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July 27th - Korean War Veterans Mark Armistice Day



OVER 300 ATTENDED the ceremony held by the Korean War Veterans of Mass., Inc. at the Mass. Korean War Memorial in the Navy Yard, commemorating the 43rd Anniversary of the Korean War Cease Fire. Distinguished guests at the services shown above (l. to r.) are: Edward G. Duff, Korean War Veterans of Mass., Inc. (KWV), immediate past president and memorial chairman; Charles A. MacGillivray, past president Congressional Medal of Honor Society; Hong Shik Choi, deputy consul general, Republic of Korea; W. Bradford Chase, KWV president; guest speaker Capt. Thomas J. Hudner Jr., USN (Ret.), Mass. Veterans Services Commissioner and Korean War Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient; Florence Johnson, president, Department of Mass. Gold Star Mothers; Thomas B. Materazzo, Boston Veterans Services Commissioner; CDR. Robert L. Gillen, USN (Ret.); and James W. Conway, past national historian, The American Legion.

Final 'Storymobile' Visit To Charlestown On Friday

The ReadBoston "Storymobile," an adapted book-mobile, is bringing story-telling, reading activities, live theater presentations and free books to Charlestown children.

The Storymobile will be at the Bunker Hill Housing Development, 76 Monument St., on Friday, Aug. 9, from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

GREEN CAB

Radio Dispatched
24-Hour Service
625-5000

'The Best Year Yet For Francis Kirk'

by Lynn Peters

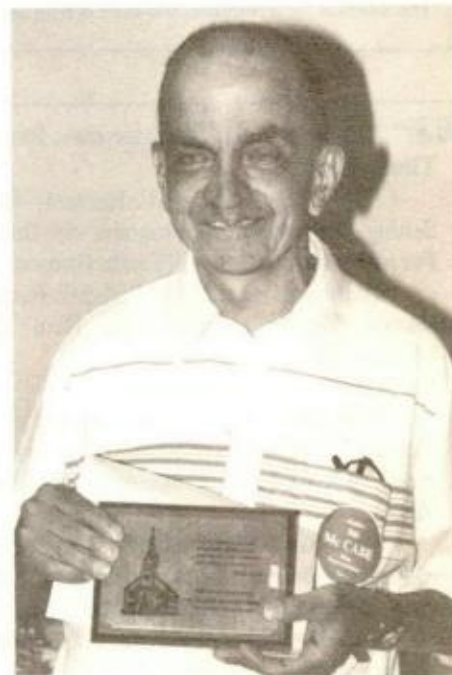
Called to the Knights of Columbus Hall to videotape an event for candidate for State Representative Bill McCabe last month, Francis "Captain" Kirk walked in on his own surprise 50th birthday party.

Where most folks shy away from the half-century mark, Kirk enthusiastically reports: "I tell you, my face dropped a mile. This was the best birthday I ever had."

In fact, it's been something of a stellar year for the all-around-the-town Kirk. He was recognized by the Boston Fire Department at this year's Bunker Hill Day festivities, shared a ride with the Boston National Park Service's Bill Foley in the parade and was recently honored by New England Medical Center for 25 years of dedicated service.

Besides working full time at the hospital, where Kirk survived a 700-employee layoff, Kirk helps coordinate Charlestown's annual parade and is certified

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FRANCIS KIRK celebrates his 50th birthday at a surprise party held in his honor.

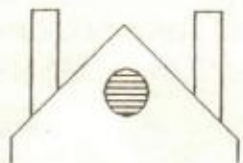


FAMILY MEMBERS joined with friends in celebrating the 50th birthday of Francis Kirk at a party given in his honor at the K. of C. Hall. Shown front row (l. to r.) George Spencer, Lauren Woodworth, the guest of honor Francis, Linda Kirk and Kim Kirk. Back row (l. to r.) Dick Kirk, Helen Barker, Karen Spencer, Kathleen Woodworth and Tom Hillson.

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Pier 3 Crane - A Serious Danger

The danger for local youths jumping off the large gray crane at the end of Pier 3 in the Charlestown Navy Yard is very real and can lead to very serious injury.

Sitting alongside flooded Dry Dock 2, the 80-foot high crane is used as a diving board into the waters of Boston Harbor. A loss of balance while climbing the crane will mean a free fall upon the hard concrete pad below. The many floating and submerged objects as well as the sheer impact of diving from such heights, also pose serious dangers. Diving off the crane is an extremely dangerous and unsafe stunt.

The National Park Service asks that parents speak to their children about the real dangers of diving from the Pier 3 crane. The interests of the NPS and parents are mutual - the safety of your children. The community's support in this matter is appreciated.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact Chief Ranger Marc Vagos at 242-5631.



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SERVICES FOR CHARLESTOWN RESIDENTS

Thursdays

- 9 to 10:30 a.m. - J.F. Kennedy Center's Goal Setting Group-Options Program, 55 Bunker Hill St. For more information, call Linda Hudson at 241-8866
- 10:30 a.m. to noon - Women's Recovery Group session, Kennedy Center, Old Kent School, 23A Moulton St.

Fridays

- 7:30 p.m. - Al-Anon meeting with help for families and friends of alcoholics, off lobby, Armed Services YMCA, 150 Second Ave., Charlestown Navy Yard
- 2 to 5 p.m. - Mayor's Office Hours with Judy Evers, regional coordinator, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

- 7 p.m. - Narcotics Anonymous beginners meeting, 55 Bunker Hill St.

Mondays

- 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. - Nicotine Anonymous support group meeting, Armed Forces YMCA, 150 Second Ave., Charlestown Navy Yard

Mondays And Fridays

- 9 to 11 a.m. - Charlestown Ecumenical Food Pantry open, Memorial Hall, 14 Green St.

Tuesdays

- 8 p.m. - Al-Anon meeting with help for families and friends of alcoholics, Mary Colbert Apartments (side entrance), 20 Devens St.

Wednesdays

- 5 to 7 p.m. - Charlestown Ecumenical Food Pantry open, Memorial Hall, 14 Green St.
- 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. - Free Smoking Cessation course, second floor conference room, Bunker Hill Health Center, 73 High St. To register, call 485-6400.
- 6 to 7 p.m. - Rep. Richard A. Voke Office Hours, Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square (use Monument Avenue entrance)
- 7 p.m. - Co-Dependents Anonymous (CODA) meeting, 55 Bunker Hill St.

SPLASH PARTY
for swimming lesson children only!
Wednesday, Aug. 14, 10 a.m. to noon
Clougherty Pool • Doherty Park
(Rain Date Aug. 15)
Swim Races • Pizza • Prizes

CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

this week at a glance

Thursday, Aug. 8

- 3:30 p.m. - Creative dramatics, improvisation and imaginative games - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Friday, Aug. 9

- 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. - ReadBoston Summer "Storymobile" - Bunker Hill Tenants Task Force Office, 76 Monument St.
- 5 to 8 p.m. - Gospel Concert - Shipyard Park, Charlestown Navy Yard
- 8 p.m. - Charlestown Townies vs. Granite State Warriors Football Game

- Memorial Field, Concord, N.H.

Saturday, Aug. 10

- noon to 5 p.m. - Bunker Hill Housing Development Cookout and Carnival, sponsored by the Bunker Hill Tenants Task Force - The Cage, adjacent to St. Catherine's Parish Hall

Monday, Aug. 12

- 5:30 p.m. - Special Healthy Charlestown meeting with Mass. General Hospital on community funding grants - MGH Bunker Hill Health Center, 73 High St.

