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Receives Bobby Orr Award



RECEIVES AWARD: John Lyons of Charlestown, MA, receives the Bobby Orr Sportsmanship Award from the former Boston Bruin great at an awards ceremony held at the Natick Hilton Inn. The award, presented to selected Amateur Hockey Association players for dedication and achievement in the game, is part of a program sponsored by Standard Brands Incorporated of New York to help bolster youth hockey in the New England area.

Charlestown Town Council Meeting/Survey

All politicians and administrators are responsive to public pressure. In order to effect change, citizens must band together into a constituency capable of making a credible force. The Charlestown Town Council is one suggested way to do this.

This development of the Council has been a continuing process of educating ourselves about the issues confronting our neighborhood.

We are seeking, through a survey sponsored by the Council that ran in last week's Patriot, to understand how various community issues are related, what their common roots are and how we can support each other as we struggle to create better lives for ourselves and our community.

The next meeting of the CTC will be tonight, Thursday, April 9, 1981 at 7:30 p.m. in the Teen Center in the basement of St. Catherine's Rectory. You can bring your completed survey to that meeting.

The survey can help us better represent the community's concerns. By completing it and returning it to the meeting, mailing it in care of the Charlestown Patriot or dropping it off at the Patriot Office at One Thompson Square, you will give the Council your consent to continue its pursuit of valuable information.

The CTC is everyone. Our ambition is to work together, learn together, and share a better life in Charlestown. Your support and participation can make a difference.

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Station 15 And Engine Co. 50 To Close

Contrary to what residents heard at Monday's Police/Community Relations Meeting, the Charlestown Police Station and six others, will close effective midnight Friday.

In addition, Charlestown will lose Engine Company 50 at 34 Winthrop Street in the first phase of a 400 firefighter layoff and closing of more stations. Stations in Brighton and on Long Island in Boston Harbor are also closing, disbanding a total of 13 companies in this first phase to reduce the Fire Department's budget.

In Monday's meeting, held at District 15, Deputy Superintendent Joseph Saia told residents that the police station's closing would pend on the layoff of 200 policemen to reduce municipal spending. Hearings for these layoffs were scheduled to begin April 27th. However, in a telephone interview Saia said the station closing had been moved up because the 200 policemen had already received layoff notices telling them not to report for work after tomorrow. No officer will be taken off the payroll, though, before the department hearings.

Saia said that the reduction in

police force will mean a loss of 32 men for District A which includes Charlestown. Because of this, Charlestown will lose its day and evening foot patrols but Saia expects the community to keep their mounted and motorcycle patrols, and three cars during the day shift with two to three cars on the night shift.

The closing of Station 15 put four court house policemen, three auto specialists and various detectives and clerks back onto the street, to ease the loss of

the 200 police layoffs. In addition District A, as a whole, will see the transfer of 15 men out of the day shift into the night shift.

Specifics on the fire station closing were not available at press time, however, Fire Commissioner George Paul has publicly stated that the closing of these stations "increases the potential for the safety of citizens to be affected and for an increase in property loss due to fire."

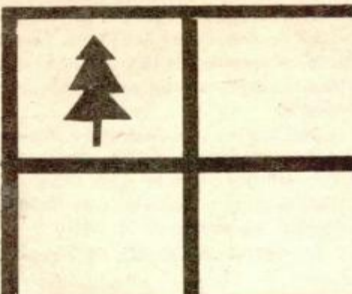
"Triumph And Tragedy"

Do you live next door to Jesus? Does Mary, God's mother, go to school with you at Bunker Hill Community College? Does Peter, the first Pope, coach your child in gym hockey? Does Pilate sing with you in the choir? Did Caiaphas, the high priest, write your will?

Obviously, the answers to these questions will not be found in the Baltimore Catechism. Look closer to home. Try Warren Street between Winthrop and Soley Streets on Wednesday night, April 15th, 7:30 p.m., St.

Mary's upper church. For there you will experience a character transformation in which the holiness and history of Christ's suffering and death will be presented by your neighbors.

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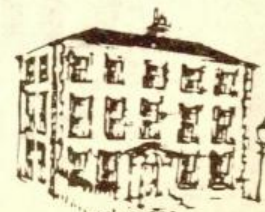
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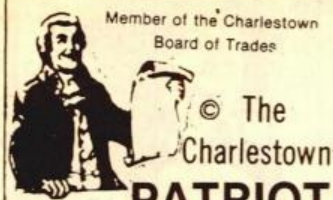


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Thursday, April 9

Charlestown Council Meeting - 7:30 p.m. - Charlestown Teen Center, Basement of St. Catherine's Rectory, Hayes Square

Friday, April 10

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

Monthly Luncheon - 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. - Charlestown Community Center, 14 Green Street

Saturday, April 11

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

Babe Ruth League Tryouts - 1:00 p.m. - Ryan Playground, Sullivan Square

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

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

Sunday, April 12

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

Special Mass For The Accreditation of St. Catherine's School - 5:30 p.m. - St. Catherine's Church, Hayes Square

Ecumenical Lenten Service -

6:00 p.m. - St. Francis de Sales Church, 305 Bunker Hill Street
 Parents without Partners Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Charlestown Community Center, 14 Green Street

Tuesday, April 14

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

Kiwanis Club of Charlestown Meeting featuring Frank Stellato of Beverly Boxing Club as speaker - 12:15 p.m. - Cobblestone Restaurant, 412 Medford Street

Concert - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. - U.S.S. Constitution, Navy Yard

Dance Lessons - 8:00 p.m. - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street

Wednesday, April 15

"Triumph and Tragedy"-7:30 p.m. - St. Mary's Church, Warren Street

Thursday, April 16

Annual Children's Easter Party - 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. - Charlestown Community Center, 14 Green Street

Friday, April 17

Good Friday Procession - 10:15 a.m. - Starting at Sullivan and Main Streets

Saturday, April 18

Dancing - From 8:30 p.m. til... - Knights of Columbus Hall, 75 West School Street

Saturday, April 25

Doll Carriage Parade - 1:00 p.m. - Boys' Club, 15 Green Street

Sunday, April 26

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

Wednesday, April 29

Headstart Registration - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Mishawum Rental Office, Old Kent School, or Bunker Hill Health Center

Friday, May 1

Screening Day - 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. - Bunker Hill Health Center, 73 High Street

Saturday, May 2

Las Vegas Night sponsored by Kiwanis Club of Charlestown - 6:00 p.m. - Boys' Club, 15 Green Street

Sunday, May 3

Special Olympics - 1:00 p.m. - Medford Street Gym

Monday, May 4

Concert by Little Orchestra of Cambridge - 7:45 p.m. - St. John's Church, Devens Street

Tuesday, May 5

Kiwanis Club of Charlestown Meeting featuring Eileen Buckley, Nutritionist at BHHC - 12:15 p.m. - Cobblestone Restaurant, 412 Medford Street

Saturday, May 9

Charlestown Preservation Society House Tour - 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dance to benefit Bunker Hill Day Parade - 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. - St. Catherine's School Hall, Tufts Street

Saturday, May 16

Rummage Sale - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - St. John's Church Parish Hall, Devens Street

Attention Latin School Parents

You are invited to tour the Humphrey Occupation Resource Center on April 15, 1981 from 7:30 to p.m. Meet at the Boston Latin School parking lot at 7 p.m. where a bus will be available to take you to the Center.

