like Leafs, are confident their undefeated record will remain intact throughout the playoffs.

Good luck to all players and coaches in the playoffs.

This weekend schedule:

Saturday, March 14		
Sabres vs. Flyers		12:00
Bruins vs. Wings (2 out of 3 games series)		1:00
Hawks vs. Winner of 12:00 game		2:00
Sunday, March 15		
Bruins vs. Wings		12:00
Leafs vs. Winner of Saturday's 2:00 game		1:00
Bruins vs. Wings (if necessary)		2:00

Little League News

Little League Baseball Registration will take place on March 16, 18, 19 (Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday) from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Medford Street Gym.

To be eligible you must be a boy or a girl 9 years old before August 1, 1981 and not 13 years

old before August 1, 1981.

Registration fee is \$5.00 per family-all families. Everyone must bring a birth certificate.

Last year's Minor League players will have to register again.

Tryouts will be held on Saturday, April 11 and Sunday, April 12

from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Ryan Park. "The Neck", at Sullivan Square. If rained out, tryouts will be held the following weekend. Saturday, April 18 and Sunday, April 19 at 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The draft will be the Monday following the tryouts at 7:30 p.m. at the Medford Street Gym.

The next Little League Meeting will be Thursday, March 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Medford Street Gym.

Thank you,
John Curtin

Elected Captain Of Track Team

The names of Charlestown youths that are doing well in high school athletics are becoming more prominent every day.

One of these athletes is Ken Johnson of Auburn Street who has just been elected captain of the Don Bosco Track Team for the coming year. Ken has been one of the top scorers for Don Bosco this past season. He was among the seven best in the Tri-County Meet and in the top ten in the State Meet.

Ken has improved every year in the shot-put and is in the select circle in this event. If he continues to improve, it is a good bet that he will finish in the first three by the end of 1982.

Best wishes for a successful year. Ken, for 1982!

Bantam Champs

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played by a Charlestown Team in a long time by defeating a very powerful South Boston Team by a score of 3 to 2 in overtime at the North End Rink.

Charlestown will journey to Newton on the weekend of March 20, 21, and 22 to play in the State Tournament. A fine pat on the back goes to all the boys and also to their proud parents.

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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.

Debit Transfers Ruled Illegal

To the Editor:

On March 5, Suffolk Superior Court Judge Paul Garrity handed down a precedent-setting decision which will dramatically alter the manner of city spending in Boston. In that decision, the judge ruled that the city administration's use of "debit transfers" between city departments without City Council approval is illegal and must stop.

In ruling against the practice of transferring money out of the Police, Fire and Health and Hospitals Departments to fund agencies of the city such as the Office of Communications which were specifically rejected by the City Council during its FY 1981 budget deliberations.

Judge Garrity's words in the decision were clear and unequivocal. "The suggestion that this scheme was necessary to provide 'floating consultants' to city departments in need of the same appears to be a rationalization without any basis in reality," he stated. The judge went on to say, "The services allegedly rendered were, in my opinion, of a vague and general nature, most often involving public relations, were of little or no, and certainly no more than indirect, benefit to the department receiving and paying for the services and were poorly documented."

Last year as Chairman of the City Council's Committee on Government Finance, I conducted eight hearings on the debit transfer issue. Following the information which came to light at these hearings concerning the plans by the administration to transfer \$7.3 million between various city departments, the City Council voted to take legal action to halt the transfers — not only because it was an obvious violation of the city's budgetary process but also because of the serious impact the transfers would have on the delivery of public health and safety services to Boston residents.

While much has been written in the newspapers about this decision as a victory by the City

Council over the Mayor, I would prefer to view it more as a victory of sanity over chaos in Boston's budgetary practices. Given the difficult days facing the city in implementing Proposition 2½, this decision will ensure that the long chapters in the book of Boston's irresponsible spending practices are finally at an end — and that at long last the priorities of Boston taxpayers will begin to be heard in the city's budget process.

Sincerely,
Raymond L. Flynn,
City Councillor

Thanks For Your Honesty

Dear Editor:

I want to thank publicly the honesty of a sweet little girl. I recently lost my wallet with all my money (end of the month you know) plus Medicare; MOB Card, etc. (coupons). I did retrace my steps but with an unbelieving heart. You believe the world has gone to "Hell" altogether—then something good happens to you, and you're a believer again!

I did reward her, because a hateful experience at nine, might make her less honest next time.

I especially want to bless and praise her good mother. I was so upset I even forgot to get her name — I even chided St. Anthony!

