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Police Commissioner Roache Meets With Neighborhood Council

by Kathy Giordano
Boston Police Commissioner Francis "Mickey" Roache met with members of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council last week to discuss concerns that have been raised at various council and committee meetings in the community. Topics such as traffic,

pedestrian safety, drugs and the availability of firearms in Charlestown topped the list of issues presented to the commissioner.

The meeting was chaired by Public Safety Committee Chairman Mel Stillman. Council members present were Bill Galvin, Peter Looney, Stephen Collins, Jim Conway, Ken Stone,

Moe Gillen and Kate McDonough. Also in attendance were Judy Evers, Charlestown liaison from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services; David Flanagan, community liaison from the Massachusetts Department of Public Works; and Zelma Lacey and Sr. Ann Rita.

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Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony Marks Opening Of Schrafft Sailing Center



CHILDREN gathered to participate in the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony marking the opening of The Schrafft Sailing Club for Charlestown youth at The Schrafft Center in Sullivan Square. Shown (l. to r.) Boston City Councillor Robert Travaglini; Chet Collier, Target Productions; Ron Young, Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston; Thomas Flatley, president, The Flatley Co., owners of The Schrafft Center; John Keenan, Mullen and Company; Steve Elmont, Creative Gourmet; and Mark Rosenthal, Bank of New England.



FOUR TENANTS of The Schrafft Center Sailing Center poster. Shown (l. to r.) Steve Elmont, Creative Gourmet; Chet Collier, Target Productions; Flatley; John Keenan, Mullen and Company; and Mark Rosenthal, Bank of New England. He presented each with a framed copy of the

A gala celebration on June 29 marked the opening of The Schrafft Sailing Club, a non-profit program for the children of Charlestown, at The Schrafft Center waterfront, 529 Main St. Thomas Flatley, president, The Flatley Co., of-

ficiated at the opening ceremonies.

Music from a Summer-fest jazz band in the waterfront's gazebo, hot dogs and cold drinks, and children donning T-shirts and painter's caps added to the festivity of the balloon-decora-

ted pier. Youngsters of all ages enjoyed the activities and summer breezes, while awaiting the ceremony that officially opened The Sailing Center.

The Schrafft Sailing Club was founded to provide in-

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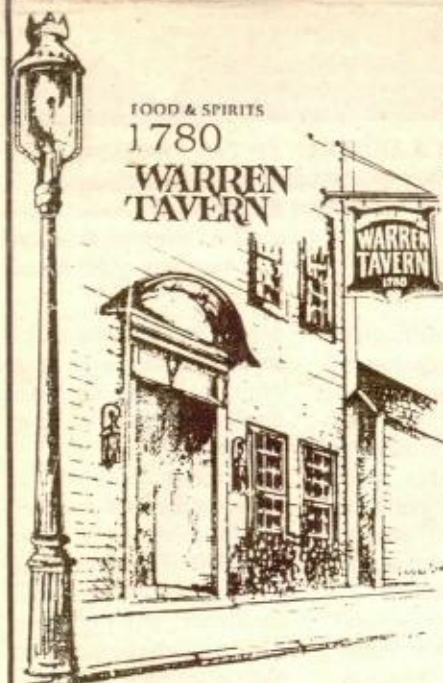
Charlestown Neighborhood Council Meeting

Tuesday, July 11

The Charlestown Neighborhood Council will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 11 at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 75 W. School St.

This meeting is open to the public and all are invited to attend.

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Graduate From U/Mass Amherst

Two Charlestown residents were among more than 3,300 students who received undergraduate degrees from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst recently.

Helen M. Collins of 14

Belmont St. was awarded a bachelor of arts degree in education and Alborz A. Wozniak of One Salem St. received a bachelor of science degree in chemical engineering.

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- **Saturday, July 8 from 8 to 9:30 p.m.** — Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, Bruce Hangen, conductor.
- **Sunday, July 9 from 8 to 9:30 p.m.** — Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra, Bruce Hangen, conductor.
- **Monday, July 10 from 8 to 9:30 p.m.** — Saengerchor.
- **Tuesday, July 11 from 8 to 9:30 p.m.** — Yankee Jack.
- **Wednesday, July 12 from 8 to 9:30 p.m.** — 8 to the Bar.
- **Thursday, July 13 from 8 to 9:30 p.m.** — Al Vega and Friends.

For additional information, call 727-5215

Charlestown Community Calendar

This Week At A Glance

Tuesday, July 11

- 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. — Free Hearing Screening for senior citizens, Golden Age Center, 382 Main St.
- 12:15 p.m. — Charlestown Kiwanis Club Meeting, Barrett's on Boston Harbour Restaurant
- 2 p.m. — Discussion Group for Senior Citizens, basement conference room, Bunker Hill Health Center, 73 High St.
- 3:30 p.m. — Children's Films, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 4:30 p.m. — Meeting with Boston Transportation Department on traffic light for Hayes Square, Senior Lounge, 55 Bunker Hill St.
- 7 p.m. — Charlestown Neighborhood Council Meeting, K. of C. Hall, 75 W. School St.

Wednesday, July 12

- 4 p.m. — "Summer Wings" Reading Club, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. — Boston City Councillor Robert Travaglini Office Hours, One Thompson Square, First Floor Conference Area
- 6 to 7 p.m. — Representative Richard A. Voke Office Hours, Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square (use Monument Avenue entrance)
- 6 to 7:30 p.m. — Pre-Alateen and Alateen Meetings, St. Catherine's Hall, below the rectory, 49 Vine St.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, July 16

- 9 a.m. — Ecumenical Services aboard USS Constitution followed by the Dedication of the Korean and Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Main Street at City Square

Monday, July 17

- 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Blood Donor Drive for University Hospital, USS Constitution Museum, Charlestown Navy Yard
- 6 p.m. — Charlestown Against Drugs (CHAD) Meeting, The Schrafft Center, 529 Main St.

Tuesday, July 18

- 12:15 p.m. — Charlestown Kiwanis Club Meeting, Barrett's on Boston Harbour Restaurant
- 2 p.m. — Discussion Group for Senior Citizens, basement conference room, Bunker Hill Health Center, 73 High St.
- 3:30 p.m. — Children's Films, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Wednesday, July 19

- 4 p.m. — "Summer Wings" Reading Club, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 6 to 7 p.m. — Representative Richard A. Voke Office Hours, Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square (use Monument Avenue entrance)
- 6 to 7:30 p.m. — Pre-Alateen and Alateen Meetings, St. Catherine's Hall, below the rectory, 49 Vine St.

Japanese Electroplating Society Visits Facility in Charlestown

Last week, 16 members of the Japanese Electroplating Society visited one of Boston's leading metal-finishing firms, Federal Metal Finishing (FMF) in Charlestown. The group was led by Society President Kunio Kobayashi, who is also president of Tokiwa Plating Co. in Tokyo.

John Culver, immediate past president of the National Association of Metal Finishers, recommended FMF in response to the society's request to visit a Boston-area electroplating facility that was not only automated, but technologically and environmentally state-of-the-art as well. A tour of FMF showcased their environmental programs that have contributed significantly to an overall 75 percent reduction of toxic-metal pollution in Massa-

chusetts sewer systems since the early 1980's.

According to Arthur C. Sacco, FMF's vice president, "We were delighted to be chosen to host the society's Boston visit, especially since several American association members have previously visited Japanese electroplaters. Because of the environmental strides we've made in this country and here at FMF," Sacco continued, "I'm particularly pleased to be able to share our technologies with our Japanese counterparts."

The Japanese electroplaters, all second-generation owners and managers, were in the United States to visit several electroplaters and to attend the annual convention of the American Electroplating and Surface Finishing Society in Cleveland.

FMF was recently recognized by the National Association of Metal Finishers for its high environmental safety standards and advanced electroplating technology. The Association chose FMF to interchange knowledge with the Japan Electroplating Society.

While other electroplat-



CHARLESTOWN'S FEDERAL METAL FINISHING was chosen by the National Association of Metal Finishers to share technology with the Japan Electroplating Society. Arthur C. Sacco (left), FMF vice president, demonstrates advanced monitoring technology to two members of the Japan Electroplating Society.

ing firms find it difficult to keep up with Massachusetts regulations on waste dumping and pollution, FMF has made environment safety a priority. FMF has spent \$2.2 million on pollution control since 1981, according to FMF spokesperson Charles Aronovici.

FMF has taken several measures to insure better pollution control. For one, FMF has installed an overflow system, an outlet for excess chemicals, to avoid accidents resulting from the combinations of chemicals. And, Aronovici said, "FMF was one of the first companies to apply for a

permit by the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA) for waste discharge through the sewer system."

Furthermore, FMF has improved its employee safety. In 1986, FMF spent \$600,000 on employee safety programs. "To reduce accidents and injuries, FMF has employees complete a training program," Aronovici said.

"In Massachusetts there is a 75 percent reduction of toxic metal waste, to which FMF has greatly contributed," added Aronovici. (Rosa Freda contributed to this article.)

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Hard Facts About Drugs In Charlestown Presented At Community Meeting

by Rosa Freda

"We are aware of the growing drug problem in Charlestown," Linda Lacey, an organizer of Charlestown Against Drugs (CHAD), said at a sparsely attended meeting June 28. Hard facts about Charlestown's drug problem were revealed that evening in a Drug Awareness Forum sponsored by the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services and Boston Against Drugs (BAD) at the Kent Community School.

Charlestown's drug problem, and that of the Boston area in general, were the topics dealt with at the forum. The program provided an update on narcotics information, such as substance addiction and prevention, and police and court procedures.

The panelists' main goal was to increase public awareness and to obtain support. "We need to fight this battle (on drugs) on a local level," stated Howard Hughes, director of BAD.

Sergeant Robert Morris from the Drug Control Unit (DCU) of the Boston Police Department discussed the popular drugs sold in Boston — cocaine, crack, PCP, marijuana, heroin and methedrine (an amphetamine). He said cocaine is the city's biggest problem drug, but the heroin demand is on the upsurge. Of all the drugs mentioned, Morris stated PCP or "Angel Dust" is the worst. "It's a killer, absolutely, positively," he

added.

The Sergeant also explained the police and court procedures used in Boston drug cases. He mentioned that the police are coming down harder on both drug dealer and addicts. "The Boston Police Department and the Drug Enforcement Agency are not fooling around. If we catch them (drug dealers) in a house or in a car, we seize them and take the house or property," Morris said. Landlords are held responsible for drug dealings in their homes and can be brought to court.

To make a drug bust, Morris said, policemen must have probable cause (actual knowledge that drugs are being dealt and by whom) and a search warrant. The DCU uses information and undercover policemen to obtain information when necessary.

Another point addressed by the Sergeant is that individuals convicted for drug-related crimes are being given longer jail sentences. "If I arrest you the first time, you don't go to jail. The second time you get probation. The third time you will go to jail."

Morris agreed with Officer Tom Settiani's declaration that Boston does not have a sufficient number of police officers to fight the drug war alone. According to Settiani, an officer from the School Program to Educate and Control Drug

Abuse (SPECDA), Boston has approximately 2,000 uniformed policemen. Settiani said the best solution to stopping the city's drug problem is to cut off the drug demand. SPECDA does this through education.

In this program, 10 officers travel to all Boston schools and educate fifth grade and older students on the effects of drugs. Settiani said, "We will win the drug battle" if we continue sponsoring programs such as SPECDA. We must also continue receiving federal, state and city cooperation.