The Humphrey Center is a city-wide, non-residential training center that provides all students an opportunity to explore career options and develop marketable skill in nine areas, including data processing, electronics, con-

struction, health careers, automechanics, graphics-media, metal fabrication, banking-business, food and related areas, clothing design, and cosmetology.

Mr. James Caradonio, Director of Curriculum and Staff Development and Suzanne Roche, Vocational Instructor will be conducting the tour. For more information call: Suzanne Roche - 242-0993 or Latin Home/School Representative - Alice O'Brien, 241-9812.

Notice Of Public Hearing

The Planning and Development Committee of the Boston City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, April 14, 1981 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chamber to discuss the creation of a Charlestown Navy Yard Commercial Area Revitalization District (CARD).

The Charlestown Navy Yard CARD encompasses the Historic Monument Transfer Area parcel of the former Charlestown Navy Yard.

The boundaries of the Charlestown Navy Yard CARD are as follows:

That certain tract of land, referred to as the Historic Area of the Boston Naval Shipyard at Charlestown, situated in the City of Boston, County of Suffolk, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and bounded generally as follows:

Beginning at a point which is described by the intersection of the northeasterly sideline of 16th Street and the southeasterly sideline of 1st Avenue;

Thence turning and running in a generally southwesterly direction along the southeasterly sideline of 1st Avenue to intersect with the northeasterly sideline of 8th Street;

Thence turning and running in a generally southeasterly direction along the northeasterly sideline of 8th Street 172.14 feet more or less;

Thence turning 90 degrees to the southwest and running in a southwesterly direction to intersect with the southwesterly sideline of 6th Street;

Thence N42 degrees-17'-00"W along the southwesterly sideline of 6th Street to intersect with the northwesterly sideline of 2nd Avenue;

Thence S47 degrees-43'-00"W, 118 feet more or less along the northwesterly sideline of 2nd Avenue;

Thence N42 degrees-17'-00"W, 100 feet more or less said course being one foot southwest of the southwesterly side of Building No. 31;

Thence N42 degrees-17'-00"W, 60 feet more or less;

Thence N52 degrees-17'-00"W, 60 feet more or less, said course being one foot southwest of the southwesterly side of Building No. 58, to intersect with the southeasterly sideline of Chelsea Street;

Thence turning and running in a generally northeasterly direction by the southeasterly sideline of Chelsea Street to intersect with the northerly property line of the Boston Naval Shipyard at the Little Mystic Channel;

Thence turning and running in a generally easterly direction by various courses and distances along the northerly property line of the Boston Naval Shipyard along the Little Mystic Channel to intersect with a line 20 feet southeast and parallel to the southeasterly side of Building No. 114;

Thence turning and running in a generally southwesterly direction along a line 20 feet southeast and parallel to the southeasterly side of Building No. 114 to intersect with the northeasterly sideline of 16th Street;

Thence turning and running in a generally southwesterly direction along the northeasterly sideline of 16th Street to intersect with the southeasterly sideline of 1st Avenue, which is the point and place of beginning.

A plan for the development of the Charlestown Navy Yard CARD will be presented at the hearing.

Section 12 of Chapter 40D of the General Laws as amended (by Sections 1 and 10 of St. 1978 Chapter 495) authorized the use of tax-exempt industrial revenue bond financing for "commercial enterprises" provided that any such enterprise is located in a district for which a Commercial Area Revitalization has been approved both by the City and by the Secretary of Communities and Development. A similar amendment to Chapter 23B makes approval of such a plan by the Secretary a pre-condition for the use of Urban Job Incentive Program Tax credits by commercial facilities. In the future, the State legislature may tie the availability of other incentives to CARD plan approvals.

Notice Of Decision

CITY OF BOSTON
 BOARD OF APPEAL
 ROOM 803, CITY HALL
 March 31, 1981
 NOTICE OF DECISION
 CASE NO. BZC-4890
 APPEAL SUSTAINED

In reference to appeal of Mr. Norman deLapouyade concerning premises 11 Monument Square, Ward 2 to vary the application of the Zoning Act, Ch. 665, Acts of 1956, as amended, in this specific case, I beg to advise that the petition has been granted.

Decision has been filed in the office of the Building Commissioner, Room 808, City Hall, and is open for public inspection. Date of entry of decision in the Building Department was March 31, 1981.

FOR THE BOARD OF APPEAL
 Peter J. Garrity
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by **Charlie McGonagle**
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 Any resident of Charlestown, male or female, who is a graduating high school senior is eligible to apply for the award.
 Potential applicants must:
 1. Be a high school senior
 2. Reside in Charlestown
 3. Complete a scholarship application
 4. Enclose a recent copy of his or her high school transcript
 5. Enclose at least three letters of recommendation. Teachers, clergy and employers are suggested sources for these letters.
 Applications may be obtained by writing to Francis X. Kelley,

Financial Secretary, Knights of Columbus, West School Street, Charlestown, MA 02129.
 The deadline for filing applications is Saturday, May 23. Completed applications and related materials may be returned by mail to the same address or delivered in person to the Council Building. Absolutely no applications will be considered after May 23.
 All monies awarded through the Bunker Hill Council No. 62 scholarship fund will be credited directly to the college selected by the winner.
 A formal presentation of the scholarship will be made on Saturday, June 13 at the Annual Night Before Banquet where the winner will appear as a guest along with his or her parents.
 Interested high school seniors should begin to compile all the necessary materials as soon as possible, keeping the deadline date of May 23 in mind.

Parade Committee To Hold Dance

The Bunker Hill Day Parade Fund Raising is planning a dance on Saturday, May 9, 1981 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at St. Catherine's School Hall, to help defray the cost of the parade. There will be live music, and a cash bar. Little help is expected this year from the city with financing, so everyone will have cash bar. Because of increasing cost and a minimum budget allocation from the city, we need local help to put on a top-notch parade. **It is your parade, do your part.** Tickets are \$5 each.
 This year's Chief Marshal, Eugene "Bud" Whelan also announced that a huge Basket of Cheer valued at \$200, donated jointly by friends of the parade committee and The Charlestown Board of Trade will be raffled off that night. Tickets for this dance and raffle can be obtained from committee members "Bud" Whelan, Kay McDonough, Glenn W. Luce, Jr., or Arthur Hurley.

Anyone interested in helping out can drop by the American Legion Hall, Chestnut Street on Thursday nights between 7 and 10 p.m. and see Arthur Hurley. A good parade needs your help, and yours, and especially Yours.

Career Day

Bunker Hill Community College in Charlestown will host its annual Career Fair on April 15 between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. in the main lobby.
 More than 60 organizations from the health, hospitality, banking, insurance, business, manufacturing and government sectors will be represented. Recruiters will be available to provide general career information as well as specific information about job opportunities.
 All alumni and neighbors of the college seeking career and job information are invited to attend.