Yvonne Steiman
One Mt. Vernon Street

Thank You

The Daughters of Isabella No. 1 would like to thank everyone who helped to make the Ninth Annual Corned Beef Dinner a success. This was the largest gathering to date.

The winners of the drawing were: 19 inch TV/Radio - John Hartigan and Cash Prize - Ms. McLaughlin.

Congratulations to the winners and I hope everyone enjoyed themselves. Thank you, again.

Gladys Gauthier
Chairman

Registration for the Charlestown Babe Ruth 13-15 year old League will be conducted on March 14, 21, and 28 at the Boys' Club, 15 Green Street, between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. This is for new players and returning players. Tryouts will be held April 11 and 12. For the new players at "The Neck."

Babe Ruth News

Registration fee (\$20.00 per family) and Birth Certificate are required and must be in no later than April 12 or you will not be eligible to play. If there is a problem, talk to your coach or league official. Those who are holding uniforms, please return them at the registrations regardless if you are returning or not.

Chelsea, Everett, and Malden which we will play twice and also Saugus, Beverly, Winthrop, Revere, Swampscott, Lynn, Danvers, Peabody, Salem who we will play once. The announcement for Tryouts and Registration for this Team will come soon.

Finally, we are pleased to announce the addition of Phil Carr to the Board of Directors as League Treasurer. The Board of Directors for 1981 is: President - Bob Todd; V.P./Secretary - Joe Ryan; Treasurer - Phil Carr; Player Agent - Phil Kelly; Umpire-in-Chief - Kevin Connolly; and Director of 16-18 Program - Wayne Davis.

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They are part of an ambitious schedule of Jazz events produced by George Wein and sponsored by The Boston Globe, which opens Friday, March 13 and continues for ten nights through Sunday, March 22.

One change has been made in the previously announced program: Betty Carter, America's premier female vocalist, and Phil Woods and his quartet will replace the Toshiko Akiyoshi-Lew Tabackin Big Band

Betty Carter and Phil Woods will be featured Tuesday, March 17 at 8 p.m., Berklee Performance Center.

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Sunday, March 1, 1981

At 12:45 p.m., the owner of a 1972 Ford parked at Cambridge and Parker Streets reported that person(s) unknown entered his car and took an AM-FM radio, 8 track with several tapes and rear speakers.

At 9 p.m., the owner of a Jeep parked on Pearl Street, reported that unknown person(s) broke the windshield of his vehicle.

Monday, March 2, 1981

At 12:15 a.m., officers arrested a youth for Breaking and Entering in the night time in a building on Parker Street.

At 2:30 a.m., the operator of a Green Cab reported that he was held up at Medford and Pearl Streets by two unknown males who displayed hand guns and took about \$125, ordered the driver out of the cab, and left the scene with his cab. To be further investigated by Detectives.

At 5:00 p.m., the owner of a 1976 Chevrolet, reported that unknown person(s) entered her vehicle and removed a tool box containing various tools, a camping tent, and also removed a 12 Speed Fuji bicycle.

Tuesday, March 3, 1981

At 9:30 a.m., officers recovered a 1977 Plymouth in the rear of 25 Walford Way. This vehicle was reported stolen in Boston.

At 9:45 a.m., a resident of Tremont Street reported that unknown person(s) entered his apartment and took a clock and various articles of clothing. To be further investigated by Detectives.

At 6:10 p.m., officers arrested a Charlestown man on a warrant for Armed Robbery issued by the Chelsea Court. The prisoner was turned over to Chelsea Police.

Wednesday, March 4, 1981

At 12:25 p.m., the owner of a Mercedes Benz reported that while it was parked in the Bunker Hill Mall, unknown person(s) stole 4 hub caps from his vehicle.

Project Re-entry is interviewing now for its 11th Session, which begins in September, 1981, at the Career and Volunteer Advisory Service, 14 Beacon St., Boston.

Project Re-entry is a career education program designed for women who wish to change careers or re-enter the job market. Skill assessment, career exploration and job training internships are just some of the services provided.

More than 200 displaced homemakers, re-entry women, career changers and under-employed women have par-

At 10:40 p.m., a Wilmington resident reported that while operating his truck on the North Washington St. Bridge, a group of youths stoned his vehicle, breaking his windshield.

Thursday, March 5, 1981

At 9:50 a.m., it was reported that unknown person(s) removed two Electric Facit typewriters from the Office of Charlestown High School.

At 9:55 p.m., officers recovered a 1978 Mercury on Carney Court which was reported as stolen by District 1, this date.