There was a note of discord from resident Marianne Ryan. She said that in her experience with the police, the department is lax in acting on drug-related calls. Ryan said she called the police on several different occasions to report drug transactions and the police never responded. Morris told her that the BPD and the DEA are doing their best with the small resources they have. Morris stated that writing a letter to the drug control unit is the quickest way to get results.

Lacey told Charlestown residents that if they want to see results in Charlestown's drug battle, they must band together in the CHAD program. Among some of the problems facing Charlestown in the drug fight is the fact that Charlestown offers

no drug treatment facilities, Lacey said. "People have nowhere to go after they get out of drug treatment."

"I feel we're losing the battle," Gary Webster from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services said. "Drug abuse has grown. We have to start on a preventive level to catch up with the drug problem." Hughes stressed the importance of keeping drug awareness alive in Boston in order to combat the city's extensive problem. "We want to keep the awareness alive. We must stop demand to stop supply."

Tom Scott, acting administrative director of Addictive Services at Boston City Hospital revealed the health effects drugs are having in Boston. Scott said 30 to 35 percent of all drug users test positive for AIDS, and the average age of narcotic addicts is getting younger and younger. Boston City Hospital (BCH), although it offers free outpatient services for drug addicts, has a detox center run by a private facility. This creates a problem in getting youngsters into a drug program because they need parental consent and an insurance plan. Scott said, "Alcohol is the number one drug of choice," and that cigarettes are also an addiction that needs to be dealt with. BCH offers a total of six drug-related programs with approximately 1,000 patients in all.

According to Hughes, the only way Boston can win the drug battle is to talk to our children and keep awareness up.

Charlestown residents are

encouraged to participate in the next CHAD meeting to be held Monday, July 17 at 6 p.m. at the first floor of The Schrafft Center, 529 Main St.

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By Joseph P. Gannon III
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Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony Marks Opening Of The Schrafft Sailing Club

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struction, experience and sailing enjoyment for Charlestown children between 10 and 18, and will operate from The Schrafft Center waterfront. The Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston will be also working with the Sailing Club, using the facility in the afternoon. Twelve Boys and Girls Club members will participate each day.

The club's initial operating expense was funded by The Flatley Co., and the club is expected to become self-supporting through the donations of interested civic-minded organizations, individuals and businesses. To date, support for the

club has come from the Charlestown community and Schrafft Center tenants.

Chuck Reilly, vice president, The Flatley Co., acted as master of ceremonies. Looking at The Schrafft Center, he recalled walking through the plant five years ago when they were still making candy.

Boston City Councillor Robert Travaglini told the gathering that he never doubted five years ago that Flatley could turn Schrafft's around. He noted that while managing the tenants of The Schrafft Center, Flatley still worried about children, adding that Flatley should be commended for his response to the children of

Charlestown. Travaglini concluded by stating that "we should be grateful for his (Flatley's) existence in the corporate as well as the local world."

In responding to Travaglini's words, Flatley commended the city councillor for his continuing support. He also thanked "the people who work with children" on behalf of the company.

Flatley informed the gathering that there were some 46 meetings on the reconstruction of their waterfront. He noted that his company's idea to have a sailing club and a day care center would not be com-

plete unless it involved the community.

Looking around at The Schrafft Center and recalling years ago, Flatley said that a parent would tell a child to "get out of bed and go to school or you will work at Schrafft's all your life." Today, parents say, "If you don't go to school, you will never get a job at The Schrafft Center."

He noted the companies at The Schrafft Center who have "stepped forward" and bought "yachts (sailboats)" tied at the pier. Flatley said that when you buy something, you will look out for it, adding that if he paid \$8,000 to \$10,000 for a boat, he would look out at it fre-

quently to see how the program was going and that the boat was properly used.

In looking to the future, Flatley said that an America's Cup winner or someone attending Annapolis in years to come might be able to say they started at The Schrafft Sailing Club.

Flatley then presented framed Sailing Club posters to tenants who donated boats to the program. They included John Kennan, Mullen and Company; Chet Collier, Target Productions; Mark Rosenthal, Bank of New England; and Steve Elmont, Creative Gourmet.

Calling children present to join the participants in the program, Flatley then

proceeded to cut the ribbon officially opening The Schrafft Sailing Club.

It wasn't long before sailboats were launched and as the evening was approaching, sailboats could be seen taking advantage of the breezes on the Mystic River.

The program is now in operation between 9:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Each sailing session runs for two weeks. There are presently two openings in the morning session, and slots are open for the next session.

For more information, contact Director Heidi Hibber or Peggy at 241-5431.



Life Behind The Wall



by Ronan FitzPatrick

The legal courts are jammed universally, creating backlogs and the myriad of social ilk which follows. Hopefully, justice will prevail. On the National Park Service courts, the action is fast and furious, and the only problem encountered is obtaining playing time. The basketball courts are in demand daily. From a sudden pick-up game, the play progresses to the caliber of Pan American or Olympic game try outs. Non-stop action attracts a multitude of visitors exiting from the tour motor coaches, as well as the casual tourist. Without the benefit of a referee, few time outs were called, but the quality of gamesmanship didn't appear to suffer. Also in constant use was the water bubbler adjoining the court. After the pause that refreshes was over, the rejuvenated players continued their competition well beyond the sunset cannon's blast.

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Approaching Shipyard Quarters Marina, the white steel gazebo has been the focal point since its erection over three years ago. As part of the yet unfinished grandiose harbor walk way, stretching from Neponset at the south end to the piers at the Yard's End, it has a new look. Artisans scaled its pinnacle with ease to deck it out in blue canvas. The application required a day's work that will yield a permanent improvement to the marina. Capital improvements and a sundry of landscaping updates that enhance the flower beds, generate warmth. Residents, boaters and tourists are enjoying the efforts of S.Q.M. and staff for the 1989 season.

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Resident and attorney, Jack Cullen, was appreciating the sights as he enjoyed his stroll along Pier 8. A gentle breeze greeted Jack as he meandered to his office condominium at the Shipways for yet another late night of case preparation. When sufficient leisure time warrants, Jack will obtain some brief exercise washing his vehicle at the Shipways Garage car wash. In existence since the completion of the garage in early 1986, Jack and his Shipways condo board have revitalized this perk for the Shipways owners. Adding a heavy duty commercial vacuum cleaner and securing a protection for the adjacent vehicle, the operation is running smoothly. Complementing the projects accomplished by Jack and board has been the friendly service of maintenance staffer, George who is ready, willing and able to assist the residents on all requests. On a recent morning, George was busy making his daily rounds, examining the facility for preventive maintenance and general cleaning. Sweeping the garage floor was time consuming, but George was kind and able to take a resident's trash bag and deposit same in the dumpster, allowing the resident to depart in an expeditious manner. Courteous and observant, George is a land treasure that is safely at home in the Shipways.

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Called the Affordable Housing Facility at the intersection of First Avenue and Thirteenth Street, this housing is rapidly populating, and the time has come to give it a permanent name. Recognition should be given to a contributor in the community. There is a legion of dedicated individuals out there that merit consideration. A method for selecting a name for this substantial structure is long overdue. Input on this issue could be directed to the Boston Redevelopment Authority Harborpark Office, in conjunction with the Bricklayers and Laborers Union. A visit to the BRA's First Avenue office will initiate a move to commence a naming process.

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Parking is the paramount problem within our confines that will rage forever. One small, but greatly needed remedy to the subject was witnessed last week in front of the Basilica off First Avenue. Finally the painters completed the handicap log that will allow the proper access for these overlooked citizens. A most adequate need has been filled, resulting in a triumph for these men and women with astounding courage. Cheers to Basilica Associates for a job well done.

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For all that the veterans of the Korean and Vietnam Wars sacrificed in defending our country, let's make Sunday, July 16 a day of dedication and remembrance for all who fought and served. Extensive planning has been ongoing over several years by Chairman James W. Conway, Past National Historian of The American Legion. Jim, working with an illustrious committee consisting of Judge Mary M. Brennan, Prof. Walter T. Greaney Jr., Past National Commander of the Disabled American Veterans, and Judge Walter E. Steele, wants this day to shine brightly for the Dedication of the Charlestown Veterans Memorial Park. Aboard the USS Constitution, an Ecumenical Service will start

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Bob Davidson Dies Suddenly At 58

Robert J. Davidson Jr., a lifelong resident of Charlestown, died suddenly on Saturday, July 1 in Lewiston, Maine. He was 58 years of age. At the time of his death he was an officer with the Boston Municipal Police Department stationed at the Boston School Committee Building on Court Street.

A veteran of the United States Navy, Davidson was an honorary Deputy Sheriff for Suffolk County and a constable for the Municipal Police Department and for Attorney Charles Clifford of Charlestown. He had al-

so served as a Deputy Sheriff in Lewiston, Maine, and was a retired member of Teamsters Union Local 25, where he actively campaigned for the re-election of Bill McCarthy as president.

Davidson was involved with many activities in this community. Bob's friends fondly remember him volunteering to deliver baskets to the elderly and shut-ins at Thanksgiving and Christmas. "Whenever you needed a helping hand, Bob was there," stated one childhood friend.

At the time of his death, Davidson was a council member for the Charlestown Community Schools and a member of the Bun-

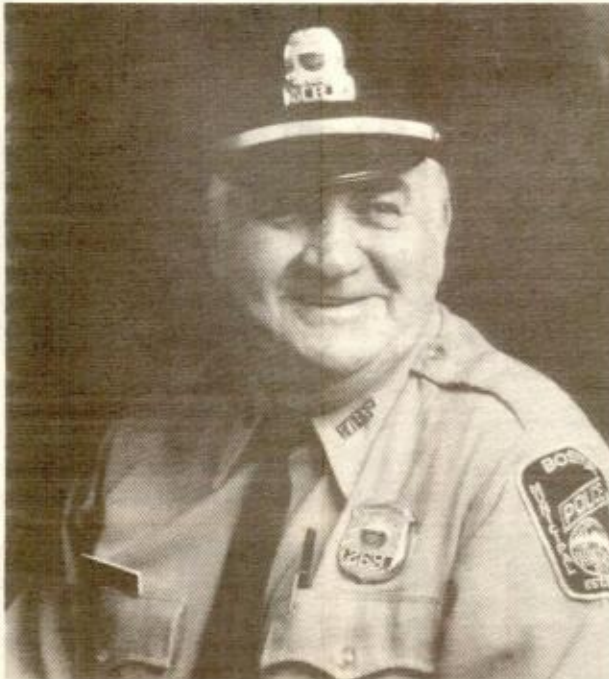
der Hill Irish Heritage Society. He was a founding member of the Charlestown Militia Company-1775, a member of S.H.O.C. during the urban renewal fight in the 1960s and was an active participant of the anti-busing movement in the 1970s. He was a member of the old Wood's Club and had been active for years in the political campaigns of many city and state elected officials in the Democratic party. He was also an active member of the Masonic Lodge.

In a letter to Transportation Department Commissioner Richard Dimino last year, the Friends of the John Harvard Mall praised Davidson's efforts as a Municipal Police Officer stationed at the Mall in maintaining peace and diminishing vandalism, and they also expressed their appreciation for his valued service in the Mall. This recognition from residents in his

own community meant a lot to Bob, stated an old friend.