St. Mary's Heralds Holy Week

St. Mary's is reminding its parishioners that Holy Week, April 12-19 is "The Greatest Week of the Year." It is the time when Christians celebrate and commemorate the central mystery of the Christian faith, the Death and Resurrection of Jesus. The invitation is for all parishioners to participate in the Masses and Liturgies of the Week. It is the time for all to come together, church-goers/non-church goers, married/singles, male/females, all ages.
 Palm Sunday Masses, April 12, opens the week with Saturday Masses at 4:00 and 5:30 p.m., and Sunday Masses at 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. On Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. will be presented St. Mary's own Passion Play, "Triumph and Tragedy."
 On Holy Thursday, April 16, the Mass of the Lord's Supper will be celebrated at 7:30 p.m. On Good Friday, April 17, the Celebration of The Lord's Passion will be at

3:00 p.m. and The Way of the Cross at 7:30 p.m. On Holy Saturday, April 18, the beautiful and moving Easter Vigil Service and Mass will be celebrated at 7:30 p.m. Easter Sunday Masses, April 19, will be at 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.
 The St. Mary's Choir and Folk Group will provide the liturgical music program for all

ceremonies under the direction of Mr. Paul White.
 The Sacrament of Reconciliation, Confessions, will be ministered Wednesday 6:00-7:00 p.m., Thursday 5:30-6:15 p.m., Friday after the 3:00 p.m. service and 6:00-7:00 p.m., and Saturday 2:30-3:50 p.m.
 St. Mary's wishes all a Happy and Blessed Easter.

Annual Good Friday March

The fifth annual Good Friday March will begin at 10 a.m. at Thompson Square, rain or shine, April 17 and proceed as follows:
 Station 1 - 10:15 a.m. - Sullivan & Main Streets
 Station 2 - 10:30 a.m. - Schrafft's (Sullivan Sq.)
 Station 3 - 10:50 a.m. - Top of Bunker Hill Street
 Station 4 - 11:10 a.m. - Elm & Bunker Hill Streets
 Station 5 - 11:35 a.m. - Winthrop St. (Training Field)
 Station 6 - 11:50 a.m. - The Bunker Hill Monument
 Everyone is invited to join the procession at any Station to witness, march, pray, sing and share in carrying the nine-foot Cross of Christ. At each Station a brief meditation will call to mind the present sufferings of Jesus in his people and the hope we share because of His resurrection.
 The six Charlestown Churches sponsor the Good Friday March to conclude the ecumenical program of the Lenten season.



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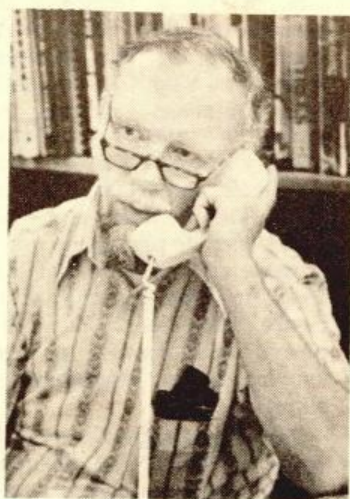
Boston Globe handyman Peter Hotten will be the opening speaker at the Charlestown Preservation Society's Third Annual Home Fair to be held Sunday, April 26 from noon to 4 p.m. at Bunker Hill Community College. The unstumpable Mr. Hotten, author of several books including "So You Want to Fix Up An Old House" (Little Brown), will present a short slide show and talk at 1 p.m., then be on hand to answer questions about all your household problems — from leaky faucets to lower back pain.

Among the gallery of exhibitors at the fair will be merchants and craftsmen with helpful hints and innovative ideas

for lighting, wall coverings, stenciling, picture framing, masonry, tiling, quilting and gardening. Experts will offer energy-saving tips, including information on solar heating and cast iron stoves.

Numerous discounts on goods and services, many generously donated by Charlestown merchants, will be available to those attending, and super prizes will be raffled off during the four hour fair. For those who fail to win a mouthwatering prize, refreshments provided by the Charlestown Community Center will be on sale throughout the afternoon.

Other speakers will be Peter Steele, Curator of the Boston



PETER HOTTEN

National Historical Park (in the Charlestown Navy Yard), and Robert Walker, head of Furniture Conservation and Restoration at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

This year's Fair Committee is chaired by Miguel Gomez-Ibanez and Jane Temple. Committee members are Raffi Berberian, Pam Brodie, Jackie Finnochio, Oren McCleary and Richard Paegelow.

There is no admission charge, and parking is free at the adjacent Bunker Hill Mall.

It's A Girl

Mr. and Mrs. Gerard J. Benoit of 14 Mystic Street, Charlestown proudly announce the birth of daughter, Tammy Ann, born March 20, 1981 at the Beth Israel Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds, 11 ounces.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John B. Falletti of 33 Soley Street, Charlestown.

The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Benoit of Mansfield.

Tammy also has a sister Tiffany who is three.

Over 350 Served By Fuel Assistance Program

by Keith F. Westerman

Spring weather and its financial relief from heating homes finally came to Charlestown last week. But with it, also came the burden of heating bills.

For over 350 Charlestown residents though, that burden is lifted this spring by the 1981 Kennedy Center Fuel Assistance Program.

Operated in conjunction with Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD), the program provides income eligible clients with help in paying their ever increasing fuel and utility costs.

In addition to paying heating or utility bills, the Fuel Assistance Program also offers rental assistance of up to 50 percent of rent payments. Payments are made to landlords of clients whose rental fees include heating costs.

"Warm weather may have eased the need for heating your home or apartment," said John T. Gardiner, executive director of the Kennedy Center. "And for many that's a blessing. Yet, for those who can't pay their winter fuel or utility bills, the spring brings danger of utility cut-offs. That's why the Kennedy Center is here — to protect those who

can't settle their bills. We want no one in Charlestown to lose their life sustaining utilities."

"Applications for fuel or rental assistance will be accepted for a limited time only," said John Grzelczyk, coordinator of the program.

"We want to help as many persons as we can, especially senior citizens. Everybody is urged to apply. The sooner a person applies, the more help in the form of payments we can offer."

Applications are processed within two weeks.

The Kennedy Center Neighborhood Employment Center handles fuel and rental applications. Go to the Community Mall site at One Thompson Square or call 242-4548 if you believe you may be eligible.

Apply now. The longer you wait, the less payment help you may receive.

No Food Stamp

Applications April 16

There will be no Food Stamp Applications accepted on Thursday, April 16 at One Thompson Square.

WJIB To Sponsor Benefit Concert For Kennedy Hospital

On Wednesday, April 29th at 8 p.m. in Symphony Hall, Boston, WJIB will present Evening at the Pops for the benefit of Kennedy Memorial Hospital for Children.

The Kennedy Memorial Hospital in Brighton is a non-profit, non-endowed pediatric hospital and rehabilitation center offering a wide range of medical,

diagnostic and therapeutic services for children from infancy to age 21. They also operate an approved day school program where children with handicaps and learning disabilities are transported for medical treatment, therapy and specialized instructions. The program enables children to develop existing skills to compensate for those they lack. After remedial training, children are aided in adjusting to local school situations.

Because of the non-profit status of the Hospital, they are totally dependent upon the generosity and cooperation of the public, as well as the help and donations of interested individuals.

The internationally known Boston Pops will be performing under the direction of John Williams.

Host for the evening is Edward T. Dolan, Vice President and General Manager of WJIB-FM. For ticket information and reservations, call Kennedy Hospital Associates at 254-3800 or WJIB at 523-6611.

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King Crabmeat Casserole	8.75
Baked Lasagna	3.75

with meatballs or sausage

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To Talk Of Many Things

by Sal Giarratani

A CLOSE CALL!

Once again America the Violent comes to the national forefront with the recent assassination attempt on President Ronald Reagan as he and his party were leaving a downtown Washington, D.C. hotel. Another in a string of lone "crazies" trying to go down in history in a blaze of gunfire, brought America to a screaming halt Monday, March 30.

The lyrics to a current hit song by The Spinners go, "Nothing remains the same. Life is a constant change." However, in reality, the more things change, the more they stay the same!

When I heard of the attempted assassination of Reagan by one John W. Hinckley, Jr., memories of Friday, November 22, 1963 came rushing back in my mind. Then another lone assassin-I should say alleged lone assassin-killed President Jack Kennedy while he was campaigning in Dallas...and then this person, Lee Harvey Oswald was gunned down two days later in a police basement by Jack Ruby.

The Kennedy Assassination was considered an aberration nearly 19 years ago, but the Reagan episode is not. The gunfire in Dealey Plaza back on that November is still smoking continually. Whether, it was that terrible spring of '68 when Martin Luther King Jr. and Bobby Kennedy were murdered within months of each other...or when George Wallace was gunned down and permanently paralyzed back in May of 1972 while campaigning for the presidency at a suburban

Maryland shopping mall...or when ex-Beatle John Lennon was gunned down going into his New York apartment only this past December. Or finally the endless series of murders currently occurring in Atlanta, Georgia. Nothing seems to shock us anymore and that's the real horror!

The outlaws appear to be in control here, a situation that can no longer be tolerated. Stricter and swifter sentencing, restoration of capital punishment and more concern for the victim are just some of the first steps needed to be taken on our road back to sanity...sanity in the streets...in neighborhoods...in broad daylight or late evening...

BEST WISHES FOR SPEEDY RECOVERIES...

...go out to President Ronald Reagan, Press Secretary Jim Brady, the Secret Service Agent Tim McCarthy and Washington, DC Police Officer Tom Delehanty who were wounded in the assault.

ALEXANDER HAIG'S IN CHARGE!

I was a bit nervous about the way Secretary of State Alexander Haig took to the situation. He appeared to portray an Allied Commander at the White House saying that he was in command. It was understandable that he was trying to hold the nation together in a moment of crisis so he probably should be forgiven. Someone had to assume control until Veep George Bush made it back from Texas and no one else apparently was doing much, so he moved into the vacuum. He deserves some criticism but a share credit for being there when

someone had to be! CLOSER TO HOME

I can't believe that Boston is even considering laying off the numbers of uniformed police that is being mentioned in the press. Most Boston citizens would probably agree with me that the Boston Police Force could use a healthy number of new recruits and not the 25 percent layoff number being bantered about!

The Boston Globe reported last week that the Boston Police did

not dispatch a police cruiser until six minutes after receiving a call for help from Deborah Smith, the nurse who was raped and stabbed to death in her apartment on March 14...it was further stated in the article that District 4 on that day had a grand total of 11 units cruising the district-a district that includes part of downtown, Back Bay, the Fenway, South End, Allston and Brighton and this before scheduled layoffs in the Police Department.

Proposition 2½ was a primal scream for fiscal responsibility, a mandate to fire the do-nothings and unneeded employees...a mandate to cut out waste, incompetency, corruption and stupidity. It was not mandated to layoff public safety workers and not a call to establish an urban jungle.

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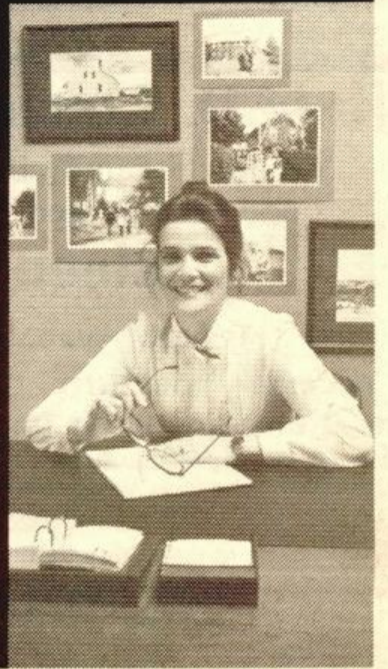
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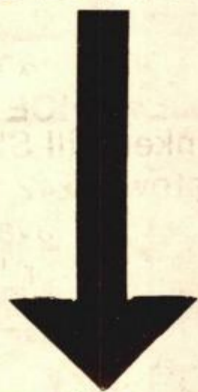
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The Little Orchestra of Cambridge was organized in 1975 under the direction of Mr. Frank Abrahams, now director of Music for the Stoneham Public Schools and first rehearsals were held at the Episcopal Theological School. A community orchestra, they perform frequently in Cambridge and are funded in part by income from the John Kinnear Trust Fund, established in honor of Company C, Third Regiment, Mass Volunteer Militia.

Tickets are \$5, 2 for \$9. All proceeds will go to St. John's Restoration Fund. Call 242-4919 for ticket reservations.

Charlestown Pool Closed Under City Cutbacks

Boston has closed its eight city-run swimming pools and will shut down its seven recreation buildings by summer to cut the budget in compliance with Proposition 2½.

In addition, the city is weighing a proposal by the Real Property Department to close 10 neighborhood municipal buildings this month. These buildings house facilities that provide Boston residents with a total of 34 services, ranging from employment and social services to health and elderly programs.

Charlestown has lost the John F. White Pool and, if the Real Property proposal is accepted, would lose the Charlestown Municipal Building.

To provide these and other services to residents, the city needs relief from the Legislature. You can help by expressing your concern to State Sen. Francis D. Doris, 727-4318, and State Rep. Richard A. Voke, 727-4900.

"The money just isn't there to

keep the swimming pools and recreation buildings open," said Boston Parks and Recreation Commissioner John Vitagliano. "With summer approaching, this action is especially painful - but it is necessary if Boston is to keep its budget within the limit set by Proposition 2½."

Vitagliano added, "We are forced to close the facilities for two reasons. One is that our large number of layoffs, 66 so far, makes it impossible to man these areas. The other reason involves the costs in keeping them open, especially the high cost of utilities."

He pointed out the pools were closed the last week in March and, barring some new revenue sources, the seven recreation buildings will be shut down "well in advance of July 1," which is the start of fiscal 1982.

The commissioner said the closings will save some \$500,000 a year. The Parks and Recreation Department budget under Proposition 2½ is being reduced 60 percent, from \$9.2 million this year to \$3.7 million in fiscal 1982.

The proposal to shut down the 10 municipal buildings results from an anticipated budget cut-back of some 50 percent in the Real Property Department. Notification of the proposed cut-backs was made by Robert R. Venuti, assistant commissioner of Real Property.

This year the department's budget is \$6.4 million, but preliminary figures show that Real Property is being targeted for a 50 percent reduction to \$3.2 million in fiscal 1982.

The proposal calls for a phased-in closing of the municipal buildings to coincide with pending Real Property Department layoffs beginning April 15.

Attention, Homemakers!

Capitalize on your love of children by becoming a family day care provider.

The Charlestown Community Center is seeking women who would like to earn money in their homes by providing day care for infants or small children.

What is a family day care provider? Basically a homemaker who loves small children and wants to earn money while still in her own

home. Often this type of at home occupation is ideal for mothers of young children. Mothers can supplement the family income while caring for and providing playmates for their own children. Mothers of grown children often find this work satisfying as well.

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Sansone Calls For Human Services Assessment

Citing a serious need to "Assess and re-evaluate the human service needs in Boston," Boston City Councillor Rosemarie E. Sansone, Chairwoman of the Committee on Human Services, will conduct a public hearing this week to ascertain the White administration's priorities as they draft the Year VII Community Development Block Grant application.

"Human Service programs such as elderly nutrition sites,

day care centers, after school youth activities and community based educational programs, such as those run in Community Schools, face serious cutbacks due to the passage of Proposition 2 1/2 and the proposed cuts in the federal budget and Title XX allotments. The \$25 million awarded Boston through the CDBG application is going to be one of the few avenues of funding community based programs. We must work to ensure that the

money is going to be spent in the area of greatest need," said Sansone.

The hearing will be held in the City Council Chamber on Friday, April 10 at 10 a.m. Representatives and planners from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Development and the Department of Social Services will be present and questioned about priorities for neighborhood programs in the year's CDBG application. Community residents and human service providers are also encouraged to attend and offer suggestions about drafting of the application.

Capitol Area Council For Children Elections

The Capitol Area Council for Children, which is the Board of Directors for the Capitol Area of the Office for Children will have their elections on May 28, 1981. The Capitol area represents the following cities: Charlestown, East Boston, North End, West End and Beacon Hill. The purpose of the Council is to make sure kids receive the service they need. The way in which this function is performed is by monitoring existing programs, reviewing all the proposals for the state monies, compiling a needs assessment for the Capitol area, etc. In addition, two of the main interests of the Council this year have been Foster Care and Adolescent services.

If you are interested in being on the Board of Directors, and

want to help kids please call the Community Representative, Adele K. Castater at 567-6583 for more information.

Concert At Navy Yard

The Boston National Historical Park will present the Chorus from Austintown-Fitch High School of Youngstown, Ohio, on Tuesday, April 14, 1981. They will be performing at the Charlestown Navy Yard at Docksides next to the U.S.S. CONSTITUTION. The time of their performance will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The concert is FREE For more information call 242-5664.

Parents' Discussion Group

The Parents' Discussion Group will present "Growing Vegetables in Pots" with speaker Michelle Wheeler, Horticulturist, from Greenstock Urban Gardening Program, Suffolk County Extension Service on Friday, April 10, 1981 at 10 a.m. at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street.

The Pre-school Story Hour is also held at the library at 10 a.m. on Friday. This is open to children three years of age or older.

Realtor Receives Award

Dan Silva from Century 21 Silva Realty Realty Associates was awarded the Century 21 Annual Gold Club Award recently at the King's Grant Restaurant in Danvers.

The Century 21 Gold Club recognizes the top 21 offices in the New England Region. These real estate brokers have achieved a level of productivity and professional service to the community that exemplifies standards of excellence for the year. Century 21 Silva Realty Associates had gross sales in excess of \$6,000,000 for 1980, a new production record for the firm.

The Century 21 Gold Club members were guests at a special luncheon - meeting hosted by Dick Eagan, Director of Sales & Management Development for Century 21 of New England, Inc. Dr. Richard



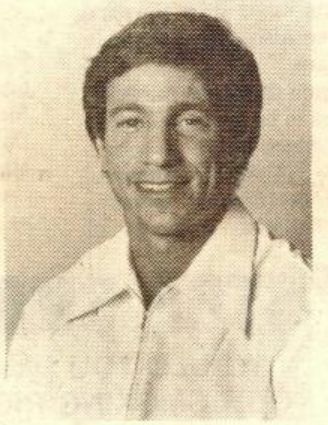
DAN SILVA

McKenna, President of Dimensions, Inc., and Management Consultant to Century 21 Real Estate Corporation in Irvine, California was guest speaker to share new management ideas and award the Annual Gold Club designations.

Ecumenical Lenten Service

The final Sunday evening of the Charlestown Ecumenical Lenten Services will be held this week, April 12 at St. Francis de Sales Church on the top of Bunker Hill Street. Rev. Isaiah Sears of the First Baptist Church will be preaching on the last chapter of Galatians. Refreshments will be

in the church hall at 6:00 p.m. followed by the Service at 6:30 p.m. Final plans will be announced concerning the Good Friday March of the Cross through the streets of Charlestown. All are welcome to attend.



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Rugby is one of the fastest growing sports in the United States. A cross between football and soccer, this sport provides its players with a needed physical outlet for good fun. Initially introduced at the college level, rugby has expanded and is now best represented at the club level.

Charles River Rugby Football Club is reflective of the fine caliber of play offered to prospective ruggers in the Boston area. Though the number of members is small compared to other Boston area clubs, the 1980 River "Rats" moved into New England's "A" Division, and as "newcomers" surprised the traditional rugby powers by challenging the winners for the league championship.

The Charles River team toured England in September 1980, and were the recipients of some tremendous overseas hospitality. Despite the continual mayor's receptions, many parties, and sightseeing, the "rats" did manage to win one of the three matches scheduled against some top-notch English competition. Rugby has a social side to it which is unmatched by any other sport.

Although many good rugby

clubs are based in Boston, (six men's clubs, two women's clubs) almost none are community-related and local talent is sparse. This is unfortunate as the game is easily picked up by coachable athletes. Many of Charles River's frontline players had never played before.

One of the most important aspects of rugby is that the game is set up so that all players participate in a match. A match consists of two or more games so that each player can play in a game which is geared towards his experience level. In this manner players can learn the game through participation with other players at his skill level. An "A" side match is played by the best players of the team and is intensely competitive, while the following games are usually more loosely played but with the same winning spirit. These second and third side games are excellent for novice players and potential retirees (Charles River players' ages range from late teens to late thirties).

Anyone interested in this fascinating, yet sociable sport should contact Mitch Galanek at 253-2360 (work) or 899-5736 (home). The team is beginning practice now for the spring season.

Boys' Club News

by Charlie McGonagle

For the uninitiated, the Outward Bound schools, located in various locales around the world, offer two and four week survival courses for youngsters with a craving for adventure.

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In the early 1960's, John Brennan and Paul Griffin, both in their mid-teens, embarked on a trip to Colorado. They were Charlestown's very first Outward Bound students, and unbeknown to them at the time, they were establishing a tradition that would eventually allow this town to claim the greatest number of Outward Bound Students from any community of similar size in the country.

Over the two decades which

Outward Bound

followed the Brennan-Griffin trek, literally scores of local youngsters followed. Some traced their predecessor's footprints to Colorado, some studied off the Florida Keys, but most practiced the brand of survival taught a Hurricane Island off the coast of Maine.

similarly motivated young people from all corners of the country appeals to you, drop by the club and talk to Bob Gould. Maybe your dreams will be realized.

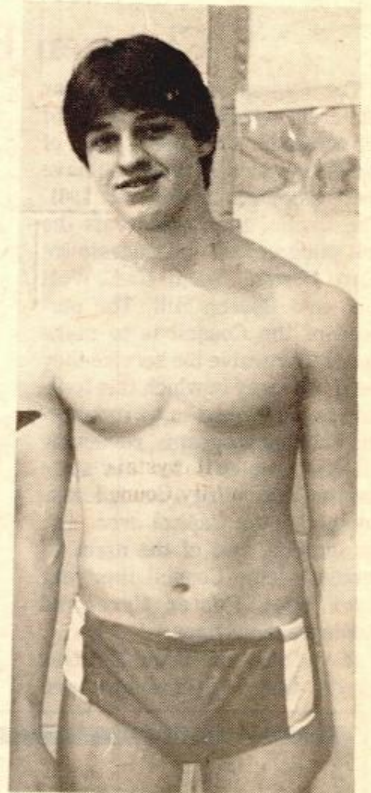
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Although most of the local Outward Bound students have been young men, several young ladies have also participated in the program.

Once again this year, the Boys' Club hopes to have some funding available which will help send a group of youngsters to Outward Bound. If the idea of spending four weeks with a group of



MICHAEL WARD, son of Mrs. Patricia Ward of Monument Square, Charlestown was elected Most Valuable Player by his team-mates at Boston Technical High School. He will be attending the University of Massachusetts at Amherst this Fall.

Babe Ruth Tryouts

On Saturday afternoon, April 11, at 1:00 the Charlestown Babe Ruth League will hold tryouts for the coming baseball season which opens on April 25th. The tryouts will be held at Ryan Playground. Every boy in the 13-15 age bracket is welcome. If you haven't registered thus far, just bring your birth certificate and a fee of \$20.00 at that time.

Phil Kelly

To Host Insurance Women's Dinner Meet

Mrs. Faith A. Mello of Charlestown, who serves as Director of the Suffolk County Chapter of the Mass. Association Insurance Women, (MAIW) announces that the Chapter's Monthly Dinner Meeting will be held at Kevin's Wharf, 254 Summer Street, Boston, on Thursday, April 16th at 5:45 p.m.

Mr. William Pierson, Marketing Representative of the Hartford Insurance group will be guest speaker, and his topic will be "The Mystiques of the International Insurance Market." Mr. Pierson, whose background includes both Commercial Property and Inland Marine Underwriting, has had extensive experience as a Senior Underwriter in the Surplus Lines Field, in the International Market Department.

For reservations at \$10.00 each, please contact Club Treasurer, Adelaide Bravoco, at 262-1010.

Non-members are cordially invited.

PWP To Meet

P.W.P. (Parents Without Partners) for single parents and children will hold a Newcomers Orientation Night at the Charlestown Community Center at 14 Green Street on April 12, 1981 at 7:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served. For further information call Mary at 242-4319.

Films For Children

The Spring Films For School-Age Children Program will present "Sunshine" and "Devil and Daniel Mouse" on Tuesday afternoon, April 14, 1981 at 3:30 p.m. at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street.

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Put The Blame Where It Belongs

April 6, 1981

To the Editor,

Well, Mr. and Mrs. Tax Payer, what I have been saying for years has finally come true. Nobody has wanted to listen, but here it is, just as plain as I can put it.

In 1974, the School budget was \$107,000,000 with 93,000 students going to our Schools. We have lost approximately 50,000 youngsters out of the School system, and now they are asking for \$240,000,000 for only 43,000 kids. What the hell are they running over there at the School Committee office?

Just recently, the School Committee voted to close down 27 Schools, but no way, will the Social Planning Liberal Dogooders admit that FORCED BUSING has failed miserably in this City.

I want to make it crystal clear, that the Boston City Council has absolutely nothing to do with the budget of the School system here in Boston. We never did. Mayor Kevin White has the full say on this budget, and there is a movement on now to make the taxpayers of this City believe that we have the final say - we do not. Why the School Committee always wants to meet with the City Council, I have no idea, but if we did have control of the budget for them, I for one would really expose just what they are doing with all this money. Can you imagine a \$40,000,000 contract for buses that are only a quarter full, and busing these poor kids all over the City, for what? Council to approve a \$90,000,000 issue to pay tax abatements, and yet does not send in a list of who will be paid. I for one, will not vote for this \$90,000,000 because we owe \$620,000,000 in bonds as it is now. When is this all going to stop? There is nothing in the \$90,000,000 for the Schools, and they know it.

When people voted for Proposition 2 1/2 they wanted the fat cut out of all this ridiculous spending around here, so what do they do? They cut Police, Fire, Parks & Recreation, Traffic Supervisors,

Fire maintenance, and any other thing they can find, but not Little City Halls (\$3,000,000) Deputy Mayors, public relations (\$380,000) 27 Commissioners at the Boston City Hospital, six cars that the Mayor has at his disposal, and using the C.D.B.G. monies for all the "phoney Payroll Charlies" that are on the Mayor's payroll.

The School Committee came into this Council to weep and cry, but they never brought in their payroll, or reported how they are spending money like it was going out of style. No breakdown of what the \$90,000,000 is for, so I say NO to anymore money.

If we lay-off Police and Firefighters in this City, I have six votes all wrapped up in this Council to automatically cut out of the budget four deputy Mayors, all Little City Halls, 27 Deputy Commissioners at the Boston City Hospital, five of the Mayor's six cars, the Parkman House, George Reagan's public relations staff, (\$380,000), and if one Councillor on this Council reneges on his or her vote, I will call it to the attention of the reading public.

I have never been in the bag here in the Council, and never will be. Civil Service means nothing to this administration, but as long as I am here, we will get rid of the fat, and keep the essential services going. Can you imagine laying off Police and Firefighters? What the hell do they want us to do, get killed on the streets and burnt out of our homes? This is what I call Fiscal Insanity, and nothing else.

How sweet it is, to have been saying these things for years, and finally know that I have been right on target. I know how the taxpaying public feels, and so help me, I feel the same way, and if the Schools close, then I don't want to be blamed for not giving them any money, because it is just not here. You can put the blame right where it belongs ON THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE for their wasteful spending habits.

Albert L. "Dapper O'Neil
Boston City Council

Call Your City Councillors . . . To Keep The Schools Open

by Mayor Kevin H. White

This city's number one priority right now is obvious: to keep financially afloat and functioning while meeting the mandate of Proposition 2 1/2.

With the cooperation of the residents and officials of Boston, and some help from Beacon Hill, this priority can be met. But it won't be easy.

My administration now is doing the painful task of trimming the sails in all departments. Sticking with the nautical metaphor, the city cannot allow full sail to any one segment of the crew, if such a course would rush it onto the rocks of financial ruin.

Though this reasoning seems logical and obvious to me, I also recognize that trimming — or slashing, to be more accurate — the budgets of highly-visible departments is a controversial process.

No department is more visible than the fiscally autonomous School Department, and no controversy gets hotter in Boston than one involving our schools. This is only natural, because our children are the city's greatest treasure.

For anyone to needlessly deny them their full allotment of days in school would be a disservice to the city, as well as the children.

But to send them to school amid chaos caused by bankruptcy of a city would be criminal — and ironic in that uncontrolled school spending would be the cause of the bankruptcy.

There is a solution, however. It has nothing to do with me cutting the school budget, because I have no power to do that. Boston has the only school department in the state with autonomous control of its budget; that is, neither I nor the City Council can reduce its

budget below its appropriation for the previous year.

The solution I offer would help keep the city's schools open for the full academic year and keep the city solvent and functioning. It goes like this:

- * Boston would provide \$18 million to the school department by using this amount the city has set aside to pay tax refunds to commercial properties as directed by the courts under the so-called Tregor Decision.

- * As a second step in this proposal, the city would seek permission from the City Council for a \$90 million bond offering to cover all of the tax refunds under the Tregor decision, including about \$20 million this year and an estimated \$70 million total in subsequent years. This bond issue would also have to be approved by the Legislature and the governor.

- * The City Council approval of the bond issue would provide for collateral in the form of new service taxes: an expanded hotel-motel tax, with the extra revenue going to the city; an expanded meals tax, with the extra revenue going to the city; the creation of a parking lot and off-street parking space excise fee, and a tax on certain real estate transactions involving developments.

For its part, the School Committee has begun the long job of cutting its budget. Some 220 employees are being laid off as part of a \$3.3 million budget reduction voted by the committee March 12. It is a responsible beginning, but long overdue.

Even with the belated reductions, the School Department's \$210 million appropriation will be expended by the middle of this month. So the \$18 million being offered the schools with my proposal is vital to help keep the Boston school children in the classrooms for the full school year.

The next step in keeping the schools open and the city operating is up to you, the citizens. You can help by contacting your city councillors and making your position known on this proposal to meet Boston's number one priority.

The councillors' office telephone numbers are: Lawrence S. DiCara, 725-4217; Raymond Flynn, 725-3131; Christopher A. Iannello, 725-4210; Frederick C. Langone, 725-4225; Patrick F. McDonough, 725-4220; Albert L. O'Neil, 725-4205; Rosemarie E. Sansone, 725-3115; John W. Sears, 725-3113, and Joseph M. Tierney, 725-4376.

A word from you could help keep the children in school, without financially forcing the dismantling of other city departments.

Jobs Make Our Future

April 6, 1981

Charlestown Patriot
One Thompson Square
Charlestown, MA. 02129

To the Editor:

RE: Kennedy Center Statement on Schrafft's Company Closing

Our Thanks

58 Monument Street
Charlestown, Mass.

April 7, 1981

To the Editor:

On behalf of C.A.R.H. and the 47 retarded children we serve, I would like to thank the people of Charlestown for helping us to meet our Easter goal, with a special thanks to Johnnie's Foodmaster and all the fine people who work there.


The raffle winners are:

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3rd prize - Easter Basket won by Gert Dagle, 31 Union St., Charlestown, Mass.

Sincerely,
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NEWS NOTES

This Police Officer would like to congratulate Killy Chase of 88 Bunker Hill Street, a nine year old student at St. Catherine's School. She is a credit to the school and the whole Charlestown community for her honesty in finding a very expensive ring and turning it over to this Police Officer, who in turn, returned it to its rightful owner. She is one of the many Charlestown youth you will never read about in the Boston newspapers. Well done, Kelly!

Sunday, March 29, 1981

About 12:30 a.m., a Rockport, Mass. resident reported that while his 1978 Olds was parked unattended, person(s) unknown broke the right rear window and removed a set of Binoculars valued at \$50.00, a leather liquor case valued at \$25.00 and sunglasses valued at \$25.00.

About 8 p.m., a Scarsdale, N.Y. resident reported that while his 1981 Pontiac was parked unat-

tended, person(s) unknown broke the right side window.

Monday, March 30, 1981

About 2:55 a.m., Officers arrested a Charlestown man on a default warrant issued by the Malden Court. Everett Police were notified and he was turned over to them.

About 2:22 p.m., a Newton resident was notified by Officers of District 15 that his car was found completely burned out. The car was towed to Commercial Tow.

Tuesday, March 31, 1981

About 7:30 a.m., Officers took a report from the Chief of Security at one of our leading businesses in the area who stated that person(s) unknown removed a Sears fiberglass 12 foot row boat and life preserver that was secured to a pier.

About 8 p.m., Officers took a report of vandalism from a Somerville Cab Driver who stated that while he was on Cambridge Street, person(s) un-

known broke two windows in his cab.

Wednesday, April 1, 1981

About 4:50 p.m., a Stoneham resident was arrested by Officers of District A-15 for Larceny of a Motor Vehicle. He was informed of his rights and taken to the District to await his appearance in the Charlestown District Court.

About 9:25 p.m., Officers of District A-15 towed a 1969 Chevrolet at the request of the Boston Fire Department as a fire hazard. The owner was notified.

Just a reminder: Officers are tagging at bus stops, hydrants and for street cleaning. Please think before you park.

Thursday, April 2, 1981

About 9:45 p.m., Officers of Area A-15 recovered a 1973 Cadillac reported stolen on Area A. The car was towed to Charlestown Tow for safekeeping and the owner was notified.

About 11:30 p.m., Officers responded to an alarm at Local 25 Health and Welfare Clinic. Upon arrival, they found a broken window and entrance had been gained to the premises. It is not known at this time if anything was missing. The caretaker responded and secured the building.

Friday, April 3, 1981

About 7 a.m., a Charlestown resident reported that while his 1973 Dodge Van was parked unattended, person(s) unknown smashed the windshield for some

unknown reason (if any).

About 7 a.m., Officers of Area A-15 recovered a 1973 Buick reported stolen in Middleboro. The car was towed to Charlestown Tow and the Middleboro man notified.

Saturday, April 4, 1981

About 1:30 a.m., Officers took a report from a cab driver who stated that unknown person(s) threw a beer bottle at his cab and broke the left rear window. There were no injuries claimed.

About 6:34 a.m., Officers of Area A-15 arrested a Manchester, Mass. resident for Larceny of a Motor Vehicle. He was informed of his rights and taken to the District to await his appearance in the Charlestown District Court.

Film Series At USS Constitution Museum

The USS Constitution Museum will celebrate its Fifth Birthday in April with a film series, "Life at Sea Through Films." Ship life in the 1800's was charged with paradoxes: adventure, monotony, insurrections, loyalty, betrayals, brutality, and for the most part, horrible living conditions. What motivated men to go to sea? How did they survive the long arduous voyages?

The series, "Life at Sea Through Films" will tell the romantic and the real sides of that story with the film classics, "Two Years Before the Mast,"

"Billy Budd," "Moby Dick" and "Mutiny on the Bounty."

The film series was launched April 8, the actual date of the Museum's Fifth Birthday, and began with the 1925 silent film great, "Old Ironsides," starring Wallace Beery.

One of Hollywood's most remarkable films, "Old Ironsides" was produced using a full size replica of CONSTITUTION, a cast of 2000, and four other large ships. Much of the film was shot on Catalina Island in California where an actual Tripolitan pirate fort was built and a training camp set up to train the crew to handle a square rigged ship.

The schedule for the film series is:

April 14, 7:00 p.m. - "Two Years Before the Mast"

April 16, 7:00 p.m. - "Mutiny on the Bounty"

April 21, 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. - "Moby Dick"

April 23, 1:00 and 7:00 p.m. - "Billy Budd"

The film showings are free.

The USS Constitution Museum, right near CONSTITUTION, in Boston's historic Charlestown Navy Yard is open daily from 9:00 to 5:00. Admission is \$1.25 for adults, 50 cents for senior citizens, 25 cents for youth ages 6 to 16, and free to children under 6. Group rates are available. There will be no Museum admission charged for the evening showings of the films. For further information about the Museum and the "Life at Sea Through Films" series, call 426-1812.