Tuesday, Aug. 13

- 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. -

Children's Films - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Wednesday, Aug. 14

- 10 a.m. to noon - Splash Party - swimming lesson children only - Clougherty Pool, Doherty Park, Bunker Hill Street
- 2 to 7 p.m. - Charlestown Farmers' Market - Main Street, across from the Charlestown Branch Library
- 7 p.m. - Boston Harbor Cruise, sponsored by the Charlestown Ward 2 Democratic Committee - leaving from Pier 4, Charlestown Navy Yard

upcoming events

Thursday, Aug. 15

- 3:30 p.m. - Creative dramatics, improvisation and imaginative games - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Friday, Aug. 16

- 8 p.m. - Charlestown Townies vs. Randolph Oilers Football Game - Randolph Memorial High School Field

Tuesday, Aug. 20

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

Wednesday, Aug. 21

- 2 to 7 p.m. - Charlestown Farmers' Market - Main Street, across from the Charlestown Branch Library

plan ahead

Sunday, Sept. 8

- 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. - Craft Fair, sponsored by the Daughters of Isabella No. 1 - K. of C. Upper Hall, 75 West School St.

- 5 p.m. - Reception honoring Florence Johnson, state president, Gold Star Mothers, sponsored by Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion - Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

Thursday, Sept. 12

- 7 p.m. - Sixth Annual Rep. Richie Voke Charlestown Charity Event - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Sunday, Sept. 29

- Following 5 p.m. Mass - Giant

Bola, sponsored by the Guild of St. Francis de Sales - Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

Saturday, Oct. 5

- 8 p.m. - Installation of Officers, Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion - Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

Thursday, Oct. 17

- 6 to 11 p.m. - Auction to benefit Camp Bunker Hill - K. of C. Hall 75 West School St.

Sunday, Oct. 20

- 2 p.m. - Fall Homecoming Reunion for past and present members

of all three parishes in Charlestown - Mass at St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St., followed by a reception at The Schrafft Center, Sullivan Square

Sunday, Oct. 27

- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Craft Fair, sponsored by the Guild of St. Francis de Sales Parish - Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

Saturday, Nov. 9

- 7 p.m. - Charlestown High School Classes of 1954, 1955, 1956 and State Football Champions Reunion - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

CYO News

All boys who have played CYO baseball for St. Catherine's this summer are asked to return their uniforms to the rectory on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday afternoons between 3 and 5 p.m. during the last week of August or the first week of September.

Please be sure the uniform is clean. Each boy's \$40 deposit will be returned. Father Ron Coyne thanks you for representing Charlestown in the CYO League.

Thank You
The family of Roger H. Sherman wishes to thank all of their friends and neighbors for their words of sympathy and support.
Thank you all, again,
The Sherman Family

THANK YOU, GOD
Say nine Hail Marys for nine days and ask for three wishes. First business, second and third is for the impossible. Have this published on the ninth day and your wishes will come true even though you may not believe in it.
K.

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BHCC Allied Health Program Award Recipient

Bunker Hill Community College Interim President Maurice F. "Mon" O'Shea proudly announced that the BHCC's Allied Health Certificate Program was the recipient of the first annual Award for Innovative Practices from the New England College Council.

The ceremony took place at the "Facing the Future: Post-Secondary Education and Economic Change in New England" Conference held recently in Boston, sponsored by NECC, Regional Technology Strategies, Inc. of Cambridge and co-sponsored by the American Association of Community Colleges and the National Association of Manufacturers.

All 15 community colleges from around New England competed for the honor. The award was accepted on behalf of the college by Suzanne Roche, RN, of Charlestown, assistant professor Allied



BUNKER HILL COMMUNITY COLLEGE Interim President Maurice "Mon" O'Shea congratulates Assistant Professor Suzanne Roche, RN for the college's Allied Health Certificate Program's receipt of the First Annual Award for Innovative Practices from the New England College Council. O'Shea and Roche are Charlestown residents.

Health.

BHCC was one of only three award applicants to be chosen to participate on a panel discussion at the conference. Roche and Elizabeth Sumorok, Allied Health Instructor/Counselor,

made a presentation entitled, "Helping the Poor Get Good Jobs: Innovative Practices," which gave an overview of BHCC's program, including its design and successful outcomes. Since 1986, over 650

economically and educationally disadvantaged residents of Greater Boston have been trained by the Allied Health Certificate Program (AHCP) for patient care positions in health care facilities. Responding to requests from business and industry for a competitive work force, AHCP has developed an innovative curriculum featuring cross-training and vocational integrated English as a Second Language.

Targeting individuals who are low-income and/or welfare recipients, a 90 percent retention rate has been achieved over the past few years, with former students obtaining health care positions and/or continuing their education in Associate Degree programs such as RN, Nuclear Medicine, Medical Radiography and Physical Therapy Assistant.

For information on BHCC's Allied Health Certificate Program, call 228-2475.

THE REAL ESTATE WEEKLY



Carolyn Sideman, Monument Properties

WHEN DO YOU LOWER YOUR ASKING PRICE?

Your house has been on the market for three weeks. You've had no nibbles from buyers. You're beginning to have some nagging doubts that you may have priced the property too optimistically. You want to sell for as much as you can get, but even more important, you want to sell.

This is the time to sit down with your Realtor for a serious conversation about what to do. Remember that while price is a major factor, it's not the only consideration. Are you making your house easy for agents to show? Have you completed the necessary fix-ups and clean-ups so your property is as appealing as possible? If you have, a price reduction may be in order. Review with your agent the current market conditions and the prices of other homes in your neighborhood. Is yours competitive, or is the marketplace telling you that buyers just don't want to pay what you're asking? If all indications point to a price reduction, it's better to do it sooner than later.

For solid advice on buying or selling real estate, consult the professionals at **Monument Properties**. Please call us at **241-5900** or stop by our office at **85 Warren St., Charlestown**.

MONUMENT PROPERTIES



St. Francis de Sales Happenings

Saturday Night Beano

You have your choice of paper strips or hard cards at our Saturday night Beano. Early Birds begin at 6:45 p.m.

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Super Beano

On Saturday, Oct. 5, we will have our first Super Beano. The cost is \$50 (cash only) which can be paid at the Saturday Night Beano or at the rectory. A deposit of \$25 can be made at the time of registration, and full payment is due by Saturday, Sept. 28. The package will consist of 18 cards, and prizes will depend on the number in attendance. A minimum of 150 players is required.

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Holy Day Mass Schedule

Thursday, Aug. 15 is the Holy Day of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven. Masses for the holy day will be

on Wednesday, Aug. 14 at 4 p.m., and on Thursday, Aug. 15 at 7:30 a.m., 12:05 p.m. and 7 p.m. All Masses will be in the upper church.

Giant Bola

The Guild of St. Francis de Sales Parish is conducting a Giant Bola to benefit the parish on Sunday, Sept. 29 after the 5 p.m. Mass in the Bishop Lawton Hall. This is a parish benefit Bola! There are over 100 prizes, (every one a beautiful prize), that have been donated by parishioners and friends.

Chances are \$1 each! Bola chances listing all the prizes are available from the chairperson, Joan Rae, the Guild members, the ushers at Mass and at the rectory. A \$1 ticket enables you to win one or more of the over 100 prizes. Buy more than one! The more tickets you have in the barrel, the more chances you have of winning!

Homecoming Reunion

The Homecoming is a benefit for Charlestown Catholic Elementary School. It is also a get-together for past and present members of all three parishes in Charlestown. The Homecoming will be held on Sunday, Oct. 20 and will begin with a Mass of Celebration at 2 p.m. at St. Francis de Sales Church. A reception and collation will immediately follow the Mass at the Schrafft Center from 3 to 7 p.m.