He is survived by his wife, Cecelia Anne (Rideout) of Mechanic Falls, Maine; three daughters, Catherine Simpson and Sharon Davidson, both of Charlestown, and Laurie Hutchins of Mechanic Falls, Maine; one son, Robert James III of Auburn, Maine; two sisters, Ethel McClure and Christine McCann, both of Durham, Maine; and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, July 4 in Auburn, Maine. Bob's friends are planning a memorial service to take place in Charlestown. For more information on the memorial service, call Bill McClellan at 242-5036 or Jake Getchell at 241-9239.



ROBERT J. DAVIDSON JR.

so served as a Deputy Sheriff in Lewiston, Maine, and was a retired member of Teamsters Union Local

25, where he actively campaigned for the re-election of Bill McCarthy as president. He was a founding member of the Charlestown Militia Company-1775, a

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Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion Honors Chief Marshal O'Brien At 'Nite Before' Banquet

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Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion held its annual 'Nite Before' Banquet on June 16 at the Preble Room, Building Five, in the Charlestown Navy Yard. The honored guest was Martin J. "Marty" O'Brien Jr., Chief Marshal of the 1989 Bunker Hill Day Parade.

The invocation was delivered by Reverend Daniel J. Mahoney, Pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church, and the master of ceremonies was James W. Conway, Past National Historian of The American Legion.

Bunker Hill Post Commander Arthur L. Hurley welcomed the gathering, and the guest speaker, who responded to the toast "The Day We Celebrate," was Boston City Councillor Robert Travaglini. Travaglini delivered an en-

tertaining and informative talk based on the Irish contribution to the Battle of Bunker Hill.

Head table guests included: Rep. Richard A. Voke, chairman, House Ways and Means Committee and 1989 Monument Orator; Boston School Committee member John A. Nucci; Hon. Mary M. Brennan, presiding justice, Charlestown District Court; Commissioner of Public Safety for the Commonwealth William McCabe; Commander James McTigue, USN, commanding officer of the USS Simpson; John Burchill, superintendent, Boston National Historical Park; and Johnny Seven, producer of the television miniseries "Birth of America;" Commissioner Tom

Matarazzo and Deputy Commissioner Tom Lyons, City of Boston Veterans Services; former Rep. Anthony J. "Tony" Scalli; and James Fitzgerald, newly elected President of Firefighters Local 718.

Among those present to honor Chief Marshal O'Brien were James Walsh, district representative of Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy; District One Boston City Council candidate Brian Callahan; Boston City Council candidate Joseph Casper; Boston School Committee member Robert Meaney Cappucci; Boston City Councillor Albert L. "Dapper" O'Neil; and Judy Evers, community liaison, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services.



CONGRATULATING the Chief Marshal for his efforts on behalf of the Bunker Hill Day and Parade Adjutant James W. Conway; Parade were (l. to r.) Boston Veterans Services Commissioner Tom Matarazzo; Boston City Councillor and banquet guest speaker Robert Travaglini; Post 26 Past Commander and Parade Adjutant James W. Conway; Johnny Seven, producer of the TV miniseries "Birth of America;" and Boston Veterans Services Deputy Commissioner Tom Lyons.



A PAUL REVERE BOWL from Mayor Raymond L. Flynn and the City of Boston was presented to Chief Marshal Martin J. "Marty" O'Brien Jr. (left). Making the presentation on behalf of the mayor was (l. to r.) Commissioner Tom Matarazzo, Boston Veterans Services; Judy Evers, community liaison, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services; and Deputy Commissioner of Veterans Services Tom Lyons.



JOHN A. NUCCI (right), Boston School Committee member, presented a citation on its behalf to Chief Marshal Martin J. "Marty" O'Brien Jr. (left).



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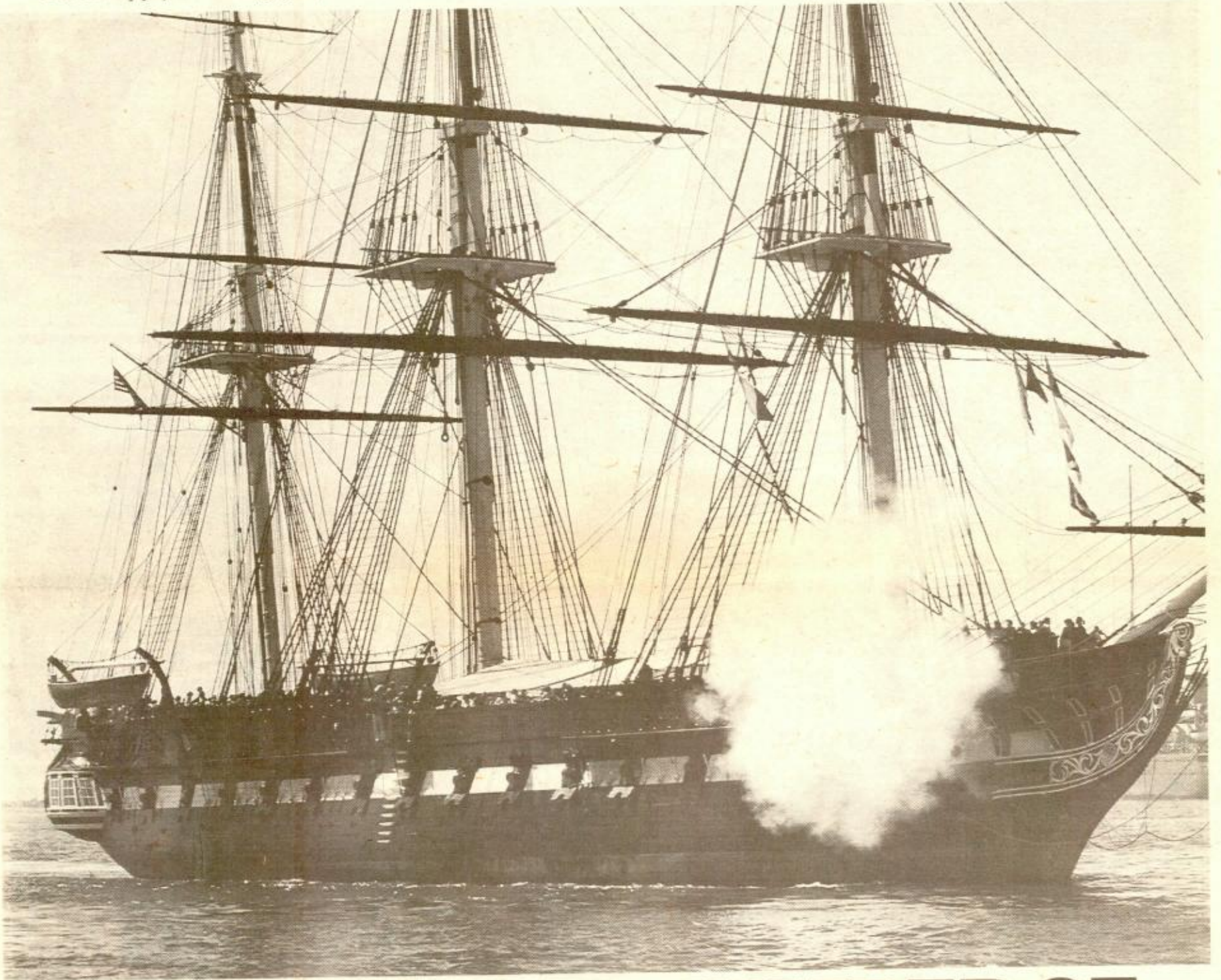
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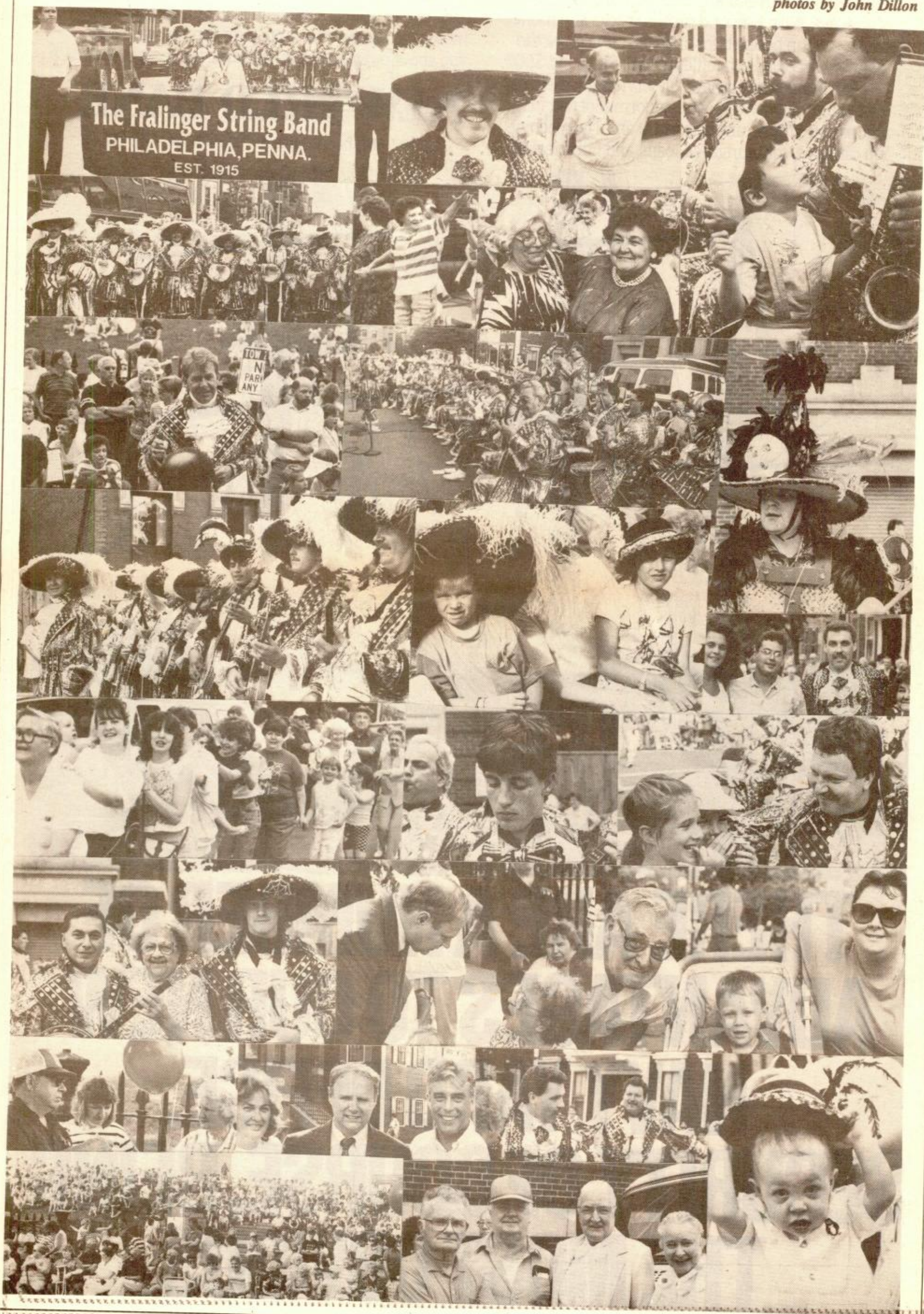
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Bunker Hill Associates Breakfast Has Something For Everyone

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by Lynn Peters
(Candidate At-Large)

Anybody who's anybody made an appearance at the fourth annual Bunker Hill Associates pre-parade breakfast on June 18. Rep. Richard Voke led the Sunday morning roll call before a sell-out, standing-room-only crowd that paid \$10 a head to be seen, heard or recognized at the Knights of Columbus hall.

More seriously, the Associates dedicated this particular breakfast to the late James P. Carr, a charter member of this benevolent group of Charlestown doers. The Associates' treasurer and *Patriot* columnist Ronan FitzPatrick, formally recognized Carr by announcing the dedication and recounting the town organizations that were proud to claim Carr as a member or leader. Sen. Francis Doris was there too. He spoke fondly of Carr, recalling a past Charlestown-to-Charlestown trip to Ireland and Carr's leprechaun garb of top hat and green jacket.

Young Billy Boyle, a Malden Catholic High School varsity hockey and football player, was announced as the annual Knights of Columbus scholarship winner by Jerry Sheehan, the Associates' president, and the award was made by newly elected Grand Knight

Paul Herrick. After the kind memorial and award announcement, the breakfast took off at a gallop with Voke introducing everyone's favorite pols, hopeful candidates and community VIPs who deserved recognition.

Voke led the Legislator roll call, singling out Reps. Sal DiMasi, Mike Flaherty, Marion Walsh and former Rep. Jimmy Collins. He named District Attorney Newman Flanagan, City Councillors Robert Travaglini, Michael McCormack, Albert "Dapper" O'Neil and Jimmy Kelly, and various candidates John Nuc-ci, Brian Callahan, John Flanagan, Tom Birmingham and Joe Casper. Voke did a little ditty for the "unsung heroes of this town," by recognizing parade Chief Marshal Martin J. O'Brien, local man and Public Safety Commissioner Bill McCabe, former Charlestown Mayor Jimmy "Honey Fitz" Fitzgerald, and he didn't leave out Daughter of Isabella President Judy Burton, Gladys "Corned Beef" Gauthier, Old Schoolboys President Martin E. Pierce or Fire Commissioner Leo Stapleton.

(At this point, I should apologize if I left anyone out of the lineup for the sake of reportorial flow or

the lack of recall — there were so many of note, like Suffolk County Sheriff Bob Rufo, and, of course, School Committeeman Robert Meaney Cappucci.)

There were roses for the enchanting Charlestown Mayor Renie Murphy Walsh and stunning Charlestown Rose Barbie Marsden, and well wishes for their August trip to County Mayo, Ireland.

There were salutes to Charlestown and hats-off to a great parade like the one from Marjorie ("O'Neill with two l's, as in Tip, not with one l, as in Dapper") Clapprood from Sharon, who Voke introduced as maybe the "next lieutenant governor."

"It's a major kick to be here in Charlestown," she said, "with good food, good fun and good political conversation."

Clapprood was right. There was much politicking, handshaking and nodding over the scrambled eggs, hash browns, ham, sausage, jelly doughnuts and coffee. Her fellow head table guests delighted those of the starry-eyed persuasion in the audience as well as the thumb-in-the-suspenders crowd.

Following a little light jabbing between friends, was comedian Paul O'Don-

nell's act, which included some lighthearted Italian-bashing, much to the chagrin of DiMasi who could be overheard muttering about his lifelong trials and tribulations crossing the bridge into Charlestown

from the North End.

All seemed to enjoy their eggs on the plate, and in the face, and their chance to be included in a recently established Bunker Hill Day weekend tradition. (Did I mention that Kay Whelan,

Tom Cunha and David Flanagan were seen too?) By the way, congratulations to the Associates on a wonderful time and to those who landed a spot for fiscal year '90 and on next year's breakfast menu.



OFFICERS AND MEMBERS of the Bunker Hill Associates gathered at the Knights of Columbus Hall on June 18 for the Fourth Annual Bunker Hill Day Breakfast. Shown front row (l. to r.) Past President Jim Carroll, Treasurer Ronan FitzPatrick, Vice President Jack Pierce, President Jerry Sheehan, Secretary Tom Cunha and Ed McGuinness. Second row (l. to r.) Jack Whelan, Michael Butler, Ed Callahan, Past President Brian Callahan, David Flanagan, Peter Looney and Tom White. Back row (l. to r.) Dennis McLaughlin, John Hogan, Ed Kelly, William Crowley, Bill McCabe, Jimmy Walsh, John Crowley, Bud Whelan, Past President John Fox McLaughlin and Ken Awbrey. Missing from photo are: Joe Barnes, Michael Donovan, David Dow, John Hickey, Pat Kelly, Jim Kiley, Charlie McGonagle, John Reveliotis, Kevin Roche, Dan Awbrey and Paul Carroll.



THE ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP of Bunker Hill Council 62, Knights of Columbus was presented to William Boyle Jr. (right) by newly elected Grand Knight Paul Herrick (left). Boyle, a graduate of Malden Catholic High School, will attend Salem State College in the fall.





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Monday, June 26: K. of C. 6, Cronin Club 0. Forfeit.
Monday, June 26: K. of C. 12, Cronin Club 3. The winning pitcher was Jimmy Tallent in a heavy hitting game for K. of C.

Tuesday, June 27: Boys Club 6, Jenny's Pizza 0. Forfeit.
Wednesday, June 28: Townie Oil 11, Teamsters 2. The winning pitcher, Greg Staples, had two hits. Rick Evers had three hits and Adam Olsson, Corey Gallagher Jim McIsaac and Matt Davide had two hits each. Dennis Doris had two doubles, and Dave Hurley had two hits for the Teamsters.

Thursday, June 29: Townie Oil 17, Teamsters 4. Winning pitcher Adam Olsson struck out 12, and had a homer and three hits. Jim McIsaac had four hits, including a grand slam, and Greg Staples, Rick Evers and Corey Gallagher had two hits each.

HOME RUN DERBY!

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DISTRICT NINE TOURNAMENT

This will be a double-elimination tournament. As of now, no fields have been named, so we have to play it by ear. We drew a bye in the first round, so we will be playing the winner of Chelsea-South Boston American on Wednesday, July 12 at 5:30 p.m.

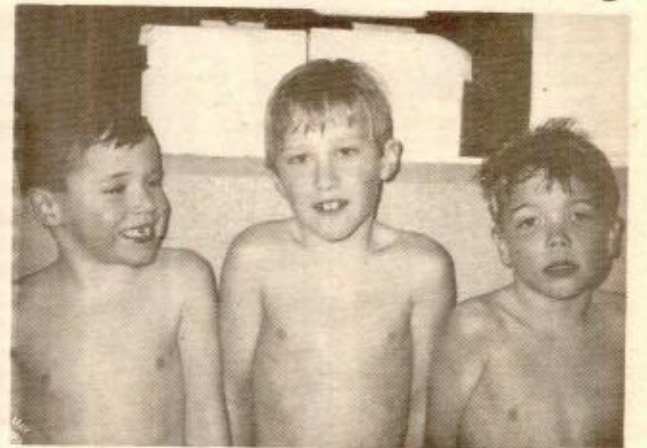
If we win, we will play on Monday, July 17 at 5:30 p.m. If we lose, we will play on Saturday, July 15 at 1 p.m. The team will meet at the Monument Avenue side of Monument Square at 4 p.m. for the 5:30 p.m. games, and at 11:30 a.m. for the 1 p.m. games.

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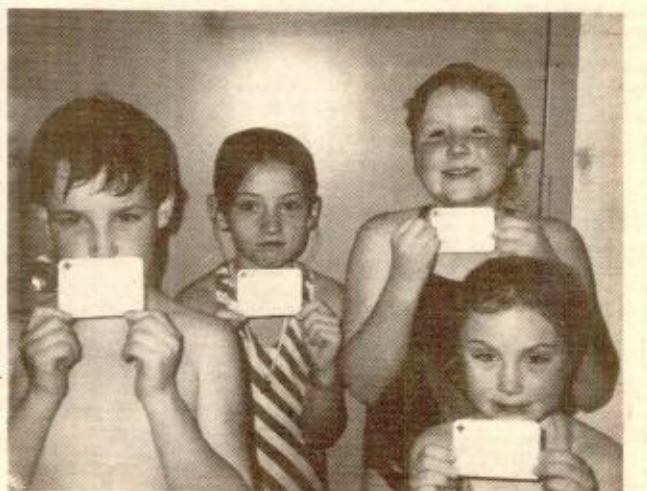
This will be a double-elimination tournament for 9- and 10-year-olds on Saturday, July 15 and Sunday, July 16. Games will be played at 10 a.m., noon and 2 p.m. The tournament will continue for two or three weeks, or as long as either team can avoid two losses. All information will be in the **Patriot** on Thursday, July 13.

Thank you,
John Curtin

Members Advance In Swimming



SEVEN MEMBERS of the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club recently passed into their next level of swimming. Shown above are (l. to r.) Matt Grzelcyk, David Bryson and Matt Johnston who passed from beginner to advanced beginner level. Shown below are (l. to r.) Timmy Dineen, Susan McClellan, Erin Dineen and Jolie Burke who passed from advanced beginner to intermediate level.



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Bunker Hill 'Townies' In Fast-Break Basketball Action

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The Bunker Hill "Townies" began action on Saturday against the Franklin Hill Team. The Townies, under the direction of Bob

DeCristoforo and Roger Britton, will play each Saturday morning during the summer at the Fens in Boston.

The Bunker Hill Townies also plan a challenge match with teams from the Old Harbor Project in South Boston.

Compete In Martha's Vineyard Basketball Tournament



CHARLESTOWN and South Boston Boys & Girls Club members enjoyed a day in the sun in the Vineyard.



MEMBERS of the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club collaborated with South Boston members to compete in a basketball tournament on Martha's Vineyard. Shown front row (l. to r.) Alicia Kilmartin and Erin McDonough. Back row (l. to r.) Kristin Connolly, Leah Kilmartin, Corey Gallagher, Stephanie Ward, Kolleen Hayes, Carrie Kilmartin and Colleen Walsh.

Here's What's Happening Every Week At The Doherty Playground



The Doherty Playground on Bunker Hill Street will be the scene of summer activities. Special weekly events include:

- **Friday, July 7**
10 a.m. to noon — Environmental Education with the Boston Park Rangers
- **Monday, July 10**
10 to 11:30 a.m. — Basketball Clinic
- **Tuesday, July 11**
2 to 4 p.m. — Very Special Arts
- **Wednesday, July 12**
Play Group
- **Thursday, July 13**
10 a.m. to noon — Very Special Arts
2 to 5 p.m. — Boston Children's Theatre Workshop

In addition to the special events, the Boston Parks Department staff will conduct organized activities Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., from now through Sept. 2.

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WINNERS in the Waltham Obstacle Course Kilmartin, Michele Bryant, Linda Howell Invitational in the Intermediate Division and Leah Kilmartin. (Not shown in picture, (13-to-15-year-olds) were (l. to r.) Carrie Maureen Wedge.)



MEMBERS of the Charlestown Boys & Girls Junior Division (10-to-12-year-olds) were (l. to r.) Erin McDonough, Stephanie Ward, Corey Gallagher and Jennifer Bryant. Club recently competed in the Waltham Obstacle Course Invitational.

News From The Charlestown Boys & Girls Club



242-1775

• COMMITMENT TO QUALITY

Clubhouse staff spent the week of June 26 participating in a Commitment to Quality Program sponsored by the Boys Clubs of America. As part of this program the staff evaluated all areas of the clubhouse and set goals for the the upcoming program year with respect to improving the overall quality of club programming. While it was a long and draining process and necessitated closing the clubhouse for one week we feel the result will be a very positive one and very noticeable throughout the clubhouse.

Some of the new programs that will happen at the club as a result will be a "Club Cafe" run by the Torch Club, serving meals to club members and to various community groups; a monthly clubhouse newsletter; a Storytelling and Poetry Group; increased arts programming; participation in the Presidential Fitness Program; a miniature golf course in the Games Room; increased teen programming; a report card recognition program; and a new Science Lab, just to mention a few. Even though summer camps are just beginning, we are already excited about the prospects for the fall.

• GOOD-BYE AND GOOD LUCK

With the end of the program year, we are saying good-bye to some staff who have made valuable contributions to the Charlestown clubhouse.

Foremost among them is Shelley Montgomery who has been at the clubhouse for four years, the last two as Director of Physical Education. Shelley is leaving to pursue a law degree at Franklin Pierce College in Concord, N.H. For anyone who has worked with Shelley or seen her work with children you know how special she is and how much she'll be missed.

Also leaving is Audrey Seymour who was Assistant to Connie MacDonald for the past year in the Education Department. Audrey will be pursuing a master's degree at Stanford University in social service administration and did a wonderful job this past year introducing new programs and offering guidance to club members in the library.

Finally, Beth Krensky, an After School Day Care Director, has taken a full-time position at St. Clements in Somerville as an Arts Instructor. While she will no longer be in the ASDC program, she will be back in the fall as a part-time arts instructor at the clubhouse. Beth's talents seem limitless and we're happy she'll still be with us in some capacity.

• THANKS MASSPORT

A special thanks to Massport who, through a generous contribution to the Charlestown clubhouse, has helped make possible a summer teen program at the clubhouse. The teen program will run Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights with day-long trips on alternate Saturdays, offering teens some interesting activities on those hot summer evenings. For more information, call the clubhouse or stop by the Teen Center and check out the activities. Thanks again to Massport, and especially to Dorothy Connolly for all your help in making a difference for the youth of Charlestown this summer.

Children's Films

The Film Program for Children will be presented at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St., on Tuesday, July 11 at 3:30 p.m.

The features will be "What Kind of Feet Does A Bear Have," which shows everyday life from a humorous point of view; destruction follows an unwitting ant in "Kind-Hearted Ant;" find out if Chip-n-Dale can dissuade a determined Donald Duck in "Up A Tree;" and a young boy struggles with the death of his pet dog in "The Accident."

The suggested readings in conjunction with these films are: **The Accident** by Carol Carrick, **Deadly Ants** by Seymour Simon and **Tomfoolery** by Alvin Schwartz.

Summer Wings Reading Club

Rocket through the summer! Let your imagination take wing!! Games, crafts and prizes are in store at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St. during the Summer Reading Club held every Wednesday at 4 p.m. from July 12 through Aug. 16. Children ages 6 and older are invited to participate.

Join us for an out-of-this-world experience! Registration forms are available at the library. For more information, call 242-1248.

Boston Children's Service Association is looking for a foster home for a young man who has moderate mental retardation and uses a wheelchair. This very appealing 21-year-old enjoys swimming and many other recreational activities, and, above all, enjoys interacting with people.

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A care provider is paid \$174 per week per client placed, and is given money

to cover various client-related expenses. Certified care providers attend a monthly meeting of providers at which they share ideas, give one another emotional support and hear speakers. They are considered to be an integral part of a professional service team, and receive ongoing support and training. Two weeks paid vacation are provided.

Those interested in learning about becoming a Specialized Home Care Provider can call Al Weiss at 267-3700.

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Elected To School Planning Councils

The new student assignment plan of the Boston Public Schools requires the establishment of Zone Improvement and Planning Councils. The elections for the parent members were held recently.

from businesses, colleges, community agencies, teachers and principals to fulfill the role of the councils which will be to monitor the educational opportunities in its zone, to assist in

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Thank You, Kiwanis Club

On behalf of myself and my parents, I would like to thank the Kiwanis Club of Charlestown for the generous scholarship which they gave to me. It is a great honor to receive this scholarship and I accept it with pride.

Once again, thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Sincerely,
Marytheresa Lynch

Special Thanks

On behalf of my husband, Tom Hickey, I would like to thank all our family, friends and neighbors for their help and concern when he became ill on Saturday, July 1.

A special thanks to the staff of the Health and Hospitals Ambulances for their quick response and assistance.

Tom is doing much better now, and is recuperating at Mass. General Hospital.

Thank you,
Peg Hickey

The Opposition Has Not Presented A Legitimate Argument

Dear Editor,

One fact that has been totally ignored when it comes to the topic of the New England Aquarium; Charlestown is situated right smack dab in the middle of one and a half million people (greater Boston) and, ladies and gentlemen, this is urban America.

Just how many more traffic, pollution or parking problems will be caused by moving the aquarium less than a quarter mile from its present site?

Pollution? Because of where Charlestown is situated, we live under a veil of pollution. Again, this is urban America.

Nothing can change our environment unless, of course, we can all get on ships and go back to where we came from. That is an alternative.

The extremists have vowed to take the fight to the bitter end. That is their right, this is a democratic society. However, what they are really saying is "we do not care how you vote, we are going to have our way." These are our neighbors?

Every poll taken right from the start has indicated that the vast majority of Charlestown residents are in favor of the aquarium moving here. The extremists brush that fact aside. They want to force their will on the majority.

What are the extremists involved in outside of development issues? When the city appropriated \$500,000 for the Neck (a waterfront park, and this fact has been ignored) where were they then? The only time we see them around is when money is being talked about. Then things get so quiet a butterfly sneezing could be heard across the town.

It has been all flack. The opposition has not presented a legitimate argument, other than they want to have it their way, no matter what the majority wants.

Dan O'Neil

Open Letter To The Charlestown Neighborhood Council

To the Charlestown Neighborhood Council:

It is fundamental that any new development generates both jobs and traffic. As long as traffic is under control it makes sense to develop to create jobs. At some point, however, a limit is reached and traffic impacts must be considered if the community's way of life is to be maintained. We have reached that point with the aquarium project.

Last year the Neighborhood Council approved a Navy Yard Master Plan that provided for *thousands* of construction jobs and permanent jobs. That master plan did not include the aquarium. Ignoring what the community approved, the BRA is using the old jobs line to justify a project that will generate relatively few jobs and attract over two million people a year. There has been a lot of lip service about dealing with the extra traffic and the parking but no real promises that anyone will do anything specific to solve the problems.

The aquarium proposal comes from powerful forces from outside this community who have no interest in Charlestown's welfare. It is being promoted by a BRA whose managers are already looking to their next career opportunities. These people will not have to live with the aftermath of this poorly planned project, but we will.

Charlestown Woke Up

June 28, 1989

Dear Editor,

Charlestown woke up last night (June 27) and gave the yuppie liberal activists a little bit of their own medicine at the Neighborhood Council meeting on the aquarium.

After nine months of watching the liberal yuppie activists badger, harass, intimidate, confront and gang rape the people representing the aquarium and the BRA, it was a distinct pleasure watching that same small clique buckle under pressure from the kids of Charlestown, the elderly of Charlestown and the working people of Charlestown who finally showed up and spoke out.

It was a distinct pleasure watching the likes of Professor Peter McClure tremble, teacher Kathryn Downing shake, nurse Patricia Ward go off the deep end and engineer Steve McHugh go ballistic. They got what they've deserved for so long.

Last night's meeting finally brought the truth to the surface. The people of Charlestown woke up and realized that opponents of the aquarium are really **environmental extremists** and **NIMBY** (not in my back yard) professional elitists who are all set in life and have nothing better to do except save the environment and protect **their** property values at the expense of everyone else. They don't care about anyone except **themselves**.

The traffic and parking scare tactics didn't work last night. The big lie about losing Shipyard Park didn't work either. People were not impressed with petitions, signatures obtained from people at the Boston Common MBTA station, and the yuppie accents and fancy addresses tells it all.

Last night Charlestown got hooked on the **truth** about the aquarium and all the good it will do for all the people of Charlestown.

Charlestown wins with the aquarium.

Sincerely,
Jim O'Brien
Charlestown Resident

On July 11, you will vote on whether to approve the aquarium's plan. The BRA is confident that they have your vote on the basis of loyalty, faith in the system, or the success of the aquarium's sales pitch. In this case, the BRA deserves no loyalty because they have paid no respect to the Neighborhood Council's master plan. Something is wrong with the system when the system shows no remorse for taking away a public open space controlled by federal law. The aquarium's "outreach" program was designed to fool the people about a poor plan instead of improving that plan based on neighborhood common sense. No, while the BRA may be counting on your vote, they have not *earned* it.

A vote against the aquarium project will do several things. First, it will keep Shipyard Park intact for the enjoyment of the public for generations. Second, it will relieve Charlestown from the endless burden of aquarium traffic and parking overflow. Next importantly, it will send the message to the BRA that the Neighborhood Council must be respected and that our community cannot be manipulated by tired, old tactics any longer. Please vote in opposition to the proposal. This is the council's biggest moment. Make it its greatest.

Very truly yours,
Stephen J. McHugh

All Change Is Not Progress

Dear Neighborhood Council Members:

One person has already been killed in City Square — how many more will die because of the traffic on our streets?

Chelsea Street — 7 lanes, City Square — 7 lanes — 4,400 extra cars through City Square some days — school buses, tour buses, trams, trolleys, vans, cars blowing horns, polluting the air — taking our parking spaces — tourists using our park as a lunchroom . . .

What is happening to Charlestown?

All Change Is Not Progress!

The proposed aquarium will not be progress for Charlestown. It will cause many problems — problems that will change our lives (and the lives of those who follow us) negatively and change life in Charlestown **forever**.

Sincerely,
Rosemary Kverek

Cappucci Has Defended The Rights Of Parents And Students

Dear Gloria,

While the majority of the constituents of District One Boston School Committee member Robert M. Cappucci contemplated sleep or were asleep, Bob steadfastly fought against middle school closure. His determination and fervor to maintain the schedules at the Joseph H. Barnes and the Clarence R. Edwards Middle schools for the 1989-90 academic year was a commanding performance. Citing the reading accomplishments of the Barnes and the science achievements of the Edwards, member Cappucci debated the issues into the early hours of Wednesday, June 28. Addressing the structural ramifications of both facilities, Bob's testimony of their soundness was gleaned from his experience in the appraisal field within and outside of the Commonwealth.

His views were eventually shared by the majority of the members, resulting in no disruption for the incoming students coming Sept. 7.

This was a tireless effort that should be hailed by the families of middle school children in the district.

Once again School Committee member Robert Cappucci has defended the rights of parents and students.

Very truly yours,
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• **1797 Returns This Weekend . . .** at Dry Dock 1 in the National Park section of the Charlestown Navy Yard. The 1797 Marine Detachment will give drill demonstrations complete with the firing of historic weapons at 11 a.m., 2 and 4 p.m. Dry Dock 1 is located outside the USS Constitution Museum.

• **Speaking Of Dry Docks . . .** Proponents of the aquarium move into Dry Dock 2 in the Navy Yard have bumper stickers out to counteract the opponents' stickers seen around town. The newest sticker just has the word CHARLESTOWN on it. The "O," however, has a fish inside it! . . . Stay tuned!

• **Dangerous Thrills . . .** are being taken by local youths at Dry Dock 2 in the Yard. Young boys can be seen any day of the week jumping into the dry dock from atop the crane on Pier 3 or from Pier 4. Police have been called, but kids go back as soon as they leave . . . Parents, if you see your son come home with a glow on his skin, it's not his pleasant disposition — it's from the murk in Boston harbor! Tell him to find a less harmful adventure. The kids are just missing a flight of granite steps every time they take the leap!

• **Hard To Believe . . .** Anyone who decided to remain in the city for the July 4th weekend received a special treat . . . an abundance of parking spaces! Any street you traveled, anytime of the day or night, you had your choice of where you'd like to park . . . Oh, memories of days gone by!

• **You've Been Missed . . .** Welcome-back-to-Lynn-Peters, reporter-extraordinaire-of-the-Patriot-who's-just-returned-from-a-two-week-vacation-in-California! . . . After-all-that-sun-and-fun-welcome-back-to-reality, Lynn!

• **Welcome to the Patriot . . .** Rosa Freda will spend her summer months as an intern here at this paper. If you see her at a local event or upcoming meeting, please make her feel welcome!

• **Belated Birthday Wishes . . .** to Francis Kirk of High Street. Francis, you'll recall, was honorary grand marshal of the Mummer's Parade of June 17th . . . Happy birthday, Captain Kirk!

• **Bay State Games Coming . . .** and three Charlestown residents will be participating. The games, sponsored by the Massachusetts Amateur Sports Foundation, will take place between July 11 and 16. Included in the sporting events will be Ed Cirame, a student at Suffolk University who will participate in basketball; Amy Robinson, a student at Winthrop High School who'll participate in field hockey; and Brian Edwards, a student at Boston Latin who will participate in water polo . . . Good luck!

• **Seen Enjoying The Activities . . .** of the July 4th weekend were Elaine McCarthy and Bob Garvey at the Flash Cadillac concert on City Hall Plaza Friday evening . . . Tom Jackson dancing up a storm at the same concert . . . Jack Leeman coming off the USS Constitution after its annual turnaround . . . Betty Dunphy taking in the sights in the Navy Yard on July 4th . . . Tony Costa chatting to old friends on Pier 1 . . . Jackie Latta and friends watching the festivities in the Yard . . . Jim and Peg Bradley strolling around the Yard over the weekend . . . National Park Service personnel working hard to make sure all went well for the thousands of weekend visitors to the Yard . . . if you were there — you were seen . . . if you went away — you missed a lot!

Jim "Fitz" Fitzgerald, a lifelong Townie, was installed as president of Local 718, Boston Firefighters, International Association of Firefighters on June 15.

Fitz has served his local as vice president, treasurer and historian, as well as on its bargaining team. He is a firefighter assigned to Engine Company 24 at Grove Hall.

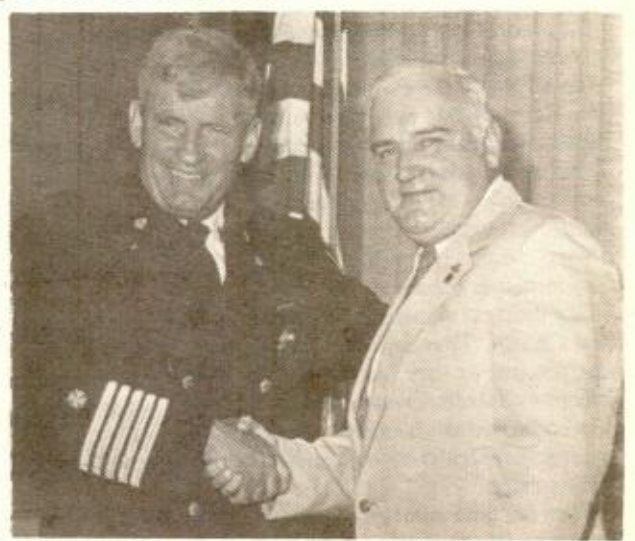
He holds the department's highest medal for the rescue of a man and a woman from a five-alarm fire on Columbia Road. He was also named to the Roll of Merit and received a commendation for rescuing a man from a fully involved car fire, and stopping the

Fitzgerald Elected President Of Boston Firefighters Local 718

mugging of an elderly citizen by three young thugs on Blue Hill Avenue.

As the Local president, he looks forward to a challenging term in office, but knows that the Local he represents will continue to provide the public with the best fire protection for the City of Boston and its people.

Local 718 will work with Mayor Ray Flynn and Fire Commissioner Leo Stapleton to insure that the Boston Firefighters are the best professionally, paid accordingly, and continue demonstrating their devotion to duty as they have since the department was founded over 100 years ago.



FIRE COMMISSIONER Leo Stapleton (left) is shown congratulating Jim "Fitz" Fitzgerald on his election as president of Boston Firefighter's Local 718.

Nobody appreciates a firefighter until disaster happens, then he is indispensable and a friend for life.

Fitzgerald resides at 3 Holden Row with his wife Frances (Strano) and daughter Linda. The Fitzgeralds have two other daughters, Kathleen married to Danny Lynch, and Michele, married to John Yandle.

Fitzgerald is the son of Kay Fitzgerald of 29 Monument Ave.

CHS Students To Be Featured On Cable Program

Jim Vetter, Boston-based actor, director, mime artist and magician, spent seven weeks teaching at Charlestown High School.

As a result, students from the English classes of Olivia DuBose and Maryann Matthews are making their television debut on BNN-TV, Cable channels A3 and A8, on Wednesday, July 12, at 9:30 p.m. (The program will be repeated on July 19

at the same time.)

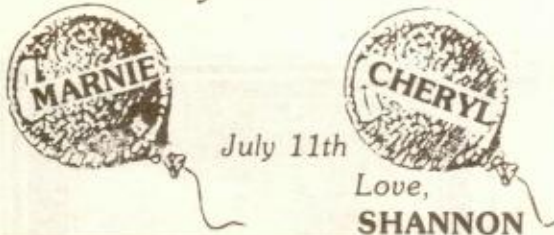
They perform in a series of improvisation scenes which they created on dropping out, AIDS, racism, police brutality, communication, drugs and teen pregnancy.

Vetter taught students the tools to express these issues in improv, a specialty he shares with students in area schools.

'Whales Aren't Goldfish' To Be Featured On Cable TV

"Whales Aren't Goldfish," produced for BNN-TV, channels A3 and A8 by Charlestown resident Kevin Burke, will be shown on Friday, July 7 at 7 p.m. The show features last week's Neighborhood Council meeting on the New England Aquarium.

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Old Slippers

by Charlie McGonagle

They live in the closet someplace, those old slippers do, and often a good bit of time passes before a couple of tired old feet find their way into the comfort they always provide. Time was that they were worn so frequently that they shaped themselves almost perfectly to the feet they covered, but as the weeks march toward months, and the months toward years, the old slippers are used less and less. Strangely, though, the appreciation for them never seems to wane. In fact it grows in leaps and bounds even in the near forgotten corner of the closet.

Take them out sometime. Try them on. You'll see exactly what I mean. They will feel comfortable, and they will treat you just as they did the last time you put them on, perhaps even better. Wear them for an evening or two and it is certain that the pleasures they once afforded you will be remembered, and newer, comforting thoughts will begin to take shape.

When the time comes to once again put them away, and that time will come, be sure that they are placed in a part of the closet where they can easily be reached, for the time will come when you will find you want or even need them. Of one thing I am most certain, time enhances ones appreciation of old slippers.

And of old friends.

Neither I nor any of my closest friends have permanently put our old slippers away, nor will we ever. It is just that our own families and our commitments to other things and to other people have taken us from those carefree days of yesterday's youthfulness to now. The thing of it is, though, we established our friendships back in those earlier times, and like the old slippers that wait patiently in their place to be worn, those friendships feel even more comfortable

today, and no matter where time may have taken them, they remain no farther away than the closest telephone.

Three events of the past month or so have helped enhance my definition of friendship and remind me of its importance. In the first of these three, my two daughter celebrated their respective college graduations with family



and friends, and seemed to thoroughly enjoy the evening. For my wife and I, the night served a dual purpose. We celebrated with our daughters, and had a reunion of sorts with old friends who were kind enough to put aside the time to share a special evening with me and my family. As the festivities began to wind down, our daughters, women now, told us that they and a group of their classmates and friends were going elsewhere so they might continue the celebration. I admired their youthful stamina and, as I have been doing for so many years, asked them to be careful. I told them we would see them when they arrived home.

Not for many years had so many of us sat together at

the same table, and almost without notice, time began ticking backward, back to the Bunker Hill Park, back to the many ballfields we played on, and back to a time that we, the group, had created for ourselves. We kidded, we laughed, and to a person, we found the places we visited to be thoroughly enjoyable. Hours passed, and when we finally decided to make our respective ways home, my wife and I were greeted at the door by two daughters who were asking a question quite usually reserved for parents, "Where the heck have you two been?" It was nice to see that shoe on the other foot for a change.

The next two events of the past month were 25th wedding anniversaries being celebrated by couples who were both present at the graduation party. For me the magic of the first event carried itself into these celebrations and enhanced their meaning. The weddings of 25 years ago were held on back to back June weekends, with my wife serving in one wedding party and I in the other, thus a special significance was placed on both evenings.

At each of the three events it was apparent that many foreheads and waistlines had grown with the years, but more importantly, that which is inside, that which creates a true friendship, had grown in even greater proportion.

The common denominator for each of us, husbands and wives alike, was Charlestown as we knew it in our earlier days, and nobody can ever take that away from us.

The feelings I share with my friends are no different than those others share with their own. They all have names, but names are not important, for friendship is a feeling and it may carry any name.

I put my slippers back into the closet the other evening, but when I did, I was careful to put them where they could easily be reached, for I know one day I will walk with them again.

Charlestown Veterans Memorial Park Dedication Set For July 16

Residents of Charlestown are cordially invited to attend the dedication of the Charlestown Veterans Memorial Park, located on Main Street at City Square, adjacent to Tontine Crescent and Roughan's Hall. The ceremony, honoring Charlestown residents who served in the U.S. Armed Forces during the Korean and Vietnam Wars and especially those who made the supreme sacrifice, will take place on Sunday, July 16. Charlestown lost seven men in Korea and eight in

Vietnam.

The program will begin with a 9 a.m. Ecumenical Service aboard USS Constitution berthed at Pier One in the Charlestown Navy Yard. At the conclusion of the service, participants will march to the park, with the formal dedication ceremony taking place at 10 a.m.

All are welcome to join in paying tribute to those who served and those who paid the supreme sacrifice during those conflicts.

Board Of Appeal Hearings

A public hearing will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 11 by the Board of Appeal of the City of Boston in Room 801, City Hall, seeking variances from the terms of the Boston Zoning Code:

- Richard and Jean Wright-Martin of 238-240 Bunker Hill St. seeks the variance of Articles 15(15-1) 16(16-1) 20(20-1) 23(23-2) to alter roof pitch to create additional gross floor area for a sunroom. Also, they seek to erect roof-top additions including a cupola and roof deck. They also seek to change the legal occupancy from a two-family dwelling to a one-family dwelling and pastoral counseling.

A public hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 18 by the Board of Appeal of the City of Boston in Room 801, City Hall, seeking variances from the terms of the Boston Zoning Code:

- Deidre Malloy, in reference to the premises at 20 Fern St., seeks variances of Articles 14(14-1) 14(14-2) 14(14-3) 14(14-4) 15(15-1) 17(17-1) 18(18-1) and 20(20-1) to erect a two-family dwelling.

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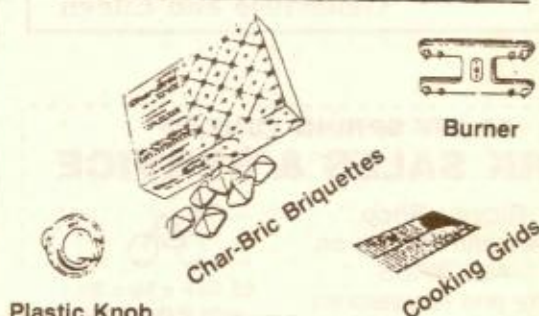
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Charlestown High Students Tour Liberty Mutual Records & Supply Center

Thirteen special needs students from Charlestown High School recently toured Liberty Mutual Insurance Co.'s Records and Supply Center in Stoughton. The tour was part of a series organized annually

and continued the 15-year partnership program between Liberty Mutual and Charlestown High School.

The tour is designed to give the students a chance to explore job opportunities that are available in ware-

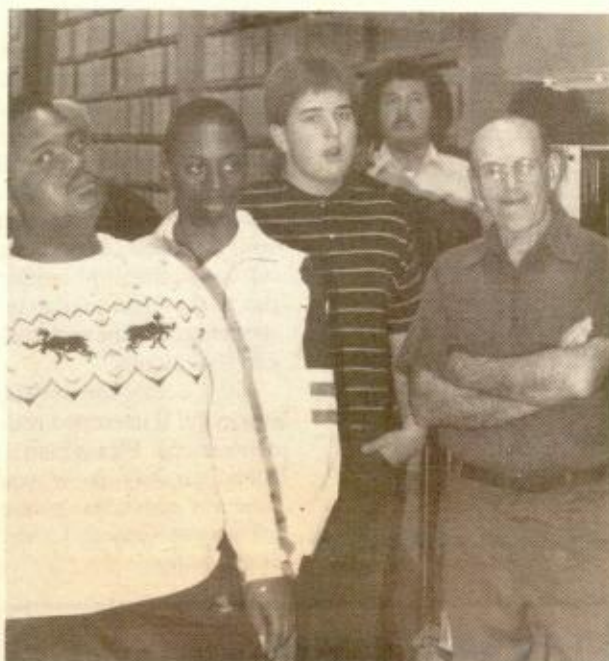
housing and to consider their own career options. The Stoughton Records and Supply Center serves the needs of Liberty Mutual's over 325 offices across the United States and Canada, according to Charles J. Wood, manager of the facility who guided the students on the tour.

The students visited the receiving and shipping dock, where they saw fork-lift trucks move large crates. They learned how supplies are transported by a recessed track that pulls loaded cart-like "trucks" to pre-programmed areas of the warehouse. The students witnessed the work involved in organizing, storing, packaging, weighing and shipping out supplies.

Upstairs in the records storage area, Wood explain-

ed how the insurance company's claims records are organized and maintained for 10-15 years before they are destroyed. He demonstrated how the Auto-Master 500, commonly called the "narrow aisle picker" is used to lift warehouse workers up to reach supplies and files on top shelves, as high as 30 feet above the floor.

Charlestown High students attending the tour were Pinto Triplett, Beatiz Reyes, Mario Cole, Jose Rivera, Sandy Ruiz, Bryant Lynch, Brenda Figueroa, Arthur Andrews, Tony Higgins, Dale Beckford, Theodore Bond, Gina Riley and Robert Showden. Faculty members attending were Rayetta Adams and Jose Escalera.



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Boston High School Announces Cooperative Program With Northeastern

Boston High School has announced a cooperative program with Northeastern University designed to help at-risk students finish high school. The program will begin in September and target Boston High students who are old for their grades, have repeated a grade one or more times, or have failed courses and need to make up credits.

Participating students will attend Boston High during the day, be placed in paid job experiences and attend classes at Northeastern two evenings a week. The

extra-credit program is designed to provide a greater incentive for students who have made mistakes in the past but really want to earn their high school diplomas.

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Central Artery North Area Project

by David Flanagan

Community Liaison, Mass. Dept. of Public Works Water Shuttle A Success!

Last October a new commuter boat service between the Navy Yard and Long Wharf was introduced as an alternative to driving through the CANA project area at City Square. Since then, the number of daily passengers using the water shuttle has steadily grown and recently reached an average of over 600 people per day. On June 22, a record high of 750 people decided to use the shuttle rather than drive or walk through City Square. As more and more people discover this pleasant alternative to driving, the number of passengers will surely increase.

Kudos goes out to all involved, including Rick Nolan of Boston Harbor Cruises, Sen. Fran Doris, Rep. Richard Voke, the MBTA, the BRA, the Executive Office of Transportation and Construction, and of course the MDPW, for bringing this valuable service to our community.

T-Joint Repairs Completed.

The T-joint problem on the temporary detour structure has been corrected, making for a much smoother ride for those traveling over the Tobin Bridge and quieter nights for those abutting it. We apologize to those who may have been inconvenienced during the repair work or prior to it.

CANA Public Meeting Held

On June 29, a public meeting was held at the CANA Field Office Complex to discuss the CANA project. Ed Barr, CANA coordinator, presented the upcoming tunnel construction schedule, discussed recent changes to the City Square street system and fielded a number of questions from people in the audience.

The following is a proposed schedule of tunnel-related construction activities that are presently underway or will be underway within the next few weeks.

- Construction of the northern end of the tunnel retaining wall began on June 1 and will continue for the next few weeks.

- The Park Street utility work (sewer, drainage, gas, telephone) began on June 1 and should be completed by September 15.

- Section One tunnel excavation work (in the area of the former YMCA) began on June 5 and will continue throughout the year.

- The Chelsea Street sewer work, which began on June 21, is expected to be completed by September.

- The City Square - Rutherford Avenue sewer work began on June 30 and is expected to be completed by September.

- The North Washington Street pedestrian ramp is expected to be ready for use by August. Once the ramp is in place, pedestrians will use it to travel to and from Water Street and the easterly side of the bridge (Rapids Furniture side).

- The North Washington Street Bridge will be reduced to four lanes by mid-August. This will allow us to shift all traffic to the east side of the bridge so that we may widen and strengthen the west side (MDC locks side) of the structure.

- Excavation for Section Two of the tunnel is expected to begin by September.

- The Chelsea Street detour is expected to be in operation by October. This detour will carry traffic from the North Washington Street Bridge through City Square and onto the Tobin Bridge.

Those issues and concerns raised by residents at the public meeting will be addressed as soon as possible by the MDPW.

"Charlestown Topics."

Thanks to the crew at "Charlestown Topics" for allowing us to appear on last Friday's show which focused on the CANA project. The show provided Bill Lamb of the North Area Task Force and myself an opportunity to discuss the project and the cooperative relationship which exists between the MDPW and the community. In addition, it afforded Dr. Bruce Colvin an opportunity to explain the rodent control program which the MDPW has implemented in the project area.

If you have any questions concerning the CANA project, please contact David Flanagan at the CANA hot line 241-5560 or 978-7500.

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ACTIVITIES

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

WEDNESDAY NIGHT CONCERTS

Wednesday Evening Concerts on City Hall Plaza are taking place weekly through Aug. 30. The next concert will be on Wednesday, July 12. There will be a shuttle bus pickup on Main Street at 6:30 p.m. beginning at the Golden Age Center and continuing on to McDonald's, Newworld Bank, Devens Street and the Courtyard.

TRIPS BEING PLANNED

- On August 1 there will be a Clambake Cruise on the **Spirit of Boston**. The cost of this trip is \$24 which includes transportation, entertainment, the clambake, a 2½ hour narrated cruise and gratuities. Payment must be made by July 15.

- A trip to Hampton Beach, N.H. will be on Thursday, Aug. 10. The cost of the trip is \$8 for transportation only. Pickup will be at 10 a.m. at Newworld Bank, and return at 4 p.m.

Free Hearing Screening Offered At Golden Age Center

The City of Boston's Commission on Affairs of the Elderly is offering free hearing screening to Charlestown residents 60 years and older.

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MENU

Friday, July 7 — Baked fish au gratin, lyonnaise potatoes, carrots, white bread, pineapple.

Monday, July 10 — Swedish meatballs, noodles, corn, rye bread, peaches.

Tuesday, July 11 — Omelette, cheese sauce, boiled parsley potatoes, zucchini and tomatoes, sesame twist, chocolate chip cookies.

Wednesday, July 12 — Paprika baked chicken, mashed potatoes, spinach, oatmeal bread, cranberry sauce, plums.

Thursday, July 13 — Veal pattie, tomato sauce, spaghetti, broccoli, scallion bread, tapioca pudding.

Milk served with all meals.

Petition Drive A Success! July 11 Meeting Planned With Dimino

The Charlestown Healthy Aging Program (CHAP) wishes to thank everyone who signed a petition urging the Boston Transportation Department (BTD) to install a traffic light in Hayes Square.

During the past two weeks petitions have been circulated throughout the town and the response has been very positive. Over 1,500 signatures have been collected. Many people voiced surprise when they learned that past efforts have been unsuccessful, especially at an intersection that includes two schools.

The effort to get the light will not end with the peti-

tion drive. A meeting is planned for July 11 at 4:30 p.m. at the Kennedy Center Senior Lounge, 55 Bunker Hill St. BTD Commissioner Richard Dimino and other Charlestown elected officials have been invited to attend. The petitions will be presented to the Commissioner at this meeting with the intent of obtaining his commitment to putting the traffic light at the intersection of Vine and Bunker Hill Streets.

The meeting can only be successful if interested residents attend. Please plan to attend on July 11. If you have any questions, please contact the Kennedy Center at 241-8866.

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★ EVENTS OF THE WEEK ★

Friday, July 7

- 10 a.m. - Beaded Jewelry Class, Senior Lounge
- 11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge
- 12:45 p.m. - Bingo, Senior Lounge

Monday, July 10

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

Tuesday, July 11

- 10 a.m. - Hampton Beach Trip
- 10 a.m. - Crochet, Mary Colbert Apartments
- 11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge

Wednesday, July 12

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

- 10 a.m. - Crochet, Mary Colbert Apartments
- 10 a.m. - Arts & Crafts, Social Services and Social Security Information, Senior Lounge
- 11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge
- 12:45 p.m. - Bingo, Senior Lounge

Thursday, July 13

- 9:30 a.m. - Stop & Shop Bus, Senior Lounge and Constitution Co-op Apartments
- 10 a.m. - Crochet, Senior Lounge
- 11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge

★ EVENTS AT THE SENIOR LOUNGE ★

Contact Fran or Phyllis at 241-8866

- **Beaded Jewelry Class** on Fridays at 10 a.m. All are welcome to participate.

★ DAY TRIPS ★

Contact Phyllis Bryant, 241-8866

- **Hammersmith Farm, Newport, R.I.** — Tuesday, July 18. The cost of the trip is \$21, which includes round-trip motorcoach transportation leaving at 9 a.m. and lunch.

- **Hampton Beach** — Tuesdays, July 25 and Aug. 8 and 22. The cost of each trip is \$8 for round-trip luxury coach transportation.

★ EVENING TRIPS ★

Contact Marion or Fran, 241-8866

- **Meadow Glen Mall** — Tuesday, July 18
- **Assembly Square Mall** — Tuesday, Aug. 8
- **Meadow Glen Mall** — Tuesday, Aug. 22

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1989 Miss Massachusetts Teen Pageant Search

July 13 is the application deadline for the 1989 Miss Massachusetts Teen Pageant. This competition is the official preliminary to the national America's Perfect Teen Pageant, when state titleholders from all over the country will vie for the national title and over \$20,000 in cash and prizes this fall in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

The Miss Massachusetts Teen Pageant will be held in the Grand Ballroom of the Sheraton Lincoln Inn in Worcester in September. All contestants will receive an expense-paid weekend of pageant events at the Sheraton Lincoln and compete for over \$10,000 worth of prizes, including wardrobe, jewelry, a modeling scholarship to the famous Bar-

bizon School and an expense-paid trip to compete for the title of America's Perfect Teen. Contestants will compete in sportswear, personal interview and evening gown competitions. There is no performing talent requirement.

Young women between 13 and 19 years old from all over Massachusetts who would like more information on how to participate must write: America's Perfect Teen Pageant, Northeast Regional Headquarters, Dept. R-1, 222 Newbury St., Boston Mass. 02116. American Citizenship is required. Letters must include a recent snapshot, brief biography, telephone number and date of birth.

Welfare Information Office Operation Suspended Unit Further Notice

Robert Hill, director of the East Boston Welfare Office, met with Charlestown residents last week to report the suspension of services at the Charlestown Welfare Information Office located at The Schrafft Center.

Hill reported that staffing problems have occurred at the East Boston office. The root cause of the staffing situation lies with the state budget and the hiring freeze imposed on the Department of Public Welfare. The East Boston office has lost three caseworkers since April and cannot replace them, therefore Hill no longer has staff available for the Charlestown operation.

On a brighter note, Hill was hopeful that the situa-

tion would change in three or four months.

The group also discussed possible expansion of services at the welfare information office when it reopens. Hill was open to the idea but preferred to postpone discussion of that issue until he had more information about a possible start-up date. He will meet with the group in September to update everyone on the situation and continue the discussion on expansion.

Persons who would like to get involved with this effort should contact Denise Monks at the Kennedy Center, 241-8866, or contact the Bunker Hill Tenants Task Force at 242-3200.

McCormack Announces Re-election Bid For City Council At-Large

Boston City Councillor Michael J. McCormack officially announced his candidacy for re-election to the Boston City Council At-Large last week during a stop at the Charlestown Branch Library. McCormack noted that this was one of the many stops he has made and will be making throughout the city to bring his re-election campaign to the neighborhoods.

McCormack told the local gathering of the strong beliefs he had about Charlestown, the city and about his job as a Boston City Councillor. He said, "I believe in this city. I believe in its people. I believe in government and what government can and should do for them."

The city councillor said that during the campaign he would talk about universal issues such as health care, air and water quality, education, youth services and public safety. He also said that he was going to talk a lot about his record and performance on issues of special concern to the resi-

dents of Charlestown.

McCormack noted that in Charlestown those issues include taking a lead in

fighting for a library budget that is sufficient to keep the local branch open and fully functional, something of

particular significance to the town's young people; working to rid a vacant BHA lot of dangerous rubble and debris; and demanding that the National Park Service clean up the creosote it has allowed to leach into the harbor at Pier 2. He continued that his commitment also included responding to requests to fix a sidewalk, to repair a street light or to support such programs as youth sports teams or "Townie Santa."

McCormack stated: "Throughout this campaign I am going to do my best to make the case that I have earned and therefore deserve the votes of the people of every neighborhood of this city, because I have done a good job on the big issues and the little issues as well."

(political announcement)



CITY COUNCILOR AT-LARGE Michael McCormack has formally announced his candidacy for re-election to the Boston City Council. One of his stops in a city-wide announcement tour was at the Charlestown Branch Library. McCormack is shown here with supporters David Flanagan, Sheila Brown and Laura Brown.

Life Behind The Wall

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at 9 a.m., followed by a march to the Park at the southern end of Main Street, directly across from the Harvard Mall. A 10 a.m. ceremony will be the last step in a long-overdue acknowledgement to the men and women who gave their lives in combat for their cherished America. A great program awaits all who attend. Developer James R. Adams, architect Rojas Vogt Associates and advisor Robert F. Loverud deserve praise for their efforts. To Jim and the distinguished committee members, thanks for remembering our fallen veterans.

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Monday, June 26

An automobile parked on Cordis Street was broken into during the evening, and a No. 7350 cardiac computer was taken.

An automobile, reported stolen in Revere, was recovered on Dorrance Street.

A 10-speed bicycle parked at Henley and Main streets was stolen during the afternoon.

Tuesday, June 27

At 10 p.m., Officer Whiffin observed a vehicle swerving as it was being driven along Rutherford Avenue. The vehicle was stopped and the driver was determined to be under the influence of liquor and placed under arrest.

At 10:30 p.m., a taxi driver reported that he had a minor auto accident with another vehicle at Monument Avenue and Main Street. The occupants of the other vehicle, three young men, got out, pulled him to the ground and kicked him, causing chest and back injuries. The driver was taken to the Mass. General Hospital.

An automobile parked on Cordis Street was broken into during the evening, and various clothing items were taken.

Wednesday, June 28

An automobile parked on Belmont Street was broken into, and an attempt was made to steal it. Extensive damage was caused to the automobile.

Thursday, June 29

At 1 a.m., Officers Tierney, Byrne and Hasson heard loud yells from the rear of 25 Polk St. As the officers approached, they could see an individual chasing a female with a butcher knife in his hand. The suspect, an 18-year-old Charlestown man, was ordered to drop the knife. After a brief struggle, the suspect was placed under arrest for assault by means of a dangerous weapon.

At 11 a.m., officers responded to the third floor of 33 Polk St. for a woman screaming. They found a female resident in the hallway suffering from neck and back injuries inflicted by her boyfriend. She was taken to Mass. General Hospital.

Two automobiles, one parked at Main and School streets and the other at Main and Wood streets, were vandalized during the evening hours.

Saturday, July 1

At 10 a.m., Officer Ridlon observed a vehicle fail to stop at a red light. The vehicle was stopped at Warren and Sole

streets and the driver, a 24-year-old unlicensed Charlestown man, was placed under arrest. Found in his possession were four stolen credit cards.

An apartment at 66 O'Brien Court was broken into during the daytime through an open window. A stereo was stolen.

A stolen automobile was recovered on Old Landing Way.

Tuesday, July 4

At 1 p.m., Officers Ridlon and Tierney observed an individual at 50 Terminal St. discard a dark object as they approached. The object was found to be a .38 caliber handgun, fully loaded, and a bag containing 48 live rounds. The suspect, a 34-year-old Charlestown man, was placed under arrest for unlawful possession of a firearm.

An apartment at 18 McNulty Court was broken into during the evening hours, and a VCR was stolen.

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

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

Police Commissioner Roache Meets With Neighborhood Council

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O.P. representing the Charlestown Healthy Aging Program (CHAP).

Accompanying Commissioner Roache were Sergeant Detective Paul Carr of the commissioner's office, Deputy Superintendent Edward Eagar and Sergeant Russell Black of the special operations department and Officer Charles McInnes.

Zelma Lacey informed Roache that her organization was actively pursuing the installation of a traffic light in Hayes Square. She reported that a petition containing over 1,000 signatures will be presented to Transportation Department Commissioner Rick Dimino at a July 11 meeting.

Stillman requested that more police coverage be given to Main Street to stop cars from speeding. He reported that some cars are going 40 to 50 miles per hour down this busy roadway and residents have voiced their concerns that a child might be hit, especially when trying to cross the street to enter the Eden Street Park. Deputy Eagar stated that a radar tracking device could be used at Eden and Main streets to catch speeding cars. Galvin stated that an "ad-hoc" committee has been active in the community trying to get speed limits reduced and that to date 700 signatures have been gathered on a petition to hopefully achieve their goal.

Looney informed the Commissioner that much emphasis has been put on traffic control, especially in City Square, but little notice has been given to pedestrians trying to cross through that busy intersection. Looney also stated that the Training Field has become an area of increased traffic and an area where police details should be posted due to the large number of children who use the showers in the park and travel to Rosie's store across the street during the summer months.

Stone agreed with Looney, stating that the police

detail currently in City Square "does a fine job in moving traffic through the area but pay no attention to pedestrians trying to cross the street." Stone also noted that although he has been told that an officer has been posted at the Training Field, "no one has seen him there."

Flanagan said that CANA has assigned a police detail to the Training Field since mid-April, stating that "an officer has been assigned there, but it is up to the police department to see that he is there." Flanagan also reported that the "MDPW has spent \$3 million on police details but no price tag can be placed on the loss of a human life. There just is no comparison," he said. "We have positioned police details, placed crosswalks and held many community meetings," he continued, "but people have to start slowing down in their cars or use pedestrian lights" to make these intersections safe.

He also noted that CANA traffic engineers are monitoring City Square on a daily basis to see that traffic and pedestrians are getting through the construction area in as safe and expeditious manner as possible. Roache stated that he "would like to spend an hour with you (Flanagan) in City Square. I'm picking up what you (all in attendance) are saying on pedestrian safety."

Flanagan also informed the commissioner that traffic problems are not relegated just to the City Square area, but Medford Street and the area around Sullivan Square are also causing problems for vehicles and pedestrians. Roache suggested that the council make a list of problem areas in the community and that his department would make a monthly check on these areas to help alleviate the problems. The committee stated that there were trouble spots all across the town, from Monument Square to Brighton Street.

Stillman informed

Roache that his committee holds monthly meetings with Officer Joe McNulty, and that although these meetings are sparsely attended, "Joe McNulty is always there, month after month, with presentations that are interesting and informative."

Gillen stated: "We have Roache here, the commissioner of the police department. We should have dialogue with him on drugs and guns in the community." With that statement, Evers commented, "Drugs are killing our children." Looney interjected, "We had a meeting last week on the aquarium and hundreds of people showed up. We had a meeting the next night on drugs in the community and very few attended. How can we get people together and let them know that we have this problem and we have to address it?"

Roache stated that his department has placed drug-related problems their number one priority. He stated that the SPECDA program has been helpful in educating the school children of Boston and "ultimately, education will be the answer. This problem is bigger than law enforcement. Drugs are

so bad I can't see any police department being able to enforce the laws in the next five years," he stated.

Roache suggested that people call or write his department with any information on drug deals or drug related crimes. He emphasized that no names have to be given, but "the power of a written note is overwhelming." Residents can write to the Office of the Police Commissioner, 154 Berkeley St., Boston, Mass. 02116 or call 247-4500 or 247-4394.

Deputy Eagar informed the council that the police department is aware of the availability of firearms in the community and that "detectives are working on it. We know who the kids are. We know your problems," he stated.

Commissioner Roache stated that he will return to the community in September. "We'll be back to answer the problems you raised today. Get people out, especially those with problems, and we'll address those problems," he concluded. This meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 12 at 7 p.m. at the Kent Community School, 50 Bunker Hill St.

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