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Under The State House Dome

Plant Closing Bill Gives Economic Cushion

by J. J. Smith

The sudden, shocking, unexpected closing of the Schrafft's Candy Company after 120 years in Boston points up a stark reality — that out-of-state big business shouldn't be able to pull stunts like this to the detriment of their employees and the communities where they are located without advance warning.

This isn't the first time such a quickie closing has taken place, nor will it be the last. All of which is certain to be explored at length in legislative halls when the Massachusetts Legislature acts on a bill pending before it that would require companies planning substantial layoffs to give the workers, the local community and the state one year's notice to cushion the shock of the action. The measure also calls for workers to get a week's pay for each year of service to the company.

Such legislation has been under discussion for several years, but always has failed to pass. In fact, only Wisconsin has similar legislation requiring advance notice of layoffs while only Maine has a guaranteed severance pay law.

The plant closing bill was slated for a hearing before the legislative commerce and labor committee on April 8, and is backed strongly by Fair Share and many unions in the state. Industry is opposed, claiming it

will injure Massachusetts' business climate.

At Schrafft's there was no advance warning — workers arriving at the plant found Boston police officers at the door. Certainly the decision by Gulf & Western Industries, a huge international conglomerate, to close down the famed candymaker was not an overnight decision — an audit unions conducted of the company books — last summer tagged the annual loss as \$4 million. Thus it's reasonable to conclude that the closing decision had been in the works for some time by management.

This scenario, unfortunately, is not new — four years ago another conglomerate, Sheller-Globe, showed exquisite poor taste and lack of public relations savvy when it decided to fold the biggest employer in Clinton, Colonial Press — an action announced the day after President Jimmy Carter's widely acclaimed town meeting there.

Rockwell International pulled the same stunt a year ago January; it suddenly closed its Draper Looms Division in Hopedale, putting 500 poor souls on the street. Another out-of-state biggie, General Industries, unexpectedly shocked Chicopee last August when it shut down Jerrold Electronics Industry and moved the operation to Mexico.

Nobody suggests that a major employer should continue to

swallow huge losses if it isn't making it in Massachusetts. However, in some of the smaller communities such closings are devastating to local economies and, in fact, in a few of the above, unlike Schrafft's, some of the companies closed were making money but not enough to satisfy the pencil-sharpeners at out-of-state headquarters.

It comes as no surprise, therefore, that there is growing sentiment to do something to cushion this economic shock. Quite possibly the precise wording of the plant closing bill needs some major surgery to insure that it isn't counterproductive and results in firms refusing to even consider making it in Massachusetts.

Nonetheless, as the 350 suddenly locked out at Schrafft's can testify, there is a compelling public interest in providing advance notice of such plans. Both the about-to-be-unemployed and the local communities need and require more than an eleventh hour decision on an event that can have catastrophic consequences for the little fellow and the little community.

Any employer who can't make it in Massachusetts should be entitled to leave — it's the manner of leavetaking that needs to be cleaned up.

(J.J. Smith's comments appear in 62 Massachusetts newspapers)

Health Works In Charlestown

Bunker Hill Health Center has been chosen as the local site for Health Works '81, a series of community-based health fairs to be held April 27 through May 2.

Screening Day at the health center will be on Friday, May 1 from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Sandra Bock, Physician Assistant, is the site coordinator; Beth Quill, R.N. is the medical coordinator; Linda Panarese and Pat

Connolly are the non-medical coordinators for Health Works '81.

Anyone needing transportation to the health center may contact Mary Evers at Little City Hall (242-0805).

Anyone wishing to volunteer or help with the fair should call Linda Panarese at 242-5704.

Linda Panarese
Unit Manager

"Legislator Of The Year" Award



CONGRESSMAN JOHN JOSEPH MOAKLEY of South Boston was presented the American Legion's Legislator of the Year Award by Massachusetts State Commander James W. Conway at the annual conference held recently in Washington, D.C. Joe Moakley received the award "in appreciation of his dedicated efforts in behalf of the veteran."

Shown (l. to r.) are: Legion Past National Vice Commander Frank R. Kelley, of West Roxbury, State Commander Conway, Congressman Moakley and Speaker of the U.S. House Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, Jr. (photo by K. Jewell)

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Historical Society Announces Annual Essay Contest

The Charlestown Historical Society is pleased to announce the annual Rev. Walcott Cutler Essay Contest. The contest is open to all school-aged students attending schools in Charlestown, and all school-aged residents of Charlestown, regardless of school location.

The theme for 1981 and for all grades is "The Irish at Bunker Hill on the side of the Colonies or the British."

Prizes will be awarded in four

categories:

Grades 1-2 — Appropriate books for top three entries

Grades 3-5 — \$50.00 Savings Bond for First Prize and carefully selected books for second and third place

Grades 6-8 — Same as above

Grades 9-12 — Same as above.

Decision of the judges is final and prizes may be withheld in a certain category at the discretion of the Committee.

Deadline for the entries is May 29, 1981. All participants may turn their entries in at the Bunker Hill Museum or mail them to P.O. Box 1776, Charlestown.

Prizes will be awarded at the June 12, 1981 meeting of the Charlestown Historical Society at the Bunker Hill Museum.

If there are any questions, call Robert F. Rooney, Chairman, at 242-3735.

Reminder

Boston Latin School will present "An Afternoon of Music for Scholars" on Sunday afternoon, April 12th, at 2:00 p.m. Tickets, priced at \$1.00 can be obtained from Chairperson, Virginia McGonagle (242-4724) or can be purchased at the door.

Five Generations Celebrate Birthday



FIVE GENERATIONS OF TOWNIES CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY — Mrs. Anne Maguire of Washington Street, Charlestown celebrated her 91st birthday on March 26, and five generations of relatives attended her birthday party. Shown above from left to right are her daughter Mrs. Alice Marcella of Harvard Street, Charlestown; her granddaughter Mrs. Carol Sprague of High Street, Charlestown; her great granddaughter, Mrs. Nancy Sprague-Flynn of High Street; and her great great grandson, John Ryan Flynn.

Kennedy Center Faces Drastic Service Reductions/Residents Urged To Fight To Save Programs

by Keith Westerman

"The Kennedy Center faces a substantial reduction in services and a drastic cut in funds" because of the Administration's proposed cutbacks now in the United States House of Representatives, reported John T. Gardiner Executive Director of the Kennedy Center.

Speaking at the bi-monthly Board of Directors meeting on Monday, April 6, 1981, Gardiner stated he was not the least bit optimistic about the spending slashes and the zero funding of the Community Services Administration (CSA funds a majority of Kennedy Center

programs) and, if it is eliminated, the costs for Charlestown's poor will be high. Programs like the youth, elderly, employment, social services, and others will be reduced by 40 percent, or in some cases, closed down.

"That's the bad news," said Gardiner. "The good news is that I and our affiliated organization, Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) are fighting this action, and we may have managed to blunt the cuts and keep CSA alive. We have a chance in the House, but only if there is a flurry of letters and calls to our representatives,"

cautioned Gardiner.

Board members voted their support for Gardiner's efforts to save CSA and pledged to actively lobby against the defunding package.

All Charlestown residents were requested by the Board to write, call, and visit Speaker of the House Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.

Correspondence for the continued funding of the CSA programs should be addressed to:

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