Tickets can be reserved by sending a check or money order for \$25 to the Fall Homecoming Reunion, P.O. Box 316, Charlestown, Mass. 02129.

Craft Fair

The Guild of St. Francis de Sales Parish is sponsoring a Craft Fair on Sunday, Oct. 27 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, please contact Joan Rae at 242-0147.

A BIG THANK YOU . . .

from Kathie & Bob, former owners of The Warren Tavern, to all of our customers and friends who were such loyal patrons. We have sold the Tavern to Roger and Bob Seabury and wish them great success.

Don't forget . . . we are not too far away! To show our appreciation, please stop by Tavern on the Water for a preferred customer discount card.



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Half Of A Rubber Ball

When I tell this story, please, don't laugh.
But in Charlestown, the kids play ball
with only a half.

The language that's used is often graphic
For they play, you see, in the midst of traffic.

From sidewalk to sidewalk the ball is flown
Like an alien ship with a mind of its own.

The ball will either float or drop like a stone
According to the way each pitch is thrown.

The batter stands across the street,
old broom handle in hand.

Hoping to hit the ball into some promised land.

One swing and he's out, if the batter should miss,
A hit if the ball's not caught or
lands in Homerun bliss.

No other place have I seen this game played.
Only in Charlestown are those players made.

In the land of the Pilgrims and Colonial rebels
This game is another of old America's marvels.

- by Paul J. Kuchinski
Ft. Meyers, Florida

Note: This poem was written at the request of Bernie Donohue, a childhood friend from the Carney Street era in Charlestown.

New Board Of Directors Elected For Friends Of The Library

The Board of Directors for the 1996-97 year was unanimously elected at a recent meeting of the Friends of the Charlestown Branch Library. The board subsequently elected officers from among themselves, in accordance with the new by-laws.

The board and officers

for the coming year are: President M. Barbara Perry, Vice President Carl Zellner, Secretary Nea Hoyt, Treasurer Jane Richardson and Historian Elizabeth Clifford. Board members are Rosemary Cassidy, Mary Kay Donovan, Alice Erickson and Bruce Garr.

Bishop Pitches In 'Fore . . . The Children'

Charlestown resident and John Hancock Funds senior communications specialist Sue Bishop has been busy helping Needham's Walker Home and School with plans for their Aug. 19 "Fore . . . The Children" Pro-Am Golf Tournament.

Title-sponsored by John Hancock Funds and Investors Bank & Trust Company, the tournament will be held at Wellesley Country Club in conjunction with the Mass. Women's Open Championship. Proceeds will support Walker's programs for the education and treatment of emotionally, behaviorally and learning disabled students.

Bishop became involved with Walker through her colleagues at John Hancock. "Volunteering on the tournament committee is a great opportunity



SUE BISHOP

for me to do some good and have fun at the same time," she said. "Walker does such great things for kids and their families; I'm really excited to be involved."

In addition to serving on Walker's golf committee, Bishop helps the school with its annual sports banquet and has played a key role in securing raffle and auction items for a variety of their fund raisers.

Not for nothin' . . . But have you heard . . .



• **Looking For Something To Do This Weekend?** . . . Tomorrow, Friday, Aug. 9th, there will be a Gospel Concert at Shipyard Park in the Charlestown Navy Yard from 5 to 8 p.m. . . . also on Friday, Aug. 9th, the Charlestown Townies will travel north to play the Granite State Warriors at 8 p.m. at Memorial Field in Concord, N.H. . . . and . . .

• **The Bunker Hill Tenants Task Force** . . . will be hosting its 15th annual Cookout and Carnival this Saturday, Aug. 10 from noon to 5 p.m. at "The Cage," adjacent to St. Catherine's Parish Hall . . . where there promises to be something for everyone to enjoy . . . so, come on down!

• **It's Birthday Time** . . . today, Aug. 8th for Mary Golding who celebrates her 88th birthday . . . Sandra Hennessey will party for sure on Aug. 9th . . . and Richard Conrad will mark his big day on Aug. 12th . . . Hope it will be a grand day for all!

• **Belated Happy Birthday Wishes** . . . go out to Carl Stevens of WBZ and Charlestown, who turned 41 on Aug. 2nd (your wife laughed when she told us your age - guess you're much older!) . . . and to that good ole Kentucky boy, Jerry Steimel, who partied on Aug. 6th (ha! ha! we found out - now we're gonna find out your age) . . . Hope you both enjoyed your day!

• **Anniversary Greetings** . . . go out today, Aug. 8th, to Fran and Winnie Doherty who are celebrating 38 years of marriage . . . and to George and Rita Healey of Monument Street who will mark 50 years of wedded bliss on Aug. 10th . . . The very best to both couples!

• **Get Well Wishes** . . . to Joe Wrenn Sr., who is recuperating from surgery at the Mass. Eye and Ear Infirmary . . . Joe would love to hear from his many friends . . . Cards can be set to him at Mass. Eye and Ear Infirmary, Room 1139, 243 Charles St., Boston, Mass. 02114.

• **Do You Have Little Or No Talent But Like To Perform?** . . . Then, Do We Have A Spot For You! . . . Bunker Hill Council #62 K. of C. is planning a dance and they're still looking for 10 Lip Synch acts (no talent or great acting ability required) to liven up the night . . . you must be 18 years of age or older . . . call Paul Herrick at 242-0062, leave a message and he will return your call.

• **The Sound Of Music** . . . echoes throughout the city as free concerts and events fill the air . . .

Free Friday Flicks at the Hatch Shell on the Esplanade will feature the movie "The Wizard of Oz" on Friday, Aug. 9th, beginning at dusk.

The Waterfront Jazz Series at Christopher Columbus Park on Atlantic Avenue will bring you the music of Alex Adrian on Friday, Aug. 9th at 7 p.m.

North End Feast of Madonna Della Cava will be held Friday, Aug. 9th through Sunday, Aug. 11th on Hanover Street.

The Performing Arts Series at the Hatch Shell on the Esplanade will feature the WFNX New Music Series on Saturday, Aug. 10th at 5 p.m. . . . WFNX Jazz Series continues on Sunday, Aug. 11th at 5 p.m., . . . and WCRB will present the Southeast Mass. Wind Symphony on Wednesday, Aug. 14th at 7 p.m.

Concerts on City Hall Plaza will feature a local '70s Band Night at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 10th in the Eagles Concert . . . and on Wednesday, Aug. 14th, the 39-piece Air Force Band of Liberty from Hanscom Air Force Base, with a surprise guest artist, will perform in the Dorothy Curran series on City Hall Plaza beginning at 7 p.m.

• **Stress Levels Rise For Parents As Summer Marches On** . . . As the temperature and humidity rises, so does the volume of these summertime childhood chants, "But I already did that!" "What do I do now?" "I haven't got anything to do!" "I'm sooo bored!" Don't let your temper rise with them - help is only a phone call away. The Parental Stress Line, 1-800-632-8188, is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to help you cope with summertime stress.

• **We're Always The Last To Know** . . . Rumor has it and so does the Herald, that the Mayor is looking at Charlestown as the new home for the Harbor Lights entertainment complex, now located on Northern Avenue . . . Is it true? . . . Stay tuned.

• **Thought For The Week** . . . The most wasted day of all is that on which we have not laughed.