Friday, March 6, 1981

At 12:05 a.m., officers

recovered a 1978 Ford on Temple Street with two rear wheels removed. This vehicle was reported stolen on March 3, 1981 by Chelsea Police.

At 2:50 p.m., an MBTA Bus Driver reports he was assaulted by a resident of Mattapan. Complaints are to be sought in Charlestown Court on Monday, March 9, 1981.

At 7:30 p.m., officers arrested a Charlestown resident on Main Street for use of drugs.

At 9:50 p.m., officers arrested three Charlestown youths on Terminal Street for Drinking in Public.

Saturday, March 7, 1981

At 1:30 a.m., a cab driver reported to District 15, that two unknown males, who were fares in his cab, maced him and fled as they alighted from his cab at Sullivan Square.

At 7:00 p.m., officers arrested a resident of Charlestown, on Bunker Hill Street, for possession of drugs.

Motorists are reminded not to park at Bus Stops and Fire Hydrants. Elderly people alighting from buses, find it very difficult to maneuver around cars parked at Bus Stops, and parking at Fire Hydrants could delay our firefighters, causing loss of life and property.

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Registration is limited and applications are being accepted for

candidates in the next session, which begins on September 28, 1981.

For more information call

Volunteer Advisory Service, 14 Beacon St., Boston, 227-1762. Some financial aid is available for those who qualify.

Post Office Auction

A public auction of unclaimed and damaged merchandise will be conducted by the Boston Post Office on Thursday, March 19, 1981, at 9:00 a.m., General Mail Facility, 25 Dorchester Avenue, Boston (1), Postmaster Philip L. Sullivan announced today.

Items for sale will include books, appliances, tools, clothing, household accessories, and several sterling silver bars (.999 fine). Special interest items include a jade oriental sculpture (minimum bid \$4,000), and a

grandfather clock. This merchandise may be inspected the day before the sale, Wednesday, March 18, 1981, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Sale on Auction Day will be by lot number only, and no examination of merchandise will be permitted.

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Boston Home Improvement Rip-Offs — Some Disturbing Trends

Joanne A. Prevost, Executive Director of The Mayor's Office of Consumer Affairs and Licensing has released the results of a study of trends and patterns of consumer abuse in the Home Improvement Contracting trades.

The top three causes of consumer complaint against home improvement contractors were Unsatisfactory Workmanship (33.3%), Failure to Make Repairs on a "Warranty for Years" (20.3%), and Failure to Disclose the Full Cost (10.6%). The statistics were abstracted from consumer complaints received at the mayor's office over an eighteen month period by Investigator Justin LeVeque, the Department's Home Improvement Contracting Specialist. LeVeque points out that a whopping 46.9% of all complaints about home improvements involve contracts for siding, roofing, and gutters which are among the most expensive home improvements. LeVeque estimates that claims in excess of \$173,000.00 were filed regarding faulty or fraudulent home repairs, work never completed, and problems of defects never resolved.

Home improvement contractors solicit work and conduct general operations in a number of different ways. The type of home improvement business least likely to be the cause of complaints is a contractor with a permanent place of business.

The type of business found most likely to be the cause of complaints is a contracting business utilizing an answering service, machine recording, or a mailbox "drop" to handle customer relations. Such methods of contact may be used to avoid a notice by the consumer to cancel the contract under the state's "Three Day Cancellation Clause" law (M.G.L. chapter 93,

s48). One other type of contracting business which appears to cause a higher incidence of customer complaints is the sole proprietorship, operated by the contractor, out of his home.

Over half of all home improvement complaints within The City of Boston were filed by residents of Dorchester (28%), Jamaica Plain (11.4%), Mattapan (7.6%), and West Roxbury (6.8%) — total 53.8% of all complainants.

One of the most disturbing trends indicated by the study is that some sort of unscrupulous practice, rip-off scheme, or criminal intent to defraud is suspected in 14.6% of all home improvement complaints! Elderly homeowners, minorities, and

non-English speaking people are particularly susceptible to such scams.

The statistics for one four-month period indicate that \$12,530 were lost to larcenous schemes. This represents an average loss to each homeowner of \$1,392. In such cases, the unwitting consumer has been roped in by a fast-talking "contractor," who takes a sum of money in advance for a home repair job, and either never returns again, or performs only a minimal amount of work before vanishing.

The way in which you find a home improvement contractor may be vital to your success in finding a good one. Figures indicate that people who sought out a contractor at his permanent place of business had the fewest

subsequent problems with the work done on their homes. Apparently some of the worst ways to choose a contractor are by hiring one you've seen working in the neighborhood (75% loss factor); by picking one at random from the phone book (72.3% loss factor); or by relying on the contractor recommended by a friend (61.5% loss factor).

The Mayor's Office of Consumer Affairs & Licensing warns all consumers who are thinking of having work done on their homes to go with the established local business. Take time to consider your choice. Use a contractor with a permanent business address, and one who is willing to give you the names of three or more satisfied customers who

you may contact for references. Don't pay all the money at once for a job, and don't let any work begin without a written and signed contract which you have read and which you understand. Be sure to get a firm completion date for the work.

For a sample home improvement contract, send a self-addressed, 15¢ stamped business-sized envelope to "Home Improvement K", Mayor's Office of Consumer Affairs & Licensing, City Hall Annex, 182 Tremont Street, Room 401, Boston, MA 02111.

Flower Show Opens Saturday



FLOWER SHOW: Five year old Keri Cole lends a hand in the preparation of the 1981 New England Spring Garden and Flower Show at the Commonwealth Pier Exhibition Hall in Boston. The show opens every day at 10 a.m. from March 14 to 22nd.

New York Air Begins Low Cost Washington Shuttle

New York Air will start its new low cost, direct Boston to Washington service on Sunday, March 15. New York Air's one way fare will be \$69, which is \$39 less than the fares now charged

by Eastern, American and Delta.

New York Air started service at Logan in February by introducing a \$29 Boston-New York fare during weekends and a \$39

fare during week days.

New York Air's Washington fare is a 33% discount versus regular fares charged by the competition and provides a \$78 roundtrip savings according to Neal Meehan, New York Air President.

Massport's Director of Public Affairs Patrick B. Moscaritolo said that New York Air's entry into the Boston market is a direct result of the Airline Deregulation Act of 1978. The Boston to Washington route is one of Logan's strongest markets, Moscaritolo added, with nearly one million passengers having flown it last year - an increase of 10 percent over the prior year.

To inaugurate its new service, New York Air said it will give away free-take home bottles of champagne to every adult passenger on the non-stop flights between Boston and Washington, through March 31.

Sailing On The Charles

Sailing on the Charles River gets underway on Saturday, March 28 and Sunday, March 29, with Community Boating's Annual Open House. Everyone is invited to go for a sail and attend free classes and films. The

It's A Girl

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Snow, II, of Charlestown, announce the birth of their daughter, Danielle Marie, born on February 25, 1981 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Brighton.

Grandparents of the new arrival are Mr. William J. Snow, I, Mrs. Robert Collins, and Mrs. Carol Pimental, all of Charlestown.

boathouse, located on the Esplanade between the Hatch Shell and the Longfellow Bridge, will be open from 9 a.m. until sunset. The membership fee includes all instruction and use of the boats, and ranges from \$30 for 30 consecutive days to \$85 for a full season (April 1 to November 1). Call 523-1038 for more information.

Films For Children

The Spring Films For School-Age Children Program will present "Granny Lives In Galway" and "The Happy Prince" on Wednesday afternoon, March 18, 1981 at 3:30 p.m. at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street.

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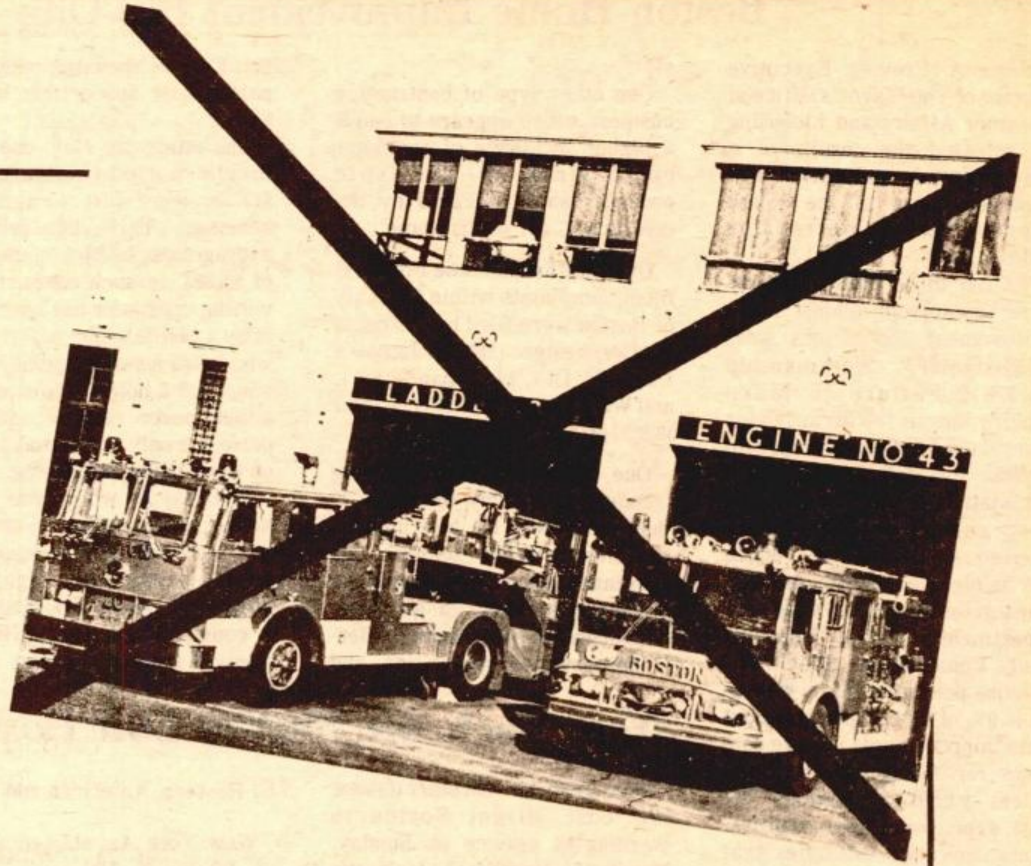
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Whether or not you voted for Proposition 2½, we don't believe that you want this to happen. But it will unless you do something about it now.

Like you, we believe that property owners and rent payers are asked to assume too much of the cost of financing Municipal Government. In the leading industrial states of America, State Government supplies an average of 60 per cent of the cost of local government. In Massachusetts, the State supplies only 25 per cent.

It's time the Cities and Towns refuse to be shortchanged.

People who voted in favor of Proposition 2½ tell us they want the relief from high property taxes and spiraling rents. They say that they were sending a message for the State to help out the beleaguered Cities and Towns, but the same citizens insist that they didn't want protective services reduced.

Somehow the Governor and the Legislators aren't convinced. Representatives tell us that they want to hear from the people on this issue. That's what we are asking you to do today.

Critics accuse us of using scare tactics. They say cuts in fire protection won't really occur. They are wrong. The Mayor has already informed fire officials if they don't get financial relief they should plan to operate with at least 625 less firefighters as of July 1st. This means one third of the Boston Fire Department will be eliminated and 22 fire companies.

No one is in a better position to judge how such losses will effect Boston fire defenses than Veteran Fire Chief/Commissioner George H. Paul and he's worried. He is afraid that his department will not be able to provide Boston residents with the same level of safe fire protection.

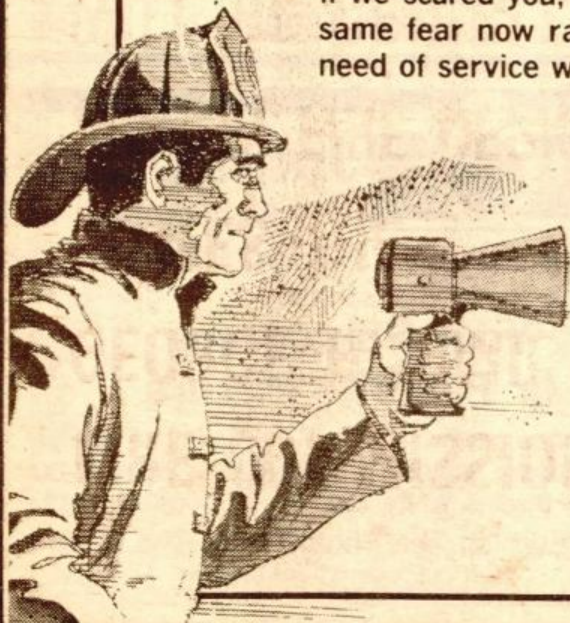
In a letter to the editor which appeared in newspapers recently, Commissioner Paul shared his fears:

"The impact will mean a serious reduction in Boston's firefighting capabilities, the potential for conflagrations will rise dramatically: we will not have the manpower to fight these fires toe-to-toe."

"My realistic appraisal, not made in haste, is that the Boston Fire Department will be crippled by cutbacks."

If we scared you, also, we apologize, but as professionals we would prefer that you feel the same fear now rather than know the terror of waking up at night and finding yourself in need of service we will no longer be able to provide as we did in the past.

Please contact your local and State Officials, write a letter or call them today! But please do it today. You have the power to maintain your protective forces at their present levels.



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