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## Residents Asked To Open Their Hearts As "Townie Santa" Begins Sixth Year

Christmas can be a very sad and lonely time of year for the needy, elderly shut-in with limited or no family contact, or love. While the rest of us may be gift giving, card writing, and simply caught up in the tinsel and glitter, there are others for whom Christmas is "just another lonely day."

In Charlestown, however, residents remember the true meaning of the Christmas season. Through "Townie Santa", the elderly, needy shut-in who may otherwise be alone or forgotten, receives a visit from Santa, who could be anyone, but represents everyone, and lets the person know, yes, we remember you. In its sixth year, "Townie Santa," through donations and an

ever-growing group of volunteers, provides many with a hot turkey dinner, a basket of gifts and much, much more.

"Townie Santa" was born from a conversation be-

The four probably never anticipated that their discussion would be so contagious. "Townie Santa" has a unique way of drawing residents together who may not otherwise share similar



tween four Charlestown residents in November 1982, centering around the thought, "something should be done for these people." In less than one month's time, this group expanded, money was raised, meals cooked, and 48 baskets delivered.

interests. One reason for the attraction, states a committee member is the simple fact, "Townie Santa" is a "good cause." Another may be that inbred Charlestown responsibility of "taking care of one's own." Or, more importantly, it may be

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## Former Municipal Building To Be Subject Of PFD Meeting

The Public Facilities Department of the City of Boston will conduct a public meeting on proposed re-use of the former Municipal Building, located at the corner of Bunker Hill and Lexington Streets.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 20 at 7:00 p.m. at the Kent Community School, 50 Bunker Hill Street.

All interested persons are welcome to attend.

## Investigation Underway Into Concerns Of Residents On Street Reconstruction

by Kathy Giordano

In order to address the many concerns and complaints voiced by Charlestown residents on the reconstruction work being done on Main and Warren Streets, a walking tour took place on Tuesday, October 13.

Viewing first hand the areas of concern pointed out on the walk were Jim Walsh from Congressman Joseph Kennedy's Office; Jay Ash from Representative Richard Voke's Office; Judy Evers from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services; Annette Tecce and Dan Kovacevic, representing the Charlestown Preservation Society; Joseph Kent, Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) Liaison and area resident Ken Stone of the North Area Task Force. Unable to attend was Councillor Robert Travaglini or his assistant Charlie Clabough, both of whom were ill with the flu.

The meeting began in the office of the Patriot with the review of architectural plans dating back to the original designs approved in 1978 and an updated version used by BRA planners. The group discussed what areas of the project most needed review based on complaints received from residents. With the architectural plans and tape measures in hand, the group proceeded down Warren Street to begin the tour.

The first of the complaints was no further than the corner of Church



THE SIDEWALK on Warren Street, between Pleasant Street and Monument Avenue, has been an area of concern for residents. Complaints have included the fact that the sidewalk is too narrow to meet the needs of the heavy pedestrian traffic; a pile of bricks is visible, creating a hazard on the sidewalk; and a barrel covers the location where a gas lamp pole was removed despite an agreement to adjust its placement, leaving a dark area along this narrow sidewalk.

Court. At this site, the handicapped access ramp appears to be too high for it to meet the new roadway when the final surface is laid. Also, the old electric light pole is directly in the middle of the ramp.

The location of electric lights continues to present problems throughout the area. Although all electric lights are scheduled to be removed when the gas lamps are installed, no state

or city agency will thus far admit responsibility for the removal of these lights. Also, when and if these lights come down, the question remains as to whether the contractor will still be responsible to return and finish off the brick work at those points of the sidewalk to ensure that it will be level enough to meet the requirement of accessibility for a wheel chair. (Case in point:

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# Charlestown Community Calendar

## This Week At A Glance

### Thursday, October 15

- "Creative Library Drama" for children ages 8-12 - 4:00 p.m. - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street

- Meeting of the Planning and Zoning Committee of the Neighborhood Council - 6:30 p.m. - BRA Offices, Building 34, Charlestown Navy Yard

- Performance by former members of the Norman Prince Drum Corps, "The Princemen," sponsored by Daughters of Isabella No. 1 - 7:00 p.m. - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street

- "Colonial Charlestown and the Battle of Bunker Hill" with Professor Thomas N. Brown - 7:30 p.m. - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street

### Friday, October 16

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

- Deadline for submission of nomination papers for Charlestown Neighborhood Council Election - 5:00 p.m. - Office of Chairman John Tobin, One Church Court

- Dance to benefit St. Ann's Indian Mission - 8:00 p.m. to midnight - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street

- Charlestown Preservation Society's Chamber Music Series featuring the Muir Quintet - 8:00 p.m. - St. John's Church, 27 Devens Street

- Opening of Reunion and Great Nebula In Orion - 8:00 p.m. - Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill Street

### Saturday, October 17

- Charlestown Youth Soccer Club games - 10:00 a.m. - Charlestown High School Field, Medford Street

- Rummage Sale - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - St. John's Episcopal Church, 27 Devens Street

- Parent / Tot Swim begins - 10:30 a.m. - Charlestown Boys and Girls Club, 15 Green Street

- Who-What Storyteller Betty Lehrman with a program for children 5-12 - 2:00 p.m. - St. Catherine's Hall, Tufts Street

- Charlestown Townies Disco - 8:00 p.m. - Hull

Room, Building 5, Charlestown Navy Yard

- Performance of Reunion and Great Nebula In Orion - 8:00 p.m. - Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill Street

### Sunday, October 18

- Seminar on Youth Sexuality - 12:30 p.m. - St. John's Church, 27 Devens Street

- Performance of Reunion and Great Nebula In Orion - 2:00 p.m. - Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill Street

### Monday, October 19

- Girls-R-U's Meeting for present and new members - 4:00 p.m. - Charlestown Community Center, 14 Green Street

### Tuesday, October 20

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

- Responsive Parenting Discussion - 10:30 a.m. to noon - Charlestown Community Center, 14 Green Street

- Aerobics Class begins - 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. - Charlestown Boys and Girls Club, 15 Green Street

- Public Facilities Department Meeting on proposed re-use of former Municipal Building at the corner of Lexington and Bunker Hill Streets - 7:00 p.m. - Kent Community School, 50 Bunker Hill Street

### Wednesday, October 21

- Representative Richard A. Voke Office Hours - 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. - Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square

- Meeting of the Housing and Development Committee of the Neighborhood Council on Parcel P-2A at the intersection of Bunker Hill and Main Streets - 7:00 p.m. - Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill Street

- Adult Education Series on "The Synod and the Theology of the Local Church" - 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. - St. Mary's Parish Hall, Winthrop Street

- Slide Show and Archaeological Discussion on City Square sponsored by the North Area Task Force Park Committee - 7:30 p.m. - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street

### Thursday, October 22

- Substitute Teacher Aide Training Program - 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. - Charlestown Community Center, 14 Green Street

- "Creative Library Drama" for children ages 8-12 - 4:00 p.m. - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street

- Charlestown Merchants Association Meeting and Tour of Navy Yard - 5:00 p.m. - BRA Office, Building 34, Charlestown Navy Yard

- "The Phoenix from the Flame: Charlestown's Recovery and Rivalry with Boston" with Professor Thomas N. Brown - 7:30 p.m. - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street

- Aerobics Class begins - 8:00 to 9:00 p.m. - Charlestown Boys and Girls Club, 15 Green Street

### Monday, October 26

- Deadline for submission of nomination petitions for the Bunker Hill Tenants Task Force - 5:00 p.m. - 76 Monument Street or 55 Bunker Hill Street

- "Townie Santa" Committee Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens Street

### Tuesday, October 27

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

- Responsive Parenting Discussion - 10:30 a.m. to noon - Charlestown Community Center, 14 Green Street

- Performance of Reunion and Great Nebula In Orion - 8:00 p.m. - Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill Street

- Irish Night featuring the "Silver Spears" - 8:00 p.m. - Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill Street

### Saturday, October 28

- Rummage Sale - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - First Church, Green Street

- Charlestown Youth Soccer Club games - 10:00 a.m. - Charlestown High School Field, Medford Street

- Charlestown Neighborhood Council Election - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - site to be announced

- Performance of Reunion and Great Nebula In Orion - 8:00 p.m. - Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill Street

### Sunday, October 25

- Five-Mile Walk to benefit St. Francis de Sales School - 12:30 p.m. - from St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill Street

## Upcoming Events

- Seminar on Youth Sexuality - 12:30 p.m. - St. John's Church, 27 Devens Street

- Navy Yard Tour by Historic Neighborhoods Foundation - 2:00 p.m. - from NPS Visitor Center, Building 5, Charlestown Navy Yard

- Performance of Reunion and Great Nebula In Orion - 2:00 p.m. - Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill Street

- Longwood Opera Company presents La Boheme - 3:00 p.m. - St. John's Church, 27 Devens Street

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## Plan Ahead

### Thursday, October 29

- Concert by the United States Army Field Band Brass Quintet sponsored by Bunker Hill Post 26, American Legion and the National Park Service - 1:00 p.m. - Pier One, Charlestown Navy Yard (in case of inclement weather, Preble Room, Building 5, Charlestown Navy Yard)

- Installation of Officers of Bunker Hill Post 26, the American Legion - 7:30 p.m. - Preble Room, Building 5, Charlestown Navy Yard

- Bunker Hill Irish Heritage Society Kick-Off Dance with Dick McManus and the Irish Revolution - 9:00 p.m. - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street

- Halloween Face Painting - 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. - Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill Street

- 148th Annual Fair - 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - St. John's Church, 27 Devens Street

### Saturday, October 31

- St. Mary's Sidewalk Sale - 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - St. Mary's Church, Warren and Winthrop Streets

- Fashion Show - 8:00 p.m. - Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill Street

- Annual Christmas Bazaar - 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. - St. Mary's Parish Hall, Winthrop Street

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<b>Baby BOOM</b> PG An Unexpected Comedy. 12:45-3:00-5:10-7:45-10:10 Fri & Sat 12:10	MICHAEL CAINE <b>SURRENDER</b> SALLY FIELD PG Fri 10/16 No 7:45 Show 1:00-3:15-5:30-7:45-10:00 Fri & Sat 12:00
<b>Fatal Attraction</b> NO PASSES R 12:15-2:25-5:00-7:30-10:00 Fri & Sat 12:15	JAMES BELUSHI LOUIS GOSSETT, JR. <b>THE PRINCIPAL</b> R 12:40-2:55-5:10-7:30-10:00 Fri & Sat 12:05
<b>THE PRINCESS BRIDE</b> PG 12:45-3:00-5:10-7:30-9:50 Fri & Sat 11:50	Fri 10/16 No 8:00 Show <b>BEST SELLER</b> R F & M-Th 1:15-3:30-5:45 -8:00-10:15 S/S 5:15-7:30-9:45-12:15 Fri & Sat 12:15
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<b>Dirty Dancing</b> PG-13 12:45-3:00-5:10-7:45-10:00 Fri & Sat 12:10	EMILIO ESTEVEZ <b>STAKEOUT</b> R 12:30-5:00-9:45
<b>The Pick-up Artist</b> PG-13 3:15-7:45 Fri & Sat 12:00	<b>THREE O'CLOCK HIGH</b> PG-13 12:50-3:10-5:15-7:20-9:30 Fri & Sat 11:30



## Slide Show and Archaeology Talk On City Square

City Square, Charlestown has a rich history, from its founding and dramatic early history through its growth and development as a thriving center of town government, its integration into the City of Boston, to the economic and physical decline of recent years. After 350 years, the Square has been left with a legacy of highways around and over it, with little visible evidence of its proud, active history.

The North Area Task Force Park Committee will present an entertaining slide show and archaeological talk on Wednesday evening, October 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 75 West School Street.

The slide show and archaeological discussion was prepared to acquaint local residents with the City



CITY SQUARE, CHARLESTOWN

Square of the past so that plans for the new City Square can reflect and re-

spect its role in the history of Charlestown. Does anyone remember

the Lobster House? All are welcome to attend.

### Adult Discussion Group

On Friday, October 16th, the Adult Discussion Group will meet at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street at 10:00 a.m. The topic will be "Choosing Your Hair Style" with Ray DeTucci, proprietor of Salon 44 in Charlestown and his assistant, Maureen Fiore.

There are so many hair styles to choose from today that there is no on correct style for each person. Using audience volunteers, Ray and Maureen will demonstrate how to take into account face shape, hair texture, age and personal wish-

es when creating a cut which will result in a wardrobe of personal hair styles.

Suggested reading in conjunction with this program includes: **How To Cut, Curl and Care for Your Hair** by Charles Booth, **Women Coming of Age** by Jane Fonda and **The World of Hair Color** by Daniel Galvin.

On Friday, October 23rd, there will be an open discussion giving participants an opportunity to review the previous programs, discuss the upcoming series and chat on an informal basis.

Persons having children who are at least three years of age are invited to register

them for the Pre-School Story Hour which meets at the same time.

### Girls-R-Us To Hold Meeting For Present And New Members

Girls-R-Us, a collaborative of the Kennedy Center, Charlestown Community Schools, Bunker Hill Health Center and the Boys and Girls Club, has new regularly scheduled hours. They are Mondays from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.. In addition, special events are planned. The meetings are

held at the Charlestown Community Center, 14 Green Street.

Girls between the ages of 11 and 16 years of age are welcome.

There will be an organizational meeting on Monday, October 19 at 4:00 p.m. for all present and new members. Please plan to attend and bring a friend.

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## Two One-Act Plays Open At The Charlestown Working Theater



KRISTIN JOHNSON, appearing as Carrie, and Sally Schwager as Louise are shown in a scene from, "The Great Nebula In Orion" opening on Friday, October 16 and continuing through November 21st at the Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill Street. Performances are Fridays and Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. and Sundays at 2:00 p.m. For reservations, call 242-3534. (photo by Chris Burnett)



PHIL ALABRANDI as Bernie and Shelley Kooris as his daughter, Carol, are shown in a scene from "Reunion," by David Ma-

(continued from page one) that joy one receives from giving — something too personal for words. Whatever the reason, each year the group of volunteers grows.

Each year, "Townie Santa" expands with new faces from all parts of Charlestown. Some of them deliver the baskets, others pack them, and others do the work behind the scenes. Last year, there were volunteers from as young as six to 70 years of age. Almost 400 people donated either time, money, gifts or services in 1986 whereas the first year, there were about 20 or 30 volunteers.

Beginning each fall, letters are submitted to merchants, businesses and organizations within and affecting Charlestown, seeking contributions to the "Townie Santa" fund. Canners are also distributed throughout the town for coin and bill donations. Ar-

### It's A Girl . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Rogers of 971 Broadway, Everett, announce the birth of their daughter, Amanda May, on October 2nd at the Malden Hospital.

The maternal grandmother is Lillian M. McNamara of Somerville.

The paternal grandparents are Benjamin and Anne Rogers of 11 Parker Street, Charlestown.

Amanda was welcomed home by her brother, Christopher.

## "Townie Santa" Begins Sixth Year

articles begin to appear in the **Charlestown Patriot** inviting residents to come to organizational meetings, or to submit the names of those they feel are in need of a visit from "Townie Santa," or to send in monetary donations. All donations are publicly acknowledged in the **Patriot**, however, as many as ten per cent of those who donate wish to remain anonymous, donating just for the sake of Christmas.

In 1982, the "Townie Santa" fund was approximately \$1,000. In 1986, this figure rose to more than \$10,000. However, this does not truly reflect the total in donations received, since no value is placed on the gift donations. All the money received, with the exception of postage costs, goes directly to the baskets.

"People wonder how much stuff we give out in these baskets," related a committee member. "Well, just ask anyone who had to deliver one of them to a person living on a third floor, and they'll tell you how heavy these baskets are."

As to defining who is eligible to be a recipient of a "Townie Santa" visit, there is no simple answer. Elderly is anyone 60 years or older. The terms "needy" and "shut-in" are not so exact. "Needy" is not necessarily based on income, but also on factors of limited family contact or support.

The third term, "shut-in," is also an interpretive one. One "Townie Santa" committee member defines a shut-in as one who can not get out of their home without aid.

The selection of the names of recipients for a Christmas Basket is not an enviable or easy task. There is a screening committee who researches the names that are submitted and determines who will receive a basket. And despite the screening committee doing an excellent job, there is always someone else who also deserves a basket.

"You never get everyone," said a committee member, "You often hear later that we missed someone, but that's through no fault of the screening committee. This is why we ask the cooperation of agencies and residents in submitting names — and we are asking that the names be submitted by November 10th to allow us an opportunity to finalize the list of recipients before it gets too close to the day of delivery."

An important factor to realize is that the idea behind "Townie Santa" is to bring some Christmas cheer to individuals. A committee member concluded, stating, "These baskets do more than supply a person some much needed household and personal items — they tell the shut-in that we, the community, haven't forgotten them."

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## United States Army Field Band's Brass Quintet To Appear In Concert

The United States Army Field Band's Brass Quintet, from Washington, D.C., will be presenting a free concert at Pier One at the Charlestown Navy Yard on Thursday, October 29 at

1:00 p.m.

These five musicians from the Army's premier touring concert band performs a wide variety of music. Programs include standard works for brass as

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In addition to their regular tour commitments the Brass Quintet performs for many functions, ranging from ceremonies and receptions, to special engagements for educators, foreign dignitaries and members of Congress.

The United States Army Field Band's Brass Quintet exemplifies the diversity, musicality and professionalism found in the membership of all of the Field Band's components.

This concert, which is free and open to the public, is sponsored by Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion, The National Park Service and the **Charlestown Patriot**.

In case of inclement weather, the concert will be held in the Preble Room, Building Five, Charlestown Navy Yard.

All are welcome to attend.

## Longwood Opera Series To Be Held At Saint John's Church

On Sunday, October 25 at 3:00 p.m., Longwood Opera opens its 1987-88 season at Saint John's Church, 27 Devens Street, Charlestown, with Puccini's **La Boheme**. This fully-staged production, featuring some of the Boston area's leading singers, will be sung in English with keyboard accompaniment.

Directed by John Balme and J. Scott Brumit, the company will complete its Charlestown series with

two other Sunday afternoon productions: **Tosca** on January 10th and **Don Giovanni** on March 13th, both at 3:00 p.m. Like **Boheme**, these performances will be sung in English with keyboard accompaniment.

Now in its second season, Longwood Opera will travel to 25 communities throughout the Boston area, from October 1987 through June 1988.

Subscription tickets to the

three operas are available at \$30 for adults, \$25 for senior citizens and \$20 for students and children. Individual opera tickets may also be purchased at \$12 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and \$8 for students and children. For ticket reservations and/or other information, please call Longwood Opera at 232-8258.

## Life Behind The Wall



by Ronan FitzPatrick

What a fantastic collar Joe Flaherty carried out on October 6th. Adulations are not for thwarting a violent crime, but for the bountiful happiness he brought to a family in the Shipway.

George, who has become the Shipway's canine mascot, went AWOL. After regaining his composure, George navigated to the Commissary where he came under the protective eye of Joe. Ascertaining the owners, he defused their worst fears and advised that George was safe and sound. A caloric treat was undertaken by George until he was retrieved by his loved ones. On the next day, one of his handlers, Kelly, was sauntering from the Commissary with a tethered George. An accounting of his boarding bill no doubt had to be settled. Joe's inventory of riboflavin was depleted.

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Homeward Angels! That was the call as Shaughnessy and Ahern raised their crane to meet the pinnacle of Building 39 on First Avenue. Its chore was to deliver the roofing shingles. Finishing touches were being assisted with by MOON Freight. This star venture was orchestrated with traffic hesitantly crawling along busy First Avenue. With the prolonged and detailed work on this roof, the tenants should be given a leak-free warranty.

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The exercise capital of the town is quickly surfacing in the Yard. Enthusiasts on bicycles, joggers, olympic walking, basketball, tennis and a sundry of other fitness activities are carried out daily. Commuters are walking to work as well as bicycling. It is not unusual to see joggers foregoing their luncheon intake with an outpouring of energy as they circle the streets and avenues. In addition to the mature population sector, the tots can be observed on the jungle gym equipment at the park. Health watch is the password. All that is needed is a sports' vendor to outfit the mass.

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As the work force increases at a rapid rate, conscientious and outstanding employees will be recognized. Politics and professional media delivery result in a sleek and glamorous presentation; but the person behind the hard work is most times overlooked.

One much distinguished engineer toils assiduously for the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. A career professional, arriving at the MWRA from the Metropolitan District Commission, Robert Holthaus discharges his vast knowledge and experience of complex engineering tasks with aplomb and concern. Many a problem is directed his way. His reception always generates a workable solution. Boston Harbor will have Bob's imprimatur when all is said and done. You just feel better having Bob's vernacular character shaping the cleansing process. Executive Director Paul Levy will reap prolific returns with a staff of Bob Holthaus' determination and dedication.

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Traffic, traffic, traffic are not the words to buy a vehicle with, but the norm as the general projects advances around us. Daily commuter transportation is becoming more tardy due to the aforementioned. Without synchronizing your Rolex or Timex, you know the Andre Bus is late when regular passenger Warren is waiting. Of recent vintage, Warren has been standing tall while the bus is stranded. Our resident jeweler would have to be outfitted with the best of Swiss watches to be on time. A great craftsman, Warren's Washington Street shop is constantly in demand.

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The feline sentry at Gate One has theatrical connotations. Cat on a hot tin roof it isn't and it is no alley cat. Perched on the wall surrounding the home of the Commanding Officer of the **USS Constitution**, Sophie steadfastly monitors visitors and residents. On a past evening, she was savoring her recent meal of the popular cat food AMORE. Finicky or not, Sophie has all the choices — resting, frolicking, or just letting the rest of the world go by.

Adding George and Sophie with Chico, we have a passive Wild Kingdom.

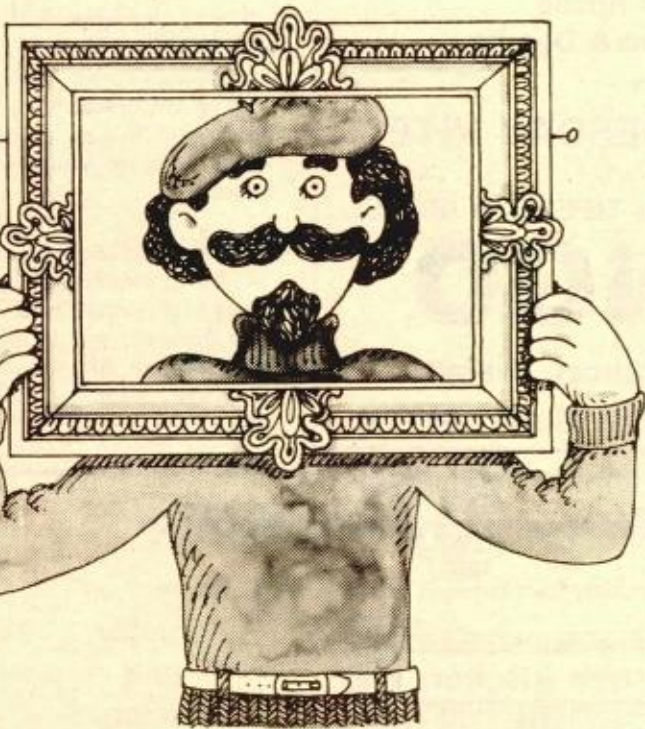
## Freedom Trail Sidewalk Markings To Be Topic Of Meeting

A meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square, to discuss the planned sidewalk and street markings for the continuation of the Freedom Trail through Charlestown.

The streets involved in the discussion of these markings include Prospect, Tremont, Mount Vernon, Chestnut, Adams, Win-

throp Streets, Monument Avenue and Monument Square. Residents from these streets are advised to attend the meeting.

The meeting is being sponsored by the Human Services Committee of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council, Moe Gillen, Chairman. Representatives from the National Park Service will be on hand to answer residents' questions.



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# Circus Clown Cowboy Mike Brings "Ringling Readers" To Charlestown

photos by Kathy Giordano



Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus "Ringling Readers," a nationwide campaign to encourage children to read, came to the Charlestown Branch Library on October 7th. Advance Clown "Cowboy Mike" ran the program in conjunction with the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus, appearing at the Boston Garden now through October 25. The Library Hall was packed with youngsters who were delighted with the afternoon performance.

"Ringling Readers" is a motivational program designed and coordinated by the Circus in cooperation with Reading Is Fundamental (RIF), a national non-profit organization, the Urban League and local business and community organizations across the country.

The highlight of the "Ringling Readers" program was a special 25-minute live presentation called "Reading is

Three-Rings of Fun," which actively involved the children in the many adventures of reading. Each youngster who attended the program, received a copy of **The Ringling Reporter**, a newly published eight-page newspaper containing stories about the Circus especially written and edited for children by Reading Is Fundamental (RIF).

"We hope that through the fun of magic, children everywhere will come to understand the importance of reading skills," says Mike, a 1977 graduate of Ringling Brother and Barnum & Bailey Clown College.

Mike is a native of Kansas City, Missouri, who traveled with The Greatest Show on Earth for six years. As an Ambassador of Laughter for Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus, Mike now devotes his time to the "Ringling Readers" program in addition to visiting hospitals and schools in advance of the Circus' arrival.



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### Saint Mary's Fall Education Series

The first program in the Fall Education Series of Saint Mary's Parish will be held on Wednesday, October 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the Parish Hall on Winthrop Street.

The topic of the program is "The Synod and the Theology of the Local Church." The presenter will be Father Robert M. Burns, Parochial Vicar at Saint Mary's.

### "Sweet Charity" Opens October 20 At The Colonial Theatre

"Sweet Charity," the Bob Fosse musical comedy smash and winner of four 1986 Tony Awards, starring Donna McKechnie, will open at the Colonial Theatre, 106 Boylston Street, Boston, on Tuesday, October 20 and will continue through Saturday, November 7.

Miss McKechnie, who won a Tony Award for her legendary performance in "A Chorus Line," has been cast in the title role as Charity Hope Valentine, the dance hall hostess with a heart-of-gold. Ken Land, who starred in New York in "Little Shop Of Horrors," plays opposite McKechnie.

The production has a book by Neil Simon, (this marks the only collaboration between Fosse and Simon), music by Cy Coleman, and lyrics by Dorothy Fields, all of which are enhanced by Fosse's slinky and sexy choreography.

Bob Fosse, the late premiere musical comedy stager, has included among his hits "Chicago," "Pippin" and the films "All That Jazz" and the Academy Award winning "Cabaret." He was the only artist to have won a Tony, an Oscar and an Emmy in one year.

Fosse conceived, staged and choreographed the original "Charity" and has directed and choreographed the new 1986 Tony Award winning revival. Gwen Verdon, star of the original triumphant Broadway production, assisted Fosse in reproducing the original choreography for this new edition of "Sweet Charity."

The Coleman/Fields score includes such memorable numbers as *Big Spender*, *If My Friends Could See Me Now*, *I'm A Brass Band* and *Baby, Dream Your Dream*.

The scenery and lighting are designed by Robert Randolph, who created the visual design for the original production, and the costumes are by Tony Award winning designer Patricia Zipprodt.

"Sweet Charity" opens at the Colonial Theatre on Tuesday, October 20 and continues through Saturday, November 7. Performances are Tuesday through Saturday nights at 8:00 p.m. with matinees Thursday and Saturday at 2:00 p.m. and Sunday at 3:00 p.m. During the week of November 2nd, performances are Monday through Saturday at 8:00 p.m. with matinees on Thursday and Saturday at 2:00 p.m. The press opening is Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$21 to \$40 and are available at Ticketron outlets and at the Box Office. For charge tickets, call Teletron at 720-3434 and for group sales, call 426-6444.

For more information, call the Colonial Theatre at 426-9366.

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### Bunker Hill Post 26, American Legion To Hold Installation Of Officers

The public is cordially invited to attend the 68th Annual Installation of Officers of Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion which will be held on Thursday evening, October 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the Preble Room, Building Five, Charlestown Navy Yard.

The installing officer will be Richard "Dick" Dean, commander of District 7, Suffolk County Council of The American Legion.

James W. Conway of Belmont Street, Charlestown will be installed to his fifth term as Commander of Bunker Hill Post. A United States Marine Corps veteran who served in Korea during the "Forgotten War," Conway is a Past Commander of District 7, Suffolk County Council; a Past Department Commander; a Past National Historian; and currently serves as a member of the National American Legion Magazine Commission.

Conway has served in leadership positions in several other veteran organizations including the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Disabled American Veterans,

Marine Corps League and AMVETS. He has been Chairman of the Charlestown Veterans/Bunker Hill Day Parade Committee for 22 years and has been Chairman of the Standing Committee for the Annual June 17th-Bunker Hill Day Ecumenical and Patriotic Exercises since 1965.

Other Officers of Bunker

Hill Post to be installed are: Senior Vice Commander - Florence Johnson, Past Commander; Junior Vice Commander - Arthur L. Hurley, Past Commander; Adjutant - William M. Thomas, Past Commander; Finance Office - John M. Kelley, Past Commander; Chaplain - Monsignor Russell R. Novello; Historian -

William J. Galvin, Jr.; Americanism Officer - Glenn W. Luce, Jr., Past Commander; Graves Registration Officer Patricia Farris, Past Commander; and Sergeant-At-Arms - William C. Wood.

Members of the Executive Committee, who will also be installed, are: Judge Mary M. Brennan; James Considine; John Hartigan, Past Commander; Philip Joseph Kelley, Past Commander; Edward A. McGuinness, Past Commander; Nicholas J. Raymond, Jr.; and Michael J. Walsh, Past Commander.

Music will be provided by John Nolan and a collation will be served following the installation ceremonies.

### Enjoy Kick-Off Party For Beth Israel Benefit



NEIMAN-MARCUS executive Terry Marsili (center) welcomes Charlestown writer Bernice Speen (left) and Sandra Kracoff, head of the gala benefit program, to the kick-off party for "A Night To Treasure," the gala treasure hunt to be held on October 18th at Neiman-Marcus by the Friends of the Beth Israel Hospital to benefit the Center for Laser Surgery at the Beth Israel.

(photo by Sam Greenwald)

### Charlestown Neighborhood Council Committee Meetings

#### PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE

The Planning and Zoning Committee will hold a meeting tonight, Thursday, October 15 at 6:30 p.m. at the Boston Redevelopment Authority Offices in Building 34, Charlestown Navy Yard.

Chairman Dennis McLaughlin stated that this would be an informal meeting, allowing the committee, the panel and community residents to meet and brainstorm on ideas for the planning and zoning process.

#### HOUSING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

The Housing and Development Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m. at the Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill Street.

Chairman Petie Hilsinger stated that the Committee will review the proposals for Parcel P-2A at the intersection of Bunker Hill and Main Streets and recommend a developer for the Parcel. The recommendation would subsequently be presented to the Neighborhood Council for their approval.

#### HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE

The proposed Freedom Trail sidewalk markings will be the topic of the Human Services Committee meeting on Wednesday, October 28 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square. (See related article.)

### Rummage Sale

Saint John's Episcopal Church at 27 Devens Street, will hold its annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, October 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Clothing for men, women and children, household goods, and books will be among the items for sale in the parish house. Coffee and donuts will also be available.

For more information or to arrange to drop-off items, please call the church at 242-1272. All are welcome to participate in this important fund-raiser.

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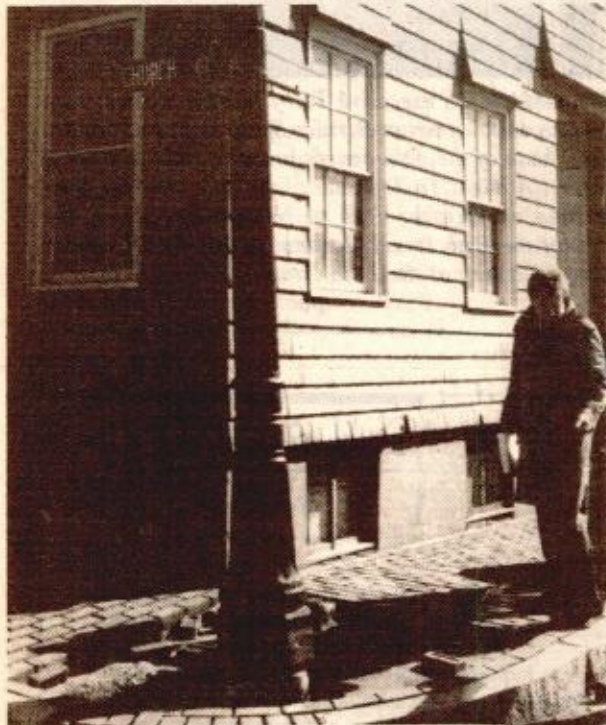
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## Investigation Underway Into Concerns Of Residents On Street Reconstruction

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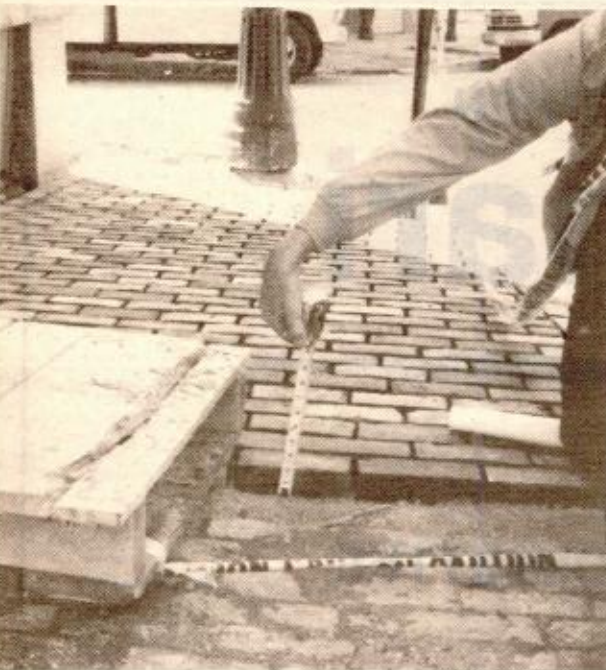
at the corner of Main Street and Thompson Square, outside the liquor store, the last contractor to work in the area built a ramp with an electric pole directly in the middle. The pole was never removed and the ramp was therefore never of any use.)



**THE HANDICAPPED RAMP** is not accessible to wheelchairs with the street light situated in the middle of the ramp and the curb cut too high to meet the new pavement evenly. Jim Walsh from Congressman Kennedy's office inspects these sidewalks at Church Court and Warren Street.



**WILL WHEELCHAIR** access improve when the reconstruction project is completed? This couple was seen attempting to navigate the sidewalks at Church Court and Warren Street.



**NEWLY LAID BRICKS** on Church Court created a two inch elevation in height from the existing brick sidewalk.

At the same site, two other concerns were noted. The new brick sidewalk is not level with the old brick sidewalk which is believed to have been laid perhaps as many as 100 years ago. The difference in height at that point is two inches. Across the street adjacent to One

Thompson Square, a gas lamp hook-up exists with no lamp in place. The question is will a lamp be placed on this sidewalk?

Proceeding down Warren Street, it was noted by a resident of 101 Warren Street that while the new sidewalk was being constructed, the ground into the entryway of his yard was broken and a gap of some six inches was left between the bricks and his property. The concern of this resident was whether the contractor would repair this area.

Upon arrival at Cordis Street, bricklayers were seen finishing the sidewalk there. Complaints had been received about debris left by the workers. This debris was clearly evident in this area. Metal strappings that held the bundles of bricks together were thrown on both the street and sidewalk. Many residents have complained of tripping on these strappings, causing falls and turned ankles. It is especially hard to see them at night with the poor street lighting.

Also left thrown to the side were the discarded wooden platforms which held the bricks. These, too, have been reported to be the cause of several accidents. It was noted by a Cordis Street resident that the bricklaying crew left a bundled pile of bricks on the street over the weekend, forcing cars to maneuver around it to gain access to the street. Piles of loose bricks were seen at various locations as the group glanced down Warren Street. These piles are left at night and over the weekend and reports of broken windows in the area have been attributed to the easy access to such a tempting tossable object.

Jim Walsh stated that he had spoken to a representative from the Federal Highway Administration (FHA) who quoted federal regulations on the width of roadways being 30 feet. He further stated that sidewalks should be five feet, but was not certain when sidewalk width supersedes the requirements of roadway width. Walsh will pursue this question and determine the answer.

Measurements were taken at many points to determine street and sidewalk widths. At all points measured, the street was 30 feet. The sidewalks, however, were as narrow as four feet on Warren Street and as wide as 30 feet at the corner of Main and Devens Streets. The only stretch of sidewalk that appeared to be narrowed was on Warren Street between Pleasant Street and Monument Avenue. At the corner of Pleasant Street, the sidewalk measures eight feet nine inches, reduces to four feet at 77 Warren Street and widens to five feet at Monument Avenue.



**BRICK SIDEWALKS** end and crumbling Elderly Housing on Warren Street. pavement begins outside Constitution Co-op

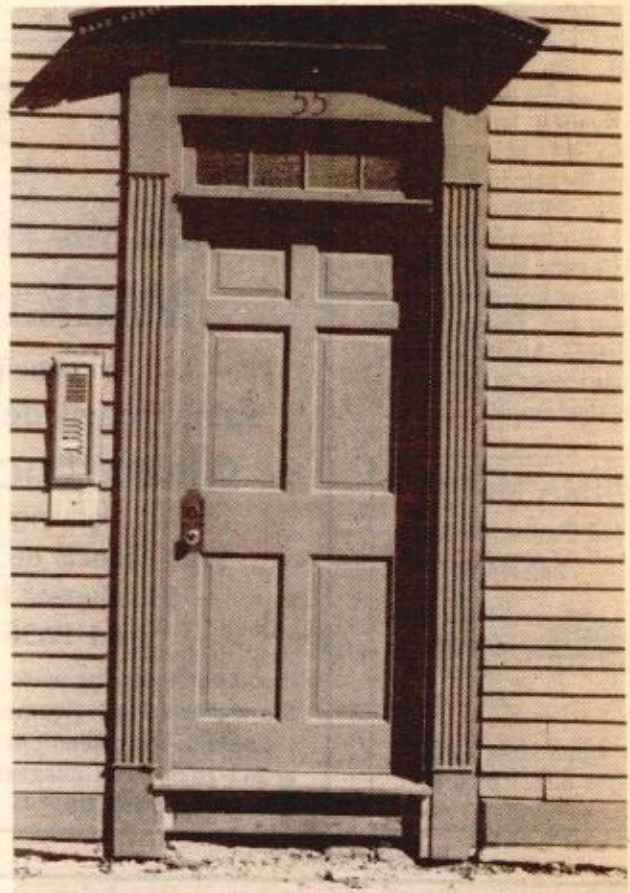
To allow access for wheelchairs, the contractor has opted not to place trees on that sidewalk. However, at a previous meeting with engineers from the State DPW, BRA and the architect of the project, it was decided that the gas lamp situated outside 77 Warren would be moved out to six inches from the curb. But the contractor has subsequently removed this lamp, leaving a gap in lighting that area. It was noted that the sidewalk on the odd side of Warren Street, the sidewalk that was narrowed, is in fact the side of the street that is most heavily traveled by pedestrians, especially church-goers and the elderly of Constitution Co-op.

Other complaints addressed at this section of the reconstruction work were the covering over of gas shut-offs and water gates when cement was poured for the new sidewalks. Flooding in area basements has been reported since this occurred. Yard entrances were also broken away to make way for the bricks and residents asked if the contractor will make adjustments.

Outside Saint Mary's Church it was noted that the openings left for trees are being covered and that the two trees to be placed there are gone. Cement has been poured, but bricks still remain to be put in place. At the corner of Soley Street, a three inch high survey location standard remained



**ONE OF THE** survey location standards left protruding three inches above the newly laid brick sidewalks.



**DOORWAY** on Main Street has gap at foundation that new brick sidewalk will not cover.

on the sidewalk. (These standards are visible at other locations along the sidewalk.)

The wheelchair ramp at the corner of Winthrop Street at the elderly housing has broken bricks creating a drop. Residents have complained that several of the elderly who use this ramp have tripped or lost their balance. They have also complained that loose bricks and stones left on

their sidewalk have caused turned ankles and loss of balance.

The newly laid brick sidewalk on Warren Street at the elderly housing stops half-way, leaving approximately 100 feet of a combination of pot holes, debris and pebbles to the corner of Park Street. It has been reported that the BRA has assumed responsibility for payment to install the brick sidewalk on Warren Street,

but the contractor has stated that his responsibility ends where the bricks stop. The question was raised as to why must the elderly live with this situation.

Seven trees have been eliminated from the project and residents requested that these trees, already included in the cost of this project, be installed outside the elderly housing at Park and Warren Streets to help buffer noise and pollution from the bridge ramps.

No lighting has been placed in the area of Park, Warren and Henley Streets. With the exception of one

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## The Shoebox

by Charlie McGonagle

I was very young, and my father had an old shoebox filled with papers, each written in his own unique back-hand style. I do not remember all the words, of course, but some are still printed indelibly in my mind.

*"His grubby hands once marked the door,  
His toys lay scattered on the floor . . ."*

It was a poem of several verses, each ending with the question:

*"Was that so long ago?"*

The story was one of a man reflecting on memories of a son who grew innocently through childhood and into his teens, only to be called off to war.

My father, fortunately, did not send a son off to war, but this poem, I am sure, was written during World War II when the eventuality of such an occurrence seemed inevitable.

Over the years, many pieces were added to that old shoebox, but only rarely were they shared with others. There was a bit of light verse he had written to my mother on the celebration of her fiftieth birthday, and there were many other items that allowed me to see a part of my father very few others had ever seen.

Dad was a child of the Great Depression, and the youngest of ten children. His formal education ended with grade

nine, not through choice, but rather through necessity. It was clearly obvious to me, though, from the papers that filled the shoebox that his thirst for knowledge continued well beyond grade nine.



Reading through the papers, I remember thinking that the words, the lines, the rhymes, all of it, were just as good as those we were reading in our literature books at Saint Francis, and from the very beginning, I wanted to be able to do that, to use words in the same way my father did.

Several weeks ago, a poem appeared in the *Patriot* where the writer depicted himself as William Prescott. From his position at the base of Bunker Hill Monument, he spoke of bravery, heroism, gallantry, patriotism, and finally, vandalism.

It does not seem that vandalism would fit with these others, but in his inimitable way, the writer was able to do so, and quite cleverly. So cleverly, in fact, that at least one reader was moved to respond to the poem with admiration.

The poem was signed simply "GCM."

Dad has been walking the streets of Charlestown since 1910, and to all he is either "Charlie" or "Mac," but we, his family, know that he was christened Gerald Charles McGonagle, "GCM."

Yes, the poem was my father's, and I suspect it is not the only anonymous work he has submitted to this paper over the years.

Dad's pen dances over the pages and leaves beautiful words in its wake. There is no doubt that my own interest in these words came to me from my father by way of that old shoebox.

Before this month of October winds its way through the calendar, Dad will touch upon his seventy-seventh year.

From my heart I say, "Happy Birthday, Dad, and, ah, Thanks!"

## Residents Feel Condo Conversion Ordinance Would Benefit Community

by Mary Ziniti

Mayor Raymond L. Flynn recently announced that he has filed a proposal with the City Council which calls for landlords to obtain the City's permission through a "removal permit system" before converting apartments to condominiums.

According to a legislative summary, the measure requires that a permit be issued by the Rent Equity Board to remove rent controlled and vacancy decontrolled housing from rental housing use.

In addition to controlling condominium conversion, the ordinance also fosters "home ownership," key words according to Flynn, for tenants. The summary states, "A removal permit must be granted when the tenants who have lived in a majority of the units in a building for at least two years agree to buy their units for use as a principal residence."

In the instance of a removal permit being granted, tenants are offered both the right of first refusal and relocation expenses. Elderly, handicapped, low or moderate income tenants are offered a relocation expense allowance up to \$1,000 per unit, while other tenants are offered an allowance up to \$750 per unit.

Neil Sullivan, the Mayor's chief policy advisor said that the measure is "not anti-condo conversion," but instead promotes home ownership. Flynn said that his administration

had to take this step because of the lack of federal monies for affordable housing and a disincentive exists for home building. He noted that this plan would protect existing affordable housing for needy and working families.

Some attention has focused upon the fact that Flynn's proposal surfaced during the eleventh hour of the City's elections. When questioned about the pressure this places on incumbents and candidates running for various Council seats, Flynn said that politicians are no more accountable to the people than they are during an election.

Additionally, Flynn stated that candidates should put themselves on the line if they feel that neighborhood stability is critical. He added that present members of the Council and all candidates will be briefed on the matter.

The Mayor also said that he believes that the people of the City support him in this endeavor.

Community representatives from the Fenway, Dorchester and Charlestown, including resident David Dow, echoed the hopes of

the Mayor regarding this ordinance as he addressed the press.

Dow said that Charlestown is the perfect example of why the ordinance is needed, adding that the town has lost its traditional neighbors. Saying that he has seen the neighborhood change almost 100 per cent, Dow added that there are not enough youth in the town to make-up little league or hockey teams. Dow stated that he feels that "it's not too late for Charlestown."

Following up on his remarks later, Dow listed specifically how he thinks this ordinance would benefit Charlestown. He said that whatever housing stock exists now would be preserved. Also, the ordinance would eliminate the greed factor, Dow added. Residents who bought their homes for small amounts of money by buying from relatives now have offers to sell for more money than they've ever thought of having, not knowing what they would be getting into, he said.

Other community representatives, including Robert Wallace, Mary MacInnes

and Tom Cunha of Charlestown, had met with the Mayor earlier in the day for a briefing on the ordinance and to discuss the impacts on their neighborhoods.



According to the Mayor's press office, the ordinance awaits a public hearing in the Committee on Housing under the chairmanship of Councillor Maura Hennigan.



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# Charlestown Lions Club Dinner Dance Benefits Youth Sports Programs

photos by John Dillon



REPRESENTATIVE Richard A. Voke presented a donation in the amount of \$1,000 to the Charlestown Lions Club Charity to benefit the youth sports programs in Charlestown at the organization's banquet held on Friday, October 9th at Caruso's Diplomat in Saugus. Shown (l. to r.) John Sullivan, secretary of the Somerville Lions Club;

Bob Hayes, secretary-treasurer of the District Lions Clubs; Francis "Bud" Coleman, president of the Charlestown Lions Club; Representative Voke; Richard Dunne, governor of the Massachusetts Lions Clubs; and Tom McLaughlin, secretary of the Charlestown Lions Club.

THE GOVERNOR of the Massachusetts Lions Clubs, Richard Dunne, joined the Charlestown Lions Club at their banquet on Friday, October 9th at Caruso's Diplomat in Saugus to benefit the youth sports programs of the community. Shown (l. to r.) Bob Garrity, International Lions; Ed Lynch, president of the Lions Eye Mobile; Bob

Hayes, secretary of the Massachusetts Lions Clubs; Dick Dunne, governor of the Massachusetts Lions Clubs; John Dillon, Charlestown Lions Club; Francis "Bud" Coleman, president of the Charlestown Lions Club; and Ed Ciampa, deputy governor of the Massachusetts Lions Clubs.





## Main Street Residents Facing A Battle Of The Garbage

by Mary Ziniti

The case of the garbage at 358 Main Street has become more involved than an episode of the television mystery show "Murder, She Wrote" as City officials have spent the last few weeks investigating to determine the identities of the parties responsible for the pile of garbage mounting at the Main Street address.

According to a neighboring resident, the episode began over a year and a half ago as bags of garbage and assorted refuse were piled up alongside the multiple unit building, at the corner of Main and Essex Streets. According to abutters, the trash was being thrown into a common passageway between 358 and 360 Main Street, which serves as an egress from the rear of the brick rowhouses on Main Street, adjacent to this property.

been granted. Residents claim that their deeds give them access to a common passageway in the rear of the rowhouses, as well as the side passageway out to Main Street and expressed fear that the fence and the trash that blocks the passageway would obstruct the egress in an emergency situation.

In response to a complaint filed by one of the neighbors concerning the large amount of trash not in proper receptacles, Frank Sylvester, senior health inspector for the rodent control department, inspected the area twice, finding large green plastic bags inside the fence. He issued two violations which state that the land must be maintained and the garbage and mixed garbage must be stored in water-tight receptacles with tight-fitting covers.

According to Sylvester, no rodent activity has been

at the Registry of Deeds, they finally discovered the name of an individual who is said to be one of four owners of the property. She added that he claims to have no connection with the property.

Evers also said that correct names and addresses of the residents of the building have been obtained and that Sylvester will again mail out letters.

Inspection of the area is continuing by City officials who have made a commitment to resolve the conditions surrounding the storage and disposal of trash in that area.



PLASTIC BAGS of garbage, boxes and old furniture overflowed into a common passageway between 358 and 360 Main Street on a recent Tuesday evening. This has been a source of concern for area residents who utilize this passageway in order to obtain egress from the rear of their homes.

One resident said that she and her family would cart the trash out to the sidewalk for the weekly pick-up as they were annoyed by the odor that permeated the area. She also expressed a fear of vermin and rodents from the collection of trash. She finally got so disgusted that she began to search through the rubbish for names of persons living in that complex and subsequently dropped letters off in their mailboxes requesting their cooperation in removing the trash and keeping the area clean.

In late Spring of this year, a fence was installed abutting the multiple dwelling building. Residents claim that this fence was illegally constructed, blocking half of the common passageway, although one resident said that she had been notified — after the fence was installed — that approval for installing the fence had

seen at the site although he labeled the situation "a health problem." One neighbor has reported seeing rats in the vicinity of the garbage.

The saga continued as Sylvester stated that he sent 13 certified letters to the residents in the building involved, only to have all of those letters returned to him with "address unknown." Sylvester said that he had checked the addresses and names himself and he does not know why they were returned to him. These letters called for compliance by the residents to clean the area, otherwise Sylvester would take the matter to Housing Court.

Another question plaguing City officials included the correct ownership of the building. Judy Evers, community liaison for the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, said that after digging through records

## Five Charlestown Residents Sworn In As Police Recruits

Boston Police Commissioner Francis M. Roache swore in 86 recruit Boston Police officers on October 7 at ceremonies held at Saint Gregory's Parish Hall.

Among the recruits sworn in at the ceremony were Charlestown residents Steven Howard, Cecil Jones, Paul Mahoney, Jacqueline McGowan and Gerard Suprey.

The class of '86 is part of the city's continuing commitment to rebuild the patrol force to its full strength. Presently there are 1,915 sworn members of the Boston Police Department.

With the graduation of Recruit Class 19-87 in December of this year and the anticipated graduation of Recruit Class 20-87 in March of 1988, the patrol force will number approximately 2,000 sworn personnel.

Funds have been allocated in the current fiscal year to reach a manning level of 2,342. In order to attain this hiring goal, the Boston Police Department will seek the cooperation of the Department of Personnel Administration in securing an annual examination for the position of Police Officer.

In his comments to the new recruits, Police Commissioner Roache advised them that they "have begun training for a career of public service; service based on humanitarianism, sensitivity and caring for those in our community. With that in mind, these recruits will be held to higher standards. From today onward, every action they take on behalf of the Boston Police Department must be for the good of society and based on the precepts of the law of the country, the values of our department, and concern for the dignity of each individual."

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### A Personal Message To The Voters Of Charlestown

After careful consideration and conversations with both candidates for District One City Councillor, it has become apparent that the present City Councillor, Robert Travaglini is, without question, the most capable and qualified to represent you and I in City Government.

Councillor Travaglini has repeatedly proven, by performance, his abilities and sincerity in addressing the complex issues affecting our community. During the course of my campaign, I have watched with interest, and at times, admiration, Councillor Travaglini's manner under fire. He is a no-nonsense, competent, young professional. He has continuously demonstrated the qualities of **leadership, objectivity, and effectiveness.**

In conclusion, although we don't agree completely on all the issues, I am convinced that we can **work together to make life better** for the people of Charlestown.

I ask those who supported my candidacy in the primary to cast your vote on **Tuesday, November 3, for City Councillor Robert Travaglini.**

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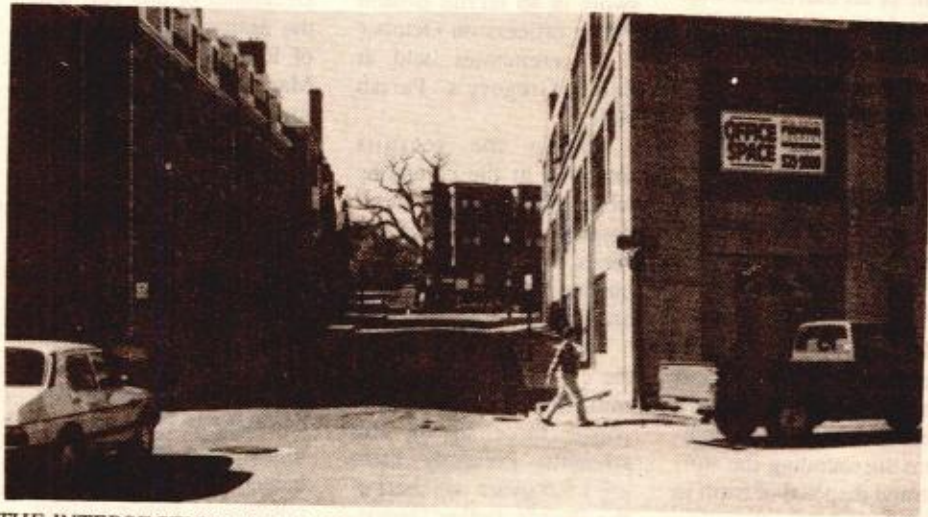
# Investigation Underway Into Concerns Of Residents On Street Reconstruction

(continued from page 8)

electric light over the on ramp to the Expressway outside the "Sweet Potato," the entire area from the off ramp of the Tobin Bridge to Main Street will be in total darkness unless lighting is installed. Mahoney and Company, the reconstruction contractor, is not responsible for Henley Street. Is the developer of Tontine Crescent, City of Boston Street Lighting Department or the State responsible? This problem must be resolved before a serious accident occurs at that site.

Architectural plans must be studied to address the question of the boundary between where Mahoney ends his job on Main Street and where the Central Artery North Area project will pick it up.

Brick sidewalks have stopped approximately 30 feet across the front of the Harvard Mall. Who is responsible for the sidewalk on the opposite side of



THE INTERSECTION of Park, Warren and Henley Streets will be without street lighting

Main and when will that be made accessible to pedestrians?

Various locations on Main Street raise more questions as to who will finish off what has begun. Doorway foundations, yard openings and storefront entrances need repair or adjustment to meet the new sidewalks. Outside St. Michael's Emporium at the

corner of Monument Avenue, the newly poured cement sidewalk is caving in. What has caused this and what will be done to permanently correct it?

Monument Avenue itself is creating a problem. The street has been narrowed to such a degree that when cars are parked on the Avenue between Main and Warren Streets, they block entrance to the street unless the driver maneuvers his car back and forth enough to gain access to the street. This is difficult for a car, but an impossible task for

a truck!

Devens Street now meets Main Street with a 30 foot sidewalk outside Thompson Green. Sidewalk bricks have not been laid to meet the foundation of the buildings. Residents are concerned that the motorists will use the wide sidewalk as parking spaces when all other spots are taken and request that planters, trees or benches be placed there to prevent this from happening.

The road surfaces on Main and Warren Streets have also been the subject of complaints. Drivers must pass slowly so as to avoid hitting the street-wide trenches at too fast a speed. The gas company has dug up the base placed on the roadway to install lines for the gas lamps. However, a gravel base was poured instead of concrete when the holes were refilled and the top layer of tar settled, causing a series of depressions in the road. Concern is that these depressions will continue to sink, even after the final layer of paving has been laid.

The scheduled completion date of the project is fast approaching. It is expected that all work will be finished within six to seven weeks. These concerns, and the many more not addressed in this article, must be addressed and resolved before the contractor leaves the area. Although he is required to return and respond to any problems up to one year, many residents are very hesitant to believe the contractor will return after the job is completed.

Walsh, Ash, Evers and Travaglini will contact the agencies responsible at their respective levels of government, in order to obtain answers to the questions raised on problems in the work area. In turn, each office has assured the Patriot of a response in the near future.

Kent has requested that any resident with knowledge about a problem in the area, especially regarding the covering up of water gates and gas shut-offs, call him at 242-2282 and report the problem as soon as possible.



MONUMENT AVENUE from Main to Warren Street is zoned for no parking according to a City of Boston Transportation Department spokesman. Signs will be posted, thus eliminating access problems created by cars parked at both corners.



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## Betty Gibson Associates Acquires New Office

Betty Gibson Associates, Inc. has settled into their new Charlestown headquarters at 6 Pleasant Street. The organization, which had its beginning in Charlestown more than 12 years ago, has purchased the building at the corner of Warren and Pleasant Streets

and now occupies the majority of the building.

The founder of the firm, Betty Gibson, recently celebrated her 80th birthday and resides in the South End of Boston. The company now has four offices: one in the South End, one in Dorchester, and one in



6 PLEASANT STREET, at the corner of Pleasant and Warren Streets, is the new home of Betty Gibson Associates, full service realtors. Persons interested in buying or selling a home, rentals, commercial or investment properties, are invited to stop by their new offices and discuss their real estate needs with the members of the Gibson staff. Shown (l. to r.) Duncan Gillespie, Steve Ozer, Kelley Wilson, Pat Vidockler, Elly Ehrmann, Alice Templeton, Rosemary Kverek and Joel Claydon.

(photo by Kathy Giordano)

Jamaica Plain, in addition to the Charlestown office.

Joel Claydon, principal of the firm and manager of the Charlestown office, has been a residential broker in Charlestown for 12 years. The other brokers in the

Charlestown office are Alice Templeton, Duncan Gillespie, Elly Ehrmann, Rosemary Kverek, Steve Ozer and Kelley Wilson.

The office is open seven days a week.

## China Exhibit To Open At Bunker Hill Community College

"Glimpses of the Middle Kingdom" — Images of China 1977-1987 by photographer/film maker Aukram Burton will open at the Gallery of Bunker Hill Community College on Monday, October 19th and continue on display through

October 29th.

The opening reception on October 19th will be held from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Gallery hours are Monday through Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to noon and from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

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• **Beware Parents . . .** Watch the mail for an advertisement for a teen party line that was delivered with the mail this week to the homes of Charlestown. These are charge calls that are available to your teenagers 24 hours a day! Teenagers have been known to call these party lines without parental approval and have brought the telephone bill up to a ghastly amount!

• **Sidewalk Sale Coming . . .** Saint Mary's Parish is looking for saleable items such as small furniture, bookcases, bric-a-brac, lamps, pictures and frames, china, crystal, baby furniture and the like (no clothing or books) for their sidewalk sale. If you have such items you'd like to donate, call the Rectory on Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at 242-4664 . . . If you're interested in buying such items, mark your calendar for November 7th — it's a Saturday. Stay tuned for further details!

• **Boy Voyage . . .** World traveler of the Anchorage Apartments, Julia Sullivan, is basking in the sun in Aruba. She will return in time to re-pack for a tour of China.

• **Get Well Wishes . . .** go out this week to Kathleen Walsh, a patient at Beth Israel Hospital. Kathleen's husband Jim (a "Townie") is Congressman Joe Kennedy's right hand man . . . and to Dominic Giarratani of Constitution Co-op who is a patient at Brigham and Women's Hospital . . . Our warm wishes for a speedy recovery to you both . . .

• **Can Christmas Be Far Off . . .** "The First Annual Christmas Walk" is in the planning stages. Carolers, jugglers, street musicians, horse & carriages, treelighting ceremonies, concerts, door decorating prizes and, of course, Santa, will provide an old fashioned Christmas of fun for both children and adults. Merchants will be open to display their wares and offer holiday cheer to shoppers. All this is planned for Sunday, December 13th between 6 and 9 p.m. from Thompson to City Squares. Merchants and sponsors are needed to help make this a gala time. If you care to be included or want to help get this great event off the ground, call 242-7373 and ask for Kathy Connor or Carol Adolph.

• **Happy Birthday Wishes . . .** Neilia Giarratani will turn one year old on October 17th . . . October 17th also marks the birthday of father and son — Pat and Shaun Dunphy . . . October 20th is Jim Conway's big day . . . Many, many happy returns to each of you!

• **School Buses Are Running Again . . .** watch out for the children!

• **Seventy years ago this week . . .** ceremonies were held for the laying of the cornerstone at the Army and Navy YMCA building in City Square, which was dedicated to the "work of caring for soldiers and sailors." Lieutenant Governor Calvin Coolidge laid the cornerstone after depositing in the hollow space a sealed copper box containing the names of the committee of the Army and Navy YMCA, copies of **The Charlestown Enterprise** and Boston dailies and a volume of the Manual of the Massachusetts General Court. . . the cornerstone was laid at the "exact corner of Warren Avenue and City Square. . . among the dignitaries present was Mayor James Michael Curley . . . at the time of the laying of the cornerstone, \$210,000 had been raised from the donations of 1,200 people . . . \$40,000 was needed to equip and furnish the building . . . the building was scheduled to be completed on March 1, 1918.

• **Tid Bits . . .** Larry B. — Sarah D. sends her regards, and sends them, and sends them . . . get well to Bob Travaglini — down with the flu . . . Have you noticed how dark it gets earlier and earlier each night? . . . With the Circus in town — question — where do the animals sleep at night? (I know . . . 'anywhere they want') . . . Why is it that when your child is late, the school bus is early? . . . Never mind Maine and Vermont . . .

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# Townie Sports Line

## Columbus' O'Donnell Scores Again But . . .

by Bob DeCristoforo, Athletic Director

After the American League Championship Series on Monday, Detroit Manager Sparky Anderson was heard to say, "Whether they come in first or last makes little difference as long as they GAVE ALL right from the start." Anderson's words certainly apply to this week's Columbus football results. The Friars lost to Bishop Fenwick 20-6 on the Holiday. The halftime score was 7-0.

Senior Kevin O'Donnell capped a brilliant Columbus scoring play going in from the two yard line to put the Friars in striking distance. Key personnel in the drive included Senior Dom Serino and QB Mike Rakes.

Despite the scores, each week Columbus football continues to show quite an improvement as more and more players are doing

more and more better things. This week, Paul Litterio, Chris Mullalley and a strong line keyed by John Daley, Gerard Holland and Chris Griffin could be added to the growing list.

Tommy Alessandro, Michael DiFronzo, and QB Michael Rakes once again turned in spectacular performances.

The 20-6 final certainly did not reflect the real story that continues to develop for Columbus football. Catholic League teams should take note, because the Friars can win games. On Sunday the Football Friars host Cathedral at Hormel Stadium in Medford. Game time is 1:15 p.m.

Christine Fowler represented Columbus in the East Boston Road Race and she finished among the award winners. This was her second year in the Race

and her second trophy year.

Girls Volleyball Games this week include Home Games against Saint Mary's of Lynn and Saint Clement's and a Wednesday trip to North Cambridge Catholic.

Columbus welcomes Mrs. Theresa DelPratto to the Athletic Staff. Mrs. DelPratto will be working with the Cheerleading Squad.

**OPEN HOUSE**  
Open House takes place at Columbus High School on Sunday, October 25. Eighth graders and their parents are invited to "Discover Columbus" on this day. Information concerning this important event and admissions information for the December testing may be obtained by calling 742-2626 during the school day.

### Townies . . .

More congratulations for Kevin and Michael Killo-ran, who once again led Matignon Football to victory, and word from Avon Farms is that Jimmy Dono-

van had three touchdowns in Saturday's football game.

sey Devils.

Chicago's loss, New Jersey's gain is the best way to describe Jack O'Callahan's NHL move to the New-Jer-

Charlestown was well represented in this week's Mayor's Cup Football Tournament. Two area teams took part in the event.

## Boston College High Versus Don Bosco Football Game On Cablevision

A Catholic Conference Football game with Boston College High School facing Don Bosco High on Saturday, October 17, will be fea-

tured in replays by Cablevision of Boston on Channel A-23.

The game will be replay-

ed on Sunday, October 18 at 3:00 p.m., Monday, October 19 at 8:00 p.m. and Friday, October 23 at 8:00 p.m.

## Stationed In Nevada

Air Force Staff Sergeant Tammy J. Waine, daughter of Irene E. Lahtinen of Ashburnham, has arrived for duty with the 474th Component Repair Squadron, Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada.

Waine, an aircraft electrical systems technician, is a 1987 graduate of Wayland Baptist University, Anchorage, Alaska.

Her husband, Air Force Sergeant Robert D. Waine, is the son of Sheila A. Diskes of 4211 Eighth Street, Charlestown.

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## Nucci Calls For Hearings On Assignment Plan

Boston School Committee President John Nucci has instructed School Superintendent Laval Wilson to develop a plan for neighborhood hearings on a new student assignment plan. The request comes on the heels of the recent Federal Appeals Court decision which would allow the School Committee the flexibility to develop a plan to give parents a greater choice in where their children attend school.

Nucci, who observers note has been president for both the exit of Judge W. Arthur Garrity in 1985 and the recent show of confidence by the Appeals Court, said he was "delighted with the Court's decision. This is a major vote of confidence for the Committee and I am proud to see it occur during my tenure as President."

The School Committee,

according to Nucci, should "make every effort to involve as many people as possible in the decisions necessary to develop a new assignment plan." He noted, "If Boston has learned one thing in the past ten years, it is that major decisions affecting people's lives have to be the product of consensus, not force."

According to Nucci, the Committee will schedule one city-wide hearing to be followed by several in various neighborhood locations. "We have an opportunity to give parents more say in where their children go to school. Parents want and deserve that choice and the challenge for the Committee is to develop a plan which can be broadly accepted and remove existing disincentives to using our schools," he concluded. (political release)

## Continuing Seminar On Youth Sexuality

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## Chelsea Resident Shot On Bunker Hill Street

two proceeded up Bunker Hill Street to the corner of Belmont Street where they found the victim, a Chelsea resident, slouched over the fender of a parked car.

At this time, Boston Police Sergeant Ryan arrived at the scene and while awaiting the arrival of the Health and Hospital's Ambulance, the two officers were able to ascertain the story behind the shooting.

The two victims reported that they had been traveling down Mystic Avenue in

Somerville where they picked up two men who asked that they be driven home to Charlestown. When they arrived at Belmont Street, the two passengers took over the car by gunpoint and sped away in the direction of Somerville, after causing physical harm to one of the victims. The vehicle stolen was a grey Chevrolet Malibu with da-

mage to the trunk, bearing the Massachusetts registration number III-LOX.

The victim was transported to Massachusetts General Hospital where he was treated for a gunshot wound to his left ankle and two or three stab wounds to his back.

The incident is still under investigation by Detectives of Area A.

## Tom Bergeron To Appear On Cablevision Channel 23's "Teen Beat"

Channel 4's Tom Bergeron will join co-hosts Billy Marsden of Charlestown and Tyler Bradford on Cablevision's teen program, **Teen Beat**. The 30-minute program on Channel A-23 will be cablecast live Wednesday, October 21st at 8:30 p.m.

Tom Bergeron, well known host of WBZ's "People Are Talking," will be on the show to talk about his other job, hosting Channel 4's new teen program

"Rap Around." Bergeron will also talk about his own teen years and some of the steps he took to obtain his present successes at WBZ. **Teen Beat** viewers will also be able to ask Bergeron some of their own questions during phone call segments.

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### Substitute Teacher Aide Training Program

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Those who complete all

requirements are entitled to two college credits awarded by Bunker Hill Community College as well as opportunities to work in the Charlestown Headstart/Day Care classrooms as substitute teachers.

Please plan to take part!

The group will meet on four Thursdays — October 22, October 29, November 5 and November 12 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.. Babysitting is available during lectures.

For more information, please call Maryellen Connors at 241-8866, extension 317.

### Children's Films

The Film Program for Children will be presented at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street on Tuesday, October 20 at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

The features will be "The Amazing Bone," the story of Pearl the Pig and her magical bone that proves helpful on a walk through the woods; after misbehaving, Jacky zooms through the zoo to escape the angry keeper in "Jacky Visits The Zoo;" and "A Place On My Own" is the story which asks the question - Where

is there room for reading and day-dreaming in the crowded city?

Voting for class president, Rob is torn between loyalty to best-friend, Soup, and his crush on Norma Jean in "Soup For President," which will be shown only at 3:30 p.m.

The suggested reading in conjunction with these films are: **Soup on Wheels** by Robert Newton Peck, **Brave Irene** by William Steig, and **City Workers** by Jeanne A. Rowe.

### 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.



### Our Thanks

The Charlestown Lions Club wishes to thank all those who attended the Dinner Dance at Caruso's Diplomat on Friday evening, October 9, to benefit the Charlestown Youth Sports Programs.

We would also like to express our gratitude to those who purchased advertisements in our program book.

On behalf of the youth of Charlestown, our sincere thanks,

Francis "Bud" Coleman  
President, Charlestown Lions Club

### Muir Quartet To Open Tenth Annual Preservation Society Music Series

Violinist Peter Zazofsky, winner of prizes at the Montreal and Queen Elizabeth competitions, will be making his Boston debut as First Violinist with the Muir Quartet at this season's opening concert in the Charlestown Preservation Society's Tenth Annual Chamber Music Series.

The program will include Haydn's *Quintet in G Major*, Janacek's *Quintet No.*

2, "Intimate Letters," and Brahms's *Quartet in A Minor*.

The concert will take place on Friday, October 16 at 8:00 p.m. at Saint John's Church, 27 Devens Street, Charlestown. Tickets, priced at \$10.00, will be available at the door.

For further information, contact Lee Eiseman at 241-7848.

### Dance To Benefit Saint Ann's Indian Mission

The Second Annual Dance to benefit Saint Ann's Indian Mission in Princeton, Maine will be held on Friday, October 16 from 8:00 p.m. to midnight at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 75 West School Street.

Reverend John Spencer, S.J. is a member of the staff of the Mission. He is the

nephew of Eleanor Sawyer of Charlestown.

The donation for the dance will be \$10 per person and will include coffee and dessert and dancing to the music of Sandy Sciaba.

Tickets for the event may be obtained by contacting Eleanor Sawyer at 242-2917.

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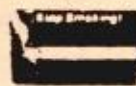
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### Seeking Information On Missing Sister

I am seeking information on the sister of a dear friend of mine who grew up in Charlestown and I was hoping that someone in the community might know her whereabouts.

The girl, named Mary Boudrot, was born in about 1935. Her mother was in show business and used to leave Mary and her sister, Nancy, with different families for periods of time. Mary was adopted by Mary and Ralph Scribner of Charlestown when she was about seven years of age. Her mother and sister, Nancy, visited Mary in Charlestown several times over the next two or three years and then the visits stopped. According to her sister, Mary wore glasses as a young girl as she had a weak eye that would turn inward.

Nancy has picked up several bits of information about her sister, Mary, over the years but they were never in contact.

Her information is that Mary lived and attended schools in Charlestown and eventually married a man believed to have been named Bill and they had four children. About six years ago, Mary's husband went to California on business and was struck and killed by a taxi cab. In the same year, both of Mary's adoptive parents were said to have passed away.

Nancy (Boudrot) Marchese is 48 years old and Mary Scribner would be approximately 52. Nancy has searched for her sister to no avail and is hopeful that relatives or friends of the Scribner family might know of her whereabouts so the two sisters might be reunited.

If anyone has information on Mary Scribner, I would appreciate it if they would contact me at 524-0860 or 769-5308.

Lynda Reed

### DNA — Handle With Caution

One day in the near future a child may ask for an ice cream cone or designer genes for Christmas. Scientists world wide have been recombining deoxyribos-nucleic acid (DNA) for more than a decade. The discovery of recombinant DNA could be compared to man's discovery of fire or the invention of the wheel.

The human race in the Twenty-First Century could be totally dependent on this technology for fuel, food, transportation and, perhaps, clothing. Plants that produce their own fertilizer and have super protein content could relieve world hunger, for example.

In 1971, Paul Berg of Stanford University became the first investigator to construct a recombinant molecule. Later, two researchers, Stanley Cohen and Herbert Boyer, transferred a recombinant molecule and a new era of scientific research began. To accomplish this transfer, Boyer and Cohen used restriction enzymes - molecular scissors that allowed the biologist to snip DNA at known intervals, and ligases that mend the breaks in the helix.

The possibilities became evident when Berg attached the DNA of two unrelated viruses; he had created a new life form in a laboratory. This discovery raised a moral question, because eventually we shall be able to unravel the complete set of instructions to make a human being. The sequence of the gene is known and can be synthesized from organic chemicals. A gene machine can be purchased for \$25,000 and any intelligent person can learn to operate it in thirty minutes. The operator specifies the adenine, thymine, cytosine, guanine (the building blocks of life) sequence and, bingo, the computer system takes over and ready made DNA will pop out. Our science has far exceeded our technology and the possibility of a Frankenstein-type monster escaping from a laboratory is a possibility.

Most scientists would disagree with this concern, stating that all research in this recombinant area is strictly controlled. But most of the controls come from within the scientific community. The City of Cambridge has placed some controls on gene splicing and Boston should do the same. The National Regulatory Commission (NRC) has encouraged community involvement in setting guidelines in this area of research. Yet, the City of Boston is not responding to the need for its own commission to investigate gene splicing in our City.

Before we open Pandora's Box, we had better consider the consequences. Of course we should not drag our heels in this area of research, the benefits are too great to ignore. Twenty years ago there was a world-wide shortage of insulin — today that problem no longer exists thanks to this research. We should move ahead, but with caution.

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### MEPA Schedules Consultation Session On Proposed Tudor Wharf Development

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Environmental Affairs will conduct a consultation session concerning the proposed Tudor Wharf development at 44 Charles River Avenue, at the site of the existing Rapids Furniture Warehouse on the Charlestown waterfront. The session will be held on Tuesday, October 20 at 10:00 a.m. at the Department of Environmental Management, Conference Room, 19th floor, 100 Cambridge Street, Boston.

There has been a determination that the project is sufficiently large to require an Environmental Impact Report. The consultation session will be held to receive comments from agencies, officials and citizens regarding which environment impacts from the project are likely to be significant.

The meeting agenda will include a brief presentation of the project by the proponent, Myerson/Allen and Company, with periods for questions, answers and open comment. A visit to the site will follow the

meeting. Questions concerning the session should be forwarded to Nancy Baker, associate environmentalist, at the MEPA office at 727-5830.

### Fire On Medford Street Attributed To Arson



THE BOSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT responded to a fire at 430 Medford Street, the site of the construction of the new Cobblestone Landing housing, on Sunday, October 11 at 4:17 a.m. A spokesman from the Boston Fire Department stated that the fire started in the garage area under the new houses, which was being used as storage and that fire fighters were on the scene for approximately one hour. The Fire Department estimated the damage at \$10,000 and attributed the cause as arson.

### Women: Be Union Electricians

On Wednesday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m., at the IBEW Union Hall at 256 Freeport Street, Dorchester, women interested in becoming electricians will have the opportunity to meet other women who are apprentices and journeywomen currently working on construction jobs in the Boston area.

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**The Living Constitution!** presents the second forum in a series of innovative special events. "The Judiciary: Independent or Meddlesome?" on Tuesday, October 20 at 5:30 p.m. at International Place in Boston. The forum and festive reception which follows are open to the general public free of charge.

Blending thoughtful discussion with live drama. "The Judiciary" forum will intrigue all adults and students, as speakers and "living history" performers investigate varied perspectives on the role of judges in today's society and how that role has evolved since the framing of the Constitu-

tion.

The forum format features an original play by David G. Kent, "Paid in Full," followed by discussion with distinguished panelists who represent contrasting viewpoints: Kevin White, former Boston mayor; Joseph Tauro, Judge, U.S. District Court (MA); Morton Keller, Brandeis University; Nathan Glazer, Harvard University; and

moderator, Arthur Miller, Harvard Law School and ABC-TV.

**The Living Constitution!**, presented by the USS Constitution Museum will feature a third forum in this distinctive series, also open to the public free of charge, entitled "The Bill of Rights: A Significant Omission," on December 8 at the John F. Kennedy Library in Dorchester.

For further information and free reservations, contact the USS Constitution Museum at 426-1812.

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## Boston Police Response Unit Addresses Safety of Senior Citizens

by Mary Ziniti

Sergeant Valimore Williams from the Boston Police Senior Response Unit spoke to the one resident who attended the monthly Police/Community meeting held on October 13. The topic of discussion focused upon safety for the elderly — a chief concern of our senior citizens.

In his presentation, Williams described the various programs that his unit sponsors to heighten the awareness of senior citizens to dangers and schemes that use them as primary targets. He began by saying that the elderly are more vulnerable than other

groups.

While many crimes against the elderly occur as hand-bag snatchings, Williams said that "lower criminals" will break into senior citizens' houses to steal television sets or money. Some criminals use Bunko schemes that cheat seniors out of money. Williams particularly noted individuals or small groups who gain entry to private homes of the elderly by pretending to be workers.

The sergeant used the example of individuals who promise to fix a roof with leftover supplies for a few hundred dollars. Instead, the criminal fakes a repair

job and gets away with the homeowner's money. In one story, Williams told of a group of three men who falsely told an elderly woman they came to her home to clean her furnace. First they scanned her home and then asked for payment in advance of work. As the woman took \$100 out of a drawer to pay one man, the other two went into the same drawer and stole the family's life savings of \$45,000.

Keeping cash hidden in the home instead of deposited in a banking account is more common with elderly people who still live in their own home, according

to Williams. He added that senior citizens living in housing developments are more apt to know of direct depositing so as not to carry large amounts of cash around with them.

However, elderly living together in complexes are not totally safe from crime. As Officer Bob O'Leary said at the September community meeting in discussing home safety, many elderly people allow strangers to enter their complexes too easily by buzzing the lobby door for anyone. Williams said that in these situations, building security is stressed so the residents are more

trusting than they should be.

An important lesson that the police try to teach senior citizens, he said, is that "it is okay to be suspicious."

Williams appeared to be disappointed that more people did not attend the meeting, especially any elderly people. He said that the police in his unit will go to visit the elderly in their living complexes as they don't like going out at night. Judy Evers, of the Mayor's Office of Community Services said that she would try to

arrange meetings with the Kennedy Center and Community Schools. Those dates will be announced.

One program that the sergeant said his unit sponsors for the elderly is called the "911 Tour" where a group of older citizens spends two hours touring City Hall, the City Council Chambers and Police Headquarters.

Any questions regarding the Senior Response Unit may be directed to Sergeant Valimore Williams, who may be reached after 4:30 p.m. at 247-4355.

### McGrath To Be Honored At ABCD Community Awards Gala

Residents are invited to join political commentator Marvin Kalb and all of Boston in honoring 17 neighborhood volunteers at Action for Boston Community Development's (ABCD) 25th Anniversary Community Awards Dinner at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel on Friday, October 23rd.

Charlestown resident James McGrath has been

selected as an ABCD Community Award recipient.

For five years, McGrath ran Christmas parties and special events for the Charlestown Parents and Friends of Exceptional Children, in addition to volunteering for the Muscular Dystrophy Telethon. He is also involved in the Kennedy Center Senior Lounge where he



JAMES P. "BUTSY" McGRATH

helps organize parties and fund raises for special events.

In 1982, McGrath started the "Jim McGrath Garden" which has evolved into a shrine honoring 55 Charlestown men who gave their lives in service to their country.

Nationally recognized political commentator and author, Marvin Kalb, will deliver the keynote address and assist ABCD in honoring these special individuals at ABCD's biggest event of the year.

Each year ABCD also presents a limited number

of "Special Awards" to local businesses, organizations or people whose work has made a significant contribution to improving the quality of life in Boston's communities. Among the recipients this year will be Harold Shively, president, Bunker Hill Community College.

The Awards Dinner will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a cocktail reception. Tickets are available at the Kennedy Center, 27 Winthrop Street, telephone 241-8866, and at ABCD, 178 Tremont Street, Boston, telephone 357-6000 extension 302.



### Senior Citizen Lunch Program

The Kit Clark Senior House provides lunches for Senior Citizens, Monday through Friday, under the Title III Senior Nutrition Program at the Rutherford Avenue Senior Center, 114 Rutherford Avenue.

#### MENU

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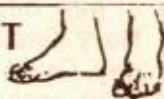
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#### ★ EVENTS OF THE WEEK ★

##### Friday, October 16

10:00 a.m. - R.S.V.P. Brunch, Senior Lounge  
12:45 p.m. - Bingo, Senior Lounge

##### Monday, October 19

9:30 a.m. - Sunshine Club, Senior Lounge  
10:00 a.m. - Crochet, Mary Colbert Apartments  
11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge  
12:45 p.m. - Bingo, Senior Lounge

##### Tuesday, October 20

10:00 a.m. - Crochet, Senior Lounge  
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Cooking Lunch (Pot  
Roast), Pokeno and Board Games,  
Senior Lounge

##### Wednesday, October 21

9:30 a.m. - Stop & Shop Bus, Anchorage  
Apartments  
10:00 a.m. - Crochet, Mary Colbert Apartments  
10:00 a.m. - Social Security and Social Service  
Information, Senior Lounge  
12:45 p.m. - Bingo, Senior Lounge

##### Thursday, October 22

9:30 a.m. - Stop & Shop Bus, Senior Lounge  
and Constitution Co-Op Apartments  
10:00 a.m. - Crochet, Senior Lounge  
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. - Christmas Bazaar  
(Cards, Yarn, Crafts, Books, Baked Goods),  
Senior Lounge  
11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge

#### EVENTS AT THE SENIOR LOUNGE (contact Fran Scadding at 241-8866)

- **Birthday Brunch** — Friday, October 23 at 10:00 a.m. Donation \$1.00
- **Movie** — "Seven Brides For Seven Brothers" on Tuesday, October 27 at 1:00 p.m. Donation \$1.00.
- **Halloween Party** — Thursday, October 29 at 1:00 p.m. Donation \$1.00.

#### TRIPS

(contact Phyllis Bryant at 241-8866)

- **Lantana's** — Monday, October 26 at 10:00 a.m. Italian Festival - chicken or schrod. Featuring entertainment by Anna Maria Alberghetti. Dinner, transportation and show included - \$25.
- **Manchester, New Hampshire Outlets (Do Your Own Thing)** — Tuesday, November 10 at 10:00 a.m. The cost will be \$8.50
- **Christmas Party at Danversport Yacht Club** — Sunday, December 6 at 10:00 a.m. The cost will be \$25.

#### CROCHET CLASSES

Welcome back, Marion! Marion will be teaching Crochet Classes at the Mary Colbert Apartments on Mondays and Wednesdays and at the Senior Lounge on Tuesdays and Thursdays . . . just in time to learn how to make those special gifts for Christmas!

#### ARTS AND CRAFTS

Fran Scadding is busy making samples and starting on Wednesday, November 4th classes will begin. Mark your calendars for Arts and Crafts on Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The donation is \$1.00.

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



### Fuel Assistance Alert!

The ABCD Fuel Assistance program began October 1 and runs through April 29, 1988. Applications are being accepted at the Kennedy Center, 27 Winthrop Street. The hours for filing an application are: Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9:00 a.m. to noon and Thursday and Friday from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. You are encouraged to call first to make an appointment but if that isn't possible, just stop by. Please realize that someone with an appointment might be taken ahead of you, but you will be helped as soon as possible.

In hopes of saving you time and energy, you must bring the following documentation with you to complete the application:

- Proof of all-income for everyone in your household who is over 18 years old for the last 90 days (three months or 13 weeks). If someone is 18 years or older and a full-time student, we need a letter from their school or college.
- Social Security Number for everyone 18 years and older.
- Current (most recent) rent receipt or mortgage statement.
- Current (most recent) main heating bill (oil, gas or electric). (For main heating system only.)

#### TENANTS

- If you pay for your own heating, we need your most current heating bill (gas, oil or electric).
- If your heating cost is included in your rent charge, then we need your current rent receipts for the last 90 days (three months or 13 weeks), or a letter from your landlord

### Charlestown Merchants Association To Tour Navy Yard

A tour of the Charlestown Navy Yard, termed "the largest historical mixed-use redevelopment project in the nation," will be on the agenda at the monthly meeting of the Charlestown Merchants Association to be held Thursday, October 22 at 5:00 p.m.

Members will meet at the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) Offices in Building 34 on First Avenue for a wine and cheese reception and introductory remarks by John Leigh, director of development for the BRA.

A short slide presentation on the history of the Navy Yard, prepared by the Na-

tional Park Service, will be shown, followed by a tour of the Navy Yard.

Members are requested to contact Jean Driscoll at 242-3800 or Ray Roy at 241-7879 by Tuesday, October 20th if they are planning to attend.

### AARP Bake Sale And Country Store

Boston Chapter 88 of the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will hold its Annual Country Store and Bake Sale on Wednesday, October 21 at 1:00 p.m. at Saint Paul's Cathedral in Boston.

Guests are welcome.

stating how much you have paid for rent for the last 90 days (three months or 13 weeks).

#### HOMEOWNERS

- Homeowner without tenants, we must have a mortgage statement or a note stating why you do not have a mortgage.

- Homeowner with tenants

1. A mortgage statement or a note stating why you have no mortgage.

2. Your tenant's rent receipts for the last 90 days or letters from tenants stating amount of rent paid monthly for the last 90 days.

3. Proof of house expenses (current bills: taxes, water, sewer, home insurance statements, etc.)

Renters remember that you may be eligible for rental assistance if your heat is included in your rent, you are not living in a subsidized apartment which has a Utility Allowance, and if your gross income is no greater than the guidelines below:

Household Size	Total Yearly Income
1	\$9,625
2	\$12,950
3	\$13,950
4	\$16,800
5	\$19,650
6	\$22,500
7	\$25,350
8	\$28,200
Over 8	Add \$2,850 for each additional member

These income guidelines apply for all fuel assistance applicants.

Any questions, please call Denise Maher at the Kennedy Center, 241-8866.

### It's A Boy . . .

Rick and Carole Hughes of Attleboro proudly announce the birth of their son, Derrick Joseph, on September 14 at Newton-Wellesley Hospital. Derrick weighed nine pounds five ounces.

The maternal grandmother is Kaye Murnane of Hyde Park.

The paternal grandparent is Pat Hughes of 16 Cook Street, Charlestown.

The paternal great grandmother is Yvonne Steiman of 1 Mount Vernon Street, Charlestown.

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# Charlestown Police Line

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Deputy Superintendent Ronald X. Conway  
Area A, Boston Police Department

## Friday, October 2

At approximately 9:03 a.m., Officer Robert Costine responded to a radio call for a Breaking and Entering report at Tufts Street. The victim reported that person(s) unknown had thrown a rock, breaking the bathroom window. They had entered the apartment and removed assorted furniture and also caused damage to the apartment.

At approximately 11:45 p.m., a victim reported that while walking on Main Street, he was attacked by five youths. He stated that he was able to make his escape and reach his home.

## Saturday, October 3

Officer Paul Varly took a report from a victim at approximately 7:10 p.m. in which she stated that she got into a taxi to go to work. During the ride, she said that she got into an argument with the driver over the route he was taking. She reported that the driver slapped her and pulled her out of the cab by her hair. Complaints will be sought by the victim in the Charlestown District Court and a copy of the report will be sent to the Somerville Police Department for a Hackney Carriage Violation.

A Charlestown resident reported that he parked and locked his motor vehicle on Monument Avenue at approximately 6:00 p.m. When he returned to the vehicle 24 hours later, he found that person(s) unknown had entered his vehicle

in an unknown manner, damaged the radio, and removed various items including sunglasses and a camera.

## Monday, October 5

The owner of Newtown Market at 87 Medford Street reported to Officer Bates that during the night, unknown person(s) forced the plastic glass from The Godfather Pizza at 89 Medford Street, broke open the door of a walk-in refrigerator and broke out the glass in one of the doors. The cash register was forced open and United States Currency was taken along with five books of lottery tickets valued at \$300 each.

Acting on information received, Officers O'Loughlin, McKenna, Roake, Lopes and Perkins and Sergeant Butler, responded to O'Meara Court. Upon arrival, the Officers observed a suspect pass a white rolled cigarette to a second suspect. As the Officers approached the suspects to conduct a threshold inquiry, one of the suspects swallowed a white rolled cigarette and another suspect dropped a white rolled cigarette. Both suspects then walked away in different directions. The suspects resisted the Officers' attempts to place them under arrest, with one suspect striking and jumping on Officers and the other kicking the cruiser door and knocking an Officer to the ground. While Sergeant Butler and Officer Roake were transporting a suspect to the Police Station, a third suspect, who was driving a car, attempted to ram and cut off the cruiser. He was placed under arrest at Area A. The suspects were charged with Possession of a Class B Substance and Assault and Battery by means of a Dangerous Weapon.

## Wednesday, October 7

Officer Whiffen responded to Starr King Court on the report of verbal threats to the victim over the past several weeks with the latest incident occurring at approximately 1:00 p.m. on this date. Upon the arrival of the Officer, the suspect had caused a commotion as to arouse the occupants of the building. He was arrested and transported to Charlestown District Court where he was booked and charged with being a Disorderly Person and Threats.

Officer John Donovan took a report from a victim on Corey Street who stated that she had received threats that bodily harm would be done to her and her brother. She was advised to seek complaints at Charlestown District Court and to contact the Boston Police Department Domestic Violence Unit for further assistance.

## Thursday, October 8

Officers Haskins and Costine responded to a radio call to Decatur Street. On arrival, the victim stated that she had been hit on the head by a Charlestown resident who had keys in his hand when he struck her. She was transported by ambulance to Massachusetts General Hospital. Officer Costine observed the suspect leaving the area in a motor vehicle. The suspect was arrested at High and Cordis Streets by the two Officers.

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

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

## Harvest Bola Planned

The Charlestown Historical Society will sponsor a Harvest Bola on Saturday, November 21, between noon and 4:00 p.m. at the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens Street. \$1.00 chances are being sold for the Bola that will entitle the purchaser to 50 plus chances to win the over fifty

items to be drawn. Also on sale are \$1.00 chances to win a two hour disc jockey show donated by Eric Johnson.

The Harvest Bola will also feature a cake table, plant table and white elephant table. Refreshments will be sold.

For more information or to buy chances, contact Arthur Hurley, chairman of the event at 242-2724; Kay Whelan, president at 242-0817; Florence Johnson at 241-8131; or Mary Kelley at 241-2279. Tickets are also available at the Charlestown Patriot Office, One Thompson Square.

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