- Chamfort



Happy Birthday
ANNE
Love . . .
Your Family

Happy 50th
Wedding Anniversary
NANA & PAPA
on August 10th!
Love & Prayers . . .
Kate, Abbey & Paul



Happy Sweet 16 . . .
COLLEEN
on August 5th!
Love . . .
Colleen, Caitlin
and Catie

Congratulations
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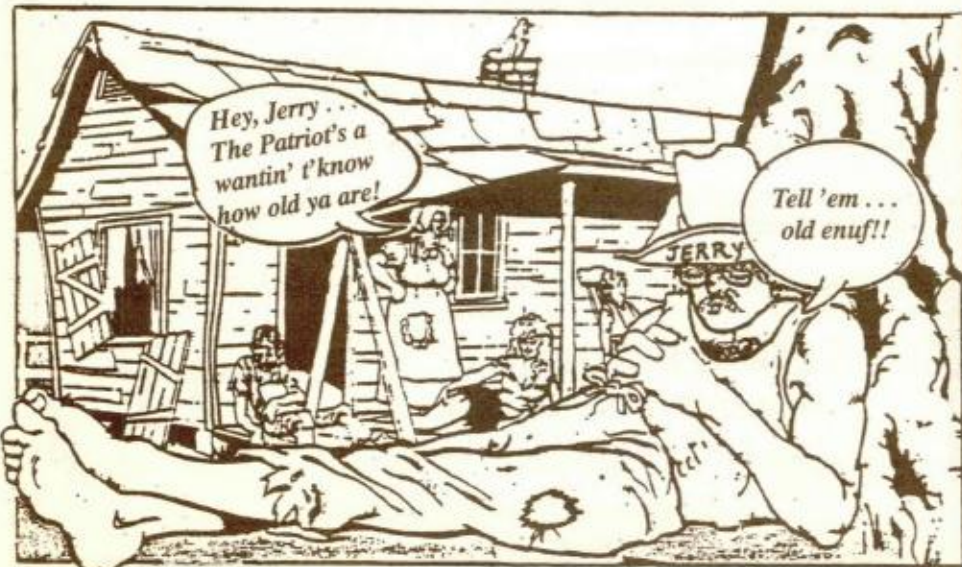
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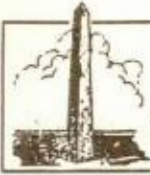


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PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

(never known to fail)
O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me here you are my mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to secure me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee (3 times). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days and then you must publish it and it will be granted to you.
H.





around the town

by Gloria S. Conway

**★ Neighborhood Council Meeting
Precinct 2 Meeting -
Tobin Bridge Painting Project**

David Whelan, Precinct 2 representative on the CNC, will chair a community meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 19 at the Legion Hall, 23 Adams St. Representatives of Massport will make a presentation on the Tobin Bridge painting project.

Monthly Meeting

The next monthly meeting of the Neighborhood Council, chaired by Peter Looney, will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 10 at the American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St. There will be no monthly meeting in August.

All CNC meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

★ Boston Licensing Board Hearing . . . Representatives of Bunker Hill Liquors Inc., 200-200a Bunker Hill St., will appear before the Licensing Board of the city of Boston at 10:20 a.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 21 in Room 809A at Boston

City Hall. The holders of a retail package store all alcoholic beverage license has petitioned to transfer the licensed business to JPK Liquors, Inc., Eileen Kelly, manager, at the same location.

★ Beat The Summer Heat . . . The Clougherty Pool at Doherty Park on Bunker Hill Street will be open until dusk tonight, Thursday, Aug. 8, due to the heat. The Medford Street Pool will be open until 8:45 p.m.

**★ Central Artery/Tunnel Update . . .
Closure of Purchase Street**

For the next two weeks, Purchase Street from High Street to Pearl Street will be closed from 7 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. A detour will allow two-way traffic between Congress and Pearl streets (and the 125 High St. garage).

Closure Of High Street Off-Ramp

Monday through Thursday for the next three weeks, exit 23 (High Street) from the Southbound Central Artery will be closed from 7 p.m. to 5:30 a.m.

'Into The Woods' Opens At The Publick Theatre

The Publick Theatre Inc., closes its 1996 Summer Season with the Tony-award winning musical, *Into The Woods*, music and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, book by James Lapine, playing Wednesday through Sunday at 8 p.m. until Sept. 1

Into The Woods is a fairy tale musical featuring popular characters such as Cinderella, Red Riding Hood, a Baker and his Wife, a Witch and a Prince or two. They all join for an adventure to seek their dreams and hopes for the future realizing they can only be found by going "into the woods."

This provocative and entertaining musical deals with growing up, relationships between parents and children, with responsibility and morality and wish-fulfillment. And even though there isn't a "happily ever after" ending, *Into The Woods* is an affirmation of faith in mankind and a reminder that even when things look blackest, "no one is along."

Spiro Veloudos is directing *Into The Woods* along

with musical director, Jonathan Goldberg. Their previous directing collaborations include *Of Thee I Sing* earlier this season.

The Publick Theatre is located in Christian A. Herter Park on Soldiers Field Road in Boston, directly across the street from WBZ-TV on the banks of the Charles River and has free parking. It is accessible by public transportation, so come early and enjoy a picnic on the grassy hills surrounding the outdoor stage. Refreshment service begins at

7 p.m. and performances are scheduled for 8 p.m., weather permitting.

Single tickets are \$12 Wednesday; \$16 Thursday and Sunday; and \$18 Friday and Saturday with senior citizens and groups receiving a \$2 discount. Youth 16 and under are \$7 for all performances.

To order tickets, call 782-5425 and charge on Mastercard or VISA or send your ticket order with a check to: The Publick Theatre Inc., 11 Ridgmont St., Boston, Mass. 02134.

Search Mission Culminates In The Charlestown Navy Yard

In the early morning hours of July 27, the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley Air Force Base in Virginia, received satellite information indicating an emergency beacon that was located in the Boston Harbor area. These emergency beacons, which are carried on most aircraft and boats, are prone to false alarms, but every signal must be investigated and turned off, so that a real distress signal can be located by the satellites.

At any given time, there are approximately 40 to 50 emergency beacons going off across the country, with about 95 percent or more being false alarms.

The Air Force called on the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), the United States Air Force auxiliary, to launch its aircraft to locate the signal.

Capt. George Riethof of Soley Street, Charlestown, a CAP squadron commander, got the call around 1:30 a.m. to proceed to Hanscom Air Force Base in Bedford to locate the signal by aircraft.

Due to the close proximity of the satellite "hit," however, prior to proceeding to the air force base, Riethof hooked up a radio to the antenna on his Soley Street roof, and found that he heard the emergency beacon loud and clear.

He then proceeded toward the Charlestown Navy Yard, where he searched for the signal with a hand-held radio. While Riethof conducted this search, air crews stood by ready to launch if the signal could not be located or if it indicated a boat or aircraft in distress or out to sea.

With the assistance of a security guard at Constitution Plaza, Riethof scanned the docks and was able to locate the signal on a boat in the middle of the Constitution Marina. The owner of the boat had not yet properly mounted a new emergency locator beacon, and it had been accidentally activated. The owner was awakened, and she cooperated in shutting down the signal.

Although the Civil Air Patrol operates at the lowest cost to the taxpayer of any emergency services unit (it costs only \$60 per hour to operate its Cessna search and rescue aircraft), the lucky location of the signal just blocks from Riethof's Charlestown home likely saved the taxpayer some expense, and averted a potentially tricky search operation.

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Aug. 21 - Birthday Lunch at 11:30 a.m.
Aug. 22 - Violence Prevention at 11 a.m.

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6:30 p.m. - NA (Beginner's Meeting)

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9 a.m. - Coffee
10:30 a.m. - Hispanic Coffee Hour
11 a.m. - Violence Prevention

Wednesday, Aug. 14
9 a.m. - Coffee
10 a.m. - Seniorobics
11:30 a.m. - *Kit Clark Lunch
12:45 p.m. - Bingo
3 p.m. - Duck Tour
7 p.m. - CODA

Thursday, Aug. 15
9 a.m. - Coffee
9:30 a.m. - Drop-In Goal Setting Group
9:30 a.m. - Bus to Stop & Shop
12:45 p.m. - Exercise to the Oldies

'The Best Year Yet For Francis Kirk'

(continued from page 1)

through Boston Neighborhood Network-TV to direct and produce videos for the community.

Describing himself as a "slow-learner," Kirk says he is proud of his accomplishments, in spite of the doctors of his youth who told his parents not to expect much from his "disability."

"It's ironic that the doctors had the least hope for me," Kirk says. "They said I wouldn't make it that far in life, and I ended up working for a hospital."

The youngest of seven children raised on High Street, Kirk tells of his younger years in Charlestown as being difficult.

"People didn't understand back then," he says.

Because he was not allowed to join Boys Club activities for fear of his getting hurt, Kirk says he spent most of his after school hours at home watching television or visiting the library, where he was "warmly welcomed." His circle of friends included five or six kids with similar difficulties who helped each other. Kirk also credits an Irish beat cop who looked out for him when other kids were calling him

names and otherwise making fun of him.

"He knew me by name and stood up for me," Kirk says. "He was a typical old Irishman with a heavy brogue. You couldn't hardly understand him, but I could."

Kirk attended the Holden and Polk Street schools in Charlestown, moving on to the Greater Boston Association for Retarded Citizens and its Community Workshops of Boston in 1971, where he landed his job at New England Medical, only narrowly missing a stint with the U.S. Navy in a still-operating Charlestown Navy Yard.

"I remember them [the Navy] coming to Community Workshops from the Maritime Division, looking around at the small-built people," Kirk says. "They had me stand up and hold my arms out while they measured me, and they liked me."

Kirk was being sized for working in the Navy Yard's tunnels, which ran in such places as under the dry docks to and from buildings. He made it through the FBI background check and was asked about how he felt about serving in the Navy. Kirk says he was excited about the job, but it was fazed out before he started. New England Medical Center became his employer instead in 1971, when Kirk was 25 years

old.

But just working every day wasn't enough for the spirited Kirk, who includes the Captain moniker on his business cards.

"They opened the Life Focus Center in '78, and that was a place where I really developed, and I took off from there," Kirk says.

At the Life Focus Center, Kirk enjoyed arts and crafts, a supper club and attending socials. In 1989, its director and deputy director, Jack Millerick and Kevin O'Halloran, told Kirk of a cable-access training being taught at Bunker Hill Community College. Kirk fared the three-month course in video production with a special dedication that has earned him recognition as a videotaping professional.

His current count of self-produced tapes comes in at 270. Using a little math, Kirk has taped, edited and produced nearly four videos each month since he finished that course. In addition to various community, family and special events, Kirk's library includes every Bunker Hill Day Parade since his start.

Now, Kirk proudly remarks that he is the only Life Focus Center student to have gone to Bunker Hill Community College.

He remembers his mother's passing on his last day in the college course.

"She always had the wish to see me get to Bunker Hill Community College, and she got to see it," he says. "That's why I stuck with it and still do." It seems that Kirk is one of those special people with an honorable sense of stick-to-it-ness . . . to his work, Charlestown and its people, and to his own goals and dreams.

At his surprise party in July when a Bill McCabe supporter flipped a campaign sign to reveal the "Happy Birthday" message on the back and the people in the hall broke into cheers and applause. The people and their response shows that Kirk is an inspirational gift for many of us.

Along the parade route this year he rode in the NPS jeep with Ranger Bill Foley, Kirk describes a warm reception on the streets of Charlestown as people congratulated him on his quarter- and half-century milestones.

"He told me he felt honored by having me in his jeep, that it was like having the mayor," Kirk says of Foley.

"I've done pretty good," Kirk says with a broad grin, "for someone they said wouldn't accomplish much."



IT WAS PARTY TIME at the K. of C. Hall recently as family and friends gathered to wish Francis "Captain" Kirk a happy 50th birthday. TOP ROW: On the left, Kirk enters the lower hall with his video camera to record an event for candidate for State Representative Bill McCabe, he is met with cheers in celebration of his 50th birthday. Shown (l. to r.) McCabe, Tom Cunha, Kirk and Maureen McCabe . . .

. . . In the center, Kirk and McCabe pose with the birthday banner . . . On the right, Judy Evers, regional coordinator for the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, presents a citation from Mayor Tom Menino congratulating Kirk. BOTTOM ROW: On the left, Kirk cuts his birthday cake . . . In the center, Father Daniel Mahoney, pastor of St. Francis de Sales, presents Kirk with a plaque and citation

in recognition of the work he has done on behalf of the church . . . At the right, Jim Conway (left) and Arthur Hurley (right) present Kirk with a check from the Killilea Fund of Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion, in appreciation of Kirk's work on behalf of the post recording its events on video tape and supporting the Bunker Hill Day Parade Committee. (photos by Kathy Whitehouse)

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MGH Community Benefits Program Requests Proposals

The Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) Community Benefit Program, in conjunction with the MGH Community Benefit Advisory Committee in Charlestown, is now accepting proposals for projects and programs that will aid the community in its battle against substance abuse.

The committee has set aside \$170,000 to fund proposals that target the specific areas of community awareness, alternative activities, skill-building and educational programs, and relapse prevention under the umbrella of substance abuse prevention. An additional \$80,000 also will be available to support several related initiatives, including mini-grants and a full-time community coordinator position. The proposals will be assessed according to criteria established by the Advisory Committee and the MGH.

"The Advisory Committee has worked extraordinarily hard to gather data and community input on what needs to be done to address the myriad issues that contribute to substance abuse," says Joan Quinlan, director of the MGH Community Benefit Program. The committee recognizes that the specific criteria applied to this particular health initiative must come from those who live and work within the community."

The proposals aimed at increasing community awareness should include measures to encourage the community to change its tolerance of alcohol and substance abuse. Primarily targeted at younger members of

the community, awareness enhancement could be in the form of media campaigns, designated drug and alcohol-free weekends, campaigns to stop public drinking or serving/selling alcohol to minors, and school-based education and prevention programs. Professional organizations dedicated to increasing community awareness of substance abuse may be contracted as part of this proposal.

Proposals are also being sought on alternative activities, skill-building and education. These encompass a variety of activities designed to provide recreational alternatives to drugs and alcohol, develop self-esteem and skills, and educate youth and parents about the effects of substance abuse. Increased self-esteem and a greater sense of competence protect against experimentation and use of substances by providing alternative hopes and dreams for the future.

Specific examples of programs which could be funded include (but are not limited to) mentoring programs pairing at-risk youths with other youths and adults; a variety of skill-building programs including sports and domestic activities; programs aimed at enhancing communication and interaction between parents and children, particularly coping skills for those families who have members struggling with substance abuse; and educational programs aimed at early prevention of substance abuse.

The Advisory Committee has identified

the need to establish a residential sober or recovery house, within the community to provide a supportive, affordable environment for people during the crucial year-long transition period. Currently those residents seeking sobriety or who are in the beginning weeks and months of recovery have very little support because of the lack of appropriate housing and counseling programs.

Funds will be provided for up to three years to support this initiative if a group of community residents can demonstrate that they will: 1) create a formal non-profit corporation to operate a sober house; 2) establish a board of directors comprised of community residents and others who have expertise in management of community residences, real estate development and recovery from substance abuse; 3) obtain in-kind professional services, including legal, financial and real estate development to establish the corporation and develop a site for the sober house; and 4) identify at least one cost-effective site that would meet with neighborhood approval.

Mini-grants supporting these and similar efforts will be awarded throughout the year and are subject to review of the community coalition. Seed money for creative new ideas will allow agencies without the capacity to absorb larger grants to be meaningful participants in this effort, and will provide funding for pilot projects which, if successful, could be replicated or expand-

ed.

All participants must agree to continue with their participation in the community coalition and will be required to submit a six-month update and year-end report, including a financial statement. All applicants must be willing to engage in a formal evaluation conducted by MGH personnel. Non-profit agencies and organizations and government entities including schools and health departments are eligible to apply. Funding will continue for three years, with grants ranging in size from \$10,000 to \$100,000, contingent upon meeting the terms and conditions of the grant and subject to annual appropriation by Partners HealthCare System, Inc., the parent corporation of The Massachusetts General Hospital. All proposals will be reviewed by a committee comprising MGH representatives, individuals with expertise in community-based substance abuse prevention and community residents.

The deadline for proposals is Sept. 10, 1996. Applicants will be notified of the committee's decisions by Oct. 5, and funding will be available for program start-up by Dec. 1.

For a proposal application or more information regarding the community benefit process, please contact Joan Quinlan, director of the MGH Community Benefit Program, Mass. General Hospital, 101 Merrimac St, fourth floor, Boston, Mass. 02114, or telephone 724-2763.

'Oh, I Wish I Were ...'

IT WAS AUDITION TIME on a recent afternoon at the Bunker Hill Mall as the Oscar Mayer company continued its nation-wide search for talented 3- to 12-year-olds to appear in commercials for the company while the Kool-Aid character looked cool and refreshing as he greeted the youngsters. TOP ROW: At the left, little Garrett Flynn didn't care that he missed the Oscar Mayer Weiner auditions age limit when he saw his favorite toy come to life - giant sized. His mom, Michelle Flynn, says Garrett won't go anywhere without his Oscar Mayer Weiner key-chain . . . On the right, Gina Lee Girouard, Sha-relle Bower, Shaunna O'Neil and a camera-shy Tia O'Neil. BOTTOM ROW: On the left, Shaunna O'Neil says "Hello" to the Kool-Aid character . . . At the right, a representative of Oscar Mayer company gets ready for a take as Sharelle Bower concentrates on her lines "Oh, I wish I were an Oscar Mayer Weiner . . ." Here's hoping a star was born!

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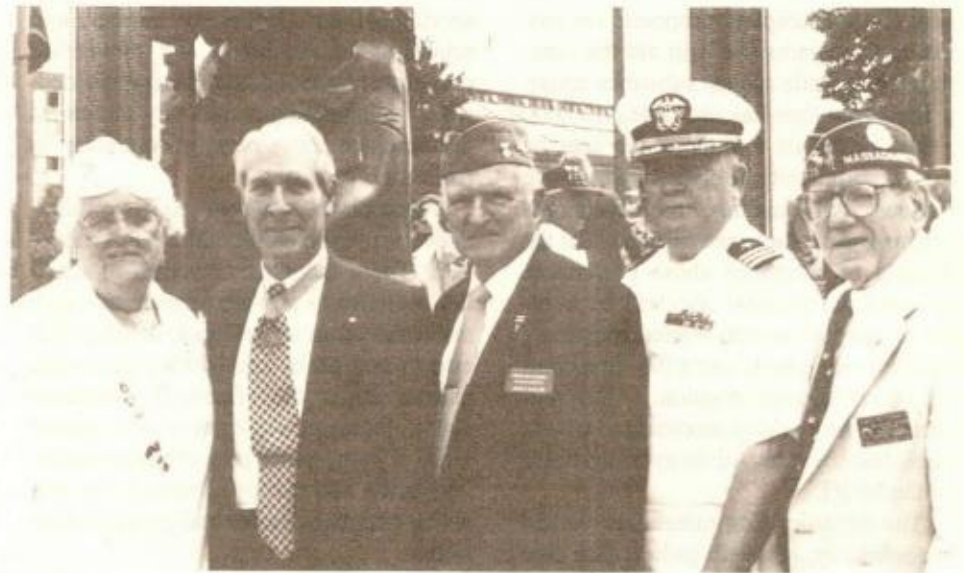
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*The Korean War has a sad lament
There's no memorial, no monument
No landscaped grounds or hallowed halls
No bronze statues or marble walls
Only scattered graves across the nation
Silent prayer and meditation.*



*They rest in peace - there's no more pain
No bitter cold or monsoon rain
No heavy pack or bandoliers
No sleepless nights and lurking fears
No hand grenades or bayonets
No eerie shadows or silhouettes
No fire fights or night patrols
Just silence now . . . God rest their souls.*

- Joseph P. McCallion
Co-founder Korean War Veterans Association



MASTER OF CEREMONIES for the services held on July 27, at the Massachusetts Korean War Memorial in the Charlestown Navy Yard, commemorating the 43rd anniversary of the end of the Korean War was Joseph McCallion, public relations officer for the Korean War Veterans of Mass., Inc. Shown (l. to r.) Florence Johnson, president, Dept. of Mass. Gold Star Mothers; Capt. Thomas J. Hudner Jr., USN (Ret.), Korean War Recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor; McCallion, CDR. Robert L. Gillen, USN (Ret.); and James W. Conway, past national historian, The American Legion.



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BOB D'S BEAT BY BOB DeCRISTOFORO

◆ **A Day At The Beach** . . . If you had told me that on Monday I would spend part of the day at Revere Beach, I would say you were wrong. But here I was on a hot August day looking at the sea with a very close-knit group of good Charlestown friends trying to come up with answers to unanswerable questions and thinking about, and remembering a good friend - Billy McKillop.

No answers here, just simple fact. Billy McKillop was a beautiful person, a good friend, a pal. Billy was loved by many, and he will be missed, but never forgotten. Memories of Bermuda trips, ball hockey championships and most importantly, good friendship, will always be with us.

Hot August beach days should never be like this. ◆ **Dunstable, Lent Tip Newtowne** . . . In Boston Police A-15 Ball Hockey action, league scoring leader Chris Lent had four goals as Dunstable Street took over second place tipping Newtowne 10-9. In the "Game of the Week," Steve Miele and Danny Trionti added a pair each. Dunstable Street jumped out to a quick start, and never looked back despite the stary performance of Joe Tallent, who led Newtowne with a hat trick plus one. The defending champs made a run, but Dunstable took control in the final minute.

Joe Brennan had five goals, and Chris Donovan, Joe Lawler and Mike Fidler had four goals each as the first place Hunnewell Warriors upended the Moving Targets 17-13 in a wild offensive show. Dan Devlin had four goals, and hat tricks were scored by Freddy Arroyo, Ryan Godfrey and Steve Simensen for the Targets. Steve Linnane made his debut in the Warriors net. Mike Collins has retired till the Dunny Cup - sure!

In other action, the Park fell solidly to Dunstable Street

despite great work by Jimmy Kane and Jackie Kelly. Mike McGonagle and Chris Lent led the high-powered Dunstable Street offense.

Of course, the league wouldn't be a league without a team folding, and that honor once again goes to the Underdogs - they did the same in basketball. All Underdogs games have gone into the standings as losses, the schedule has been readjusted, and everyone says, "Thank you, Underdogs, for once again spoiling a league."

Top Ten Scorers: Chris Lent 29, Mike McGonagle 23, Danny Murphy 21, Jamie Hutchins 20, Fred Arroyo 18, Joe Tallent 18, Steve Miele 13, Chris Donovan 8, Mike Machado 7, and Jim Tallent 6.

◆ **Pepsi Baseball Winners** . . . Congratulations to Nathan Duquette, Riordon Cannata, Cameron Ortiz, Sean Anthony, Ricky DeRocco, Steve Awbrey, Brian Leonard, Carey Doyle and Mike Lacey, all winners in the Pepsi Cola Baseball Challenge Clinic hosted by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department. All the victors are members of the Charlestown Community Center Day Camp Program, and they will be feted by the Red Sox at a game in September.

◆ **JAFT Still Number One** . . . The JAFT Street Hockey Team led a great delegation of Charlestown teams and players in the Southie Street Hockey Invitational, which took place over the weekend in Southie. This year's new kids on the block are the Dunstable Street - Wallace Club, who got their baptism falling to the Prendergast Southie team that won the tournament. JAFT led all Charlestown teams, advancing to the quarterfinal round.

◆ **CYO Standings As Of Aug. 3** . . . St. Brigid 11-1, Gate of Heaven 10-1, Immaculate Conception 8-2, St. Theresa A

6-3, St. Theresa B 5-4, Sacred Heart 4-4, St. Catherine W 3-9, St. Leonard 1-10, St. Catherine B 0-14.

◆ **Garvey Park Street Hockey** . . . The annual Garvey Park Street Hockey Tournament is scheduled for the weekend of Aug. 24 and 25. Charlestown has been well represented in this tournament over the years, and 1996 should be no different. Jimmy Fitzgerald is the contact person at 265-5042 or 265-2634.

◆ **BNBL Regionals** . . . The BNBL Regionals will be taking place in South Boston in the next few days and, of course, our teams would like support. Townie BNBL Commissioner Paul Martell has all the details of where and when. He can be reached at 635-5169. Good luck to our Charlestown players and teams. The regional winners advance into the City Championships.

◆ **Townies Are Back** . . . Their record in the Eastern Football League standings may not show it, but the Charlestown Townies are back. The losses could have easily been wins, and all have been quite competitive and exciting to watch. Danny Ryan has done an exceptional job in putting the team and the program back on track. The victories on the scoreboard will come.

◆ **Tidbits** . . . Birthday best to Father Coyne . . . Birthday memories to Shaun O'Neil and Brendan McNeil from your pals . . . Brian "Satch" Conroy says "Hello" to all his old Charlestown-Bermuda buddies . . . Kolleen Hayes and Mary Kay were spotted in Southie during the week . . . Brian Dole is a free agent, and rumored to be signing with the Hunnewell Warriors . . . Is Jimmy Gillen the King of Sissy K's?

Smile!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor must be signed and include name, address and telephone number for verification. The name will be withheld if the writer so requests. Anonymous letters will NOT be published.



Thank You

I would like to thank my family and many friends for the cards, flowers, and visits during my hospitalization, and for the big basket of fruit from my fellow workers and friends at St. Francis de Sales Beano.

Sincerely,
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Dear Mrs. O'Neil and
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Thank you very much for your generous scholarship award. It is an honor for me to accept this award from a group doing great things for the youth of Charlestown. I appreciate this and thank you again.

Sincerely,
Frank Manganelli

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Thank You, Beverly!!

My heartfelt thanks goes out to Beverly Gibbons. I wanted to move into a senior citizen's apartment, but I didn't know what to do.

Beverly sat with me at the Golden Age office and explained how to go about it. She helped me make out an application, and came with me to Admiral Hill where I was interviewed for an apartment. Since then, I found out that when we went to Chelsea, Beverly had given up one of her vacation days. Thanks Beverly, and God Bless.

Sincerely,
Lillian Boutilier

Matt O'Neil Junior Hockey Club Update

The Board of Directors of the Matt O'Neil Hockey Club announces the appointment of Michael Adessa III as head coach for the 1996-97 season.

A recent graduate of hockey's Eastern College Division Champion Amherst College, Adessa has been busy scouting and recruiting elite players to establish the NEW Matt O'Neil Club as the top junior hockey team in North America.

The program is targeted at total development of the student-athlete. It touches on every essential necessary to reach top level Div-

ision I and professional hockey. The players selected for the 1996-97 team will work on strength enhancement, aerobic fitness, mental and psychological conditioning, proper nutrition, skill development, skating techniques and the continued development of hockey knowledge.

Many players find themselves "on the bubble" of Division I college hockey and need an extra year of preparation to be able to live their dreams. The practices and day-to-day growth programs are designed to mirror those elements of top level col-

lege programs to ease the transition for the graduates and allow them to become impact players from the very moment they step on the ice in college hockey rinks throughout the country.

What set the program apart from all others is the dedication of the staff. From the very start, Adessa has stressed the overall development of the player, the continued development of character and values within the person, his own personal desire to counsel and guide the student side of the student/hockey player to insure academic and

SAT growth, and has demonstrated an unparalleled energy to market and promote the players.

Several slots on the team remain open and try-outs are being conducted by Adessa. For further information, call Phil Coleman at 242-3006.

The Matt O'Neil Lightning are a charter member of the highly competitive Eastern Junior Hockey League. The regular season home games will start in September at the Charlestown Rink. Watch for the schedule and updates in future issues of the Patriot.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Massachusetts General Hospital Community Benefit Program is seeking proposals from non-profit organizations in Charlestown to combat substance abuse in the community. This initiative is the result of a nine month process in which community leaders and residents worked with MGH to identify a key health priority to address together.

Proposals are being sought to:

- raise community awareness and change community attitudes about drugs and alcohol;
- offer alternative activities for youth, skill-building for youth and families, and education on substance abuse;
- develop a sober house.

A total of \$170,000 is available. For applications, please call Marcy Taylor, 726-2200. A public meeting to review the application process will be co-sponsored by MGH and the Healthy Charlestown Coalition on Monday, August 12, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the second floor conference room of the Bunker Hill Health Center.

THANK YOU, GOD

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THE CHARLESTOWN POLICE LINE

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From the desk of Capt. Ronald X. Conway,
Commander, District A-1,
Boston Police Department

Monday, July 29

A Charlestown man reported that at approximately 11:35 p.m. he looked out of his Medford Street apartment to see two white males exiting from his motor vehicle and flee down Medford Street toward Sullivan Square. The man found that the car radio had been taken. He said the car was locked and secured with an alarm and is uncertain how the vehicle was entered.

Tuesday, July 30

A 32-year-old Charlestown man turned himself in on an outstanding Charlestown District Court warrant for possession of a class B substance.

A 28-year-old Charlestown woman turned herself in on an outstanding Charlestown District Court warrant for larceny by check.

A Salem man reported that between 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., person(s) unknown broke into his car, which was parked on Charles River Avenue, damaging the door lock and the transmission. Stolen was a Canon camera, two measuring tapes, 10 music tapes and a jacket, with a total value of \$270.

A New Hampshire woman reported that between 2:30 and 6 p.m., a woman, whose name she knew, had been harassing her elderly father. She said the woman also threw a chair and knocked down his screen door. This is part of an ongoing problem. She was advised to seek complaints at the Charlestown District Court.

A Bedford man told police that between 7:30 a.m. and 6:10 p.m. while his car was parked at Cambridge and Carter streets, person(s) unknown damaged the door frame and broke the passenger side window. Taken was the car stereo, valued at \$150.

At 6:50 p.m., Officer FitzPatrick responded to a call to the rear of the pool at the Doherty Playground. He saw a group of 10-15 youths tearing down an iron fence. Two sections of the fence were torn down. Three teens were identified by the officer for destroying the fence and they will be summoned by the court. The manager of the pool was notified.

Wednesday, July 31

A Dorchester woman was arrested at 33 McNulty Court on a warrant.

A 36-year-old Revere man turned himself in to officers at the Charlestown District Court on a State Police warrant for violation of Ch. 209A.

At 9:05 a.m., a Lynnfield woman reported that her car was parked in the lot at 529 Main St. when witnesses observed a black Mercedes operated by a white male back

into the victim's car. The license plate number was given to police.

A 32-year-old Charlestown man turned himself in to the Charlestown District Court for violation of probation.

About 10:30 a.m., Officers Corbett and Luongo responded to Decatur Street on the breaking and entering of a motor vehicle owned by a Roslindale woman. A witness told the officers that an unknown white male about 20 years of age, 190 pounds, 5'6" wearing gray shorts and shirt and a white hat, broke the window of an auto parked at 90 Decatur St. and when he yelled at him, the suspect fled toward Vine Street. Nothing was reported stolen.

A 32-year-old Chelsea woman turned herself in at the Charlestown District Court on a default warrant.

Thursday, Aug. 1

About 1:12 a.m., officers responded to a radio call for a car accident at 500 Rutherford Ave. The officers observed an auto with a Penn. registration up against a fence and on the sidewalk. The car had extensive body damage, a damaged steering column and locks. A witness had observed three white males leave the car when it crashed.

A Charlestown woman reported that between 9 p.m. on July 31 and 7 a.m. on this date, her auto was struck and damaged by an unknown motorist while it was parked at 250 Medford St.

At 5:18 p.m., Officer O'Malley responded to a radio call to Front Street to assist State Police and the Boston Fire Department on a car fire. A 1996 red Pontiac with a New York registration was in flames. The car had been reported stolen on July 29. Mass. State Police are holding the auto.

Friday, Aug. 2

At 4:20 a.m., officers responded to Old Ironsides Way on the report of a breaking and entering in progress. A resident told officers that she heard noises coming from her front kitchen window. As she entered the kitchen, she saw what appeared to be a man attempting to enter the window. She said she made her presence known and the suspect fled the scene. The woman did not see the suspect.

A Charlestown woman reported that two youths had harassed her 9-year-old daughter as she tried to enter the Newtown store. A boy reportedly elbowed the girl in the stomach while two others attempted to take her money. No money was taken. The incident will be investigated. The victim's mother will attempt to resolve it.

At 6:40 p.m., a 17-year-old Medford resident was seen in the CharlesNewtown housing complex in front of 91 Old Ironsides Way which is posted for "no trespassing." The man has been issued several verbal trespass warnings in the recent past. He was arrested and charged with trespassing.

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Saturday, Aug. 3

A Southwick woman reported that between 10 p.m. on Aug. 2 and 3 a.m. on this date, person(s) unknown broke into her car, which was parked at 25 West School St., and stole her wallet containing a Mass. license, her Social Security card and \$25.

Sunday, Aug. 4

At 2:45 p.m., BHA Police Officer Russell saw a brown Oldsmobile operating at a high rate of speed while turning from Walford Way onto Monument Street and saw and heard it accelerate at a high rate of speed and fail to come to a complete stop on Bunker Hill Street. The vehicle was stopped and the driver, a 29-year-old Dorchester man, produced a learner's permit and was alone in the car. The plate number was checked and found to belong to a Honda Accord. The driver was cited for several violations of the auto laws including driving without a licensed operator, and attaching plates.

A 35-year-old Malden woman reported that she was in front of the store at 98 Medford St. at about 6:40 p.m. when an unknown white female began to assault her for unknown reasons. The woman punched the victim in the left eye and pulled her hair, causing the victim to fall to the ground where she continued to punch the victim resulting in a swollen eye and cuts to her elbow. A search of the area was made for the suspect to no avail.

At 11:45 p.m., police responded to a call on a shooting at Medford and Monument streets, where the officers found a 30-year-old East Boston man suffering from what appeared to be gunshot wounds. Officers followed a trail of blood back to 87 Old Ironsides Way. Health and Hospitals Ambulance transported the man to Mass. General Hospital for treatment. The shooting is being investigated.

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Registration At BHCC

For the convenience of students planning to attend the fall semester, Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) has scheduled Saturday registration on Aug. 17 and 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Registration is also ongoing at the Charlestown campus, 250 New Rutherford Ave.

For more information, call the BHCC Enrollment Services Office at 228-2422.

Children's Film Program At The Charlestown Branch Library

The Film Program for Children will be presented at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St. on Tuesday, Aug. 13 at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

The features will be "The Hat," a tale in which a poor man finds a hat that changes his life . . . "Leo On Vacation" is the story about a hard-working circus lion who travels to Africa for a vacation . . .

and Burt catches a whale and is taken on a remarkable journey in "Burt Dow: Deep Water Man."

"Cap O'Rushes," a folktale about a girl who is banished from her home by her father, will be shown only at 3:30 p.m.

Suggested good books to read are **The 500 Hats of Barthomew Cubbins** by Dr. Seuss and **Dandelion** by Don Freeman.

Charlestown Softball League

The Charlestown Softball League's standings for the week are:

| STANDINGS | W | L |
|-----------------------|----|----|
| Quinn Club | 16 | 1 |
| McCarthy Brothers | 12 | 4 |
| Townie Pizza | 12 | 5 |
| JYA | 8 | 9 |
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NJROTC Cadets Receive Awards At Ceremony

Several Charlestown residents who are members of the Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps at the John D. O'Bryant School of Mathematics and Science received awards recently at a colorful ceremony.

More than 2,000 awards were presented to the 350 cadets who were recognized for excellence in various areas such as academics, community service, conduct, aptitude and personal appearance. A few select cadets received special awards from military and patriotic organizations such as the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Sons of the American Revolution; Daughters of the American Revolution, Retired Officers Association, The Sojourners Club and the Reserve Officers Association.

Acknowledged at the ceremony were Charlestown residents Juan Ber-



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rio, Jennifer Haynie, Tung Phan and Shannon Rogers.

The John D. O'Bryant NJROTC Unit is one of the largest units in the country and is a consistent Naval Honor Unit winner. The 400-person unit has taken top honors as Northeast Region Drill Champions seven of the last eight years and has recently been selected as the top NJROTC Unit in the northeast region of the United States. The cadets are active in many community service projects

and have very high representation in student government, school sports and extracurricular activities.

Naval Junior ROTC is a joint school/Navy citizenship program that pro-



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motes the development of leadership, personal responsibility, pride, self-esteem and positive human relations. The NJROTC is based on contemporary concepts of education and the program's goals and objectives are tuned to the needs of today's college-bound students.

Charlestown Boys & Girls Club Enrolls In Fleet Youth All Stars Program

Area youths from the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club began work last week on a mural located at the club at 15 Green St. The project kick-off officially registers the group for Fleet Youth All Stars, a program designed to encourage and reward young people who undertake local community service projects throughout New England.

The mural will complete a set of four panels, adding to three already existing panels which focus on education, outdoor recreation and gymnastics. The fourth panel will focus on the arts. In addition to the mural, several youths from the club will be coordinating an Art-in-the Park program at the Bunker Hill Housing Development.

Through the Fleet All Stars program which runs to Aug. 31, volunteer youth groups working on local community projects will be eligible to win up to \$10,000 for local chari-

ties or civic projects of their choice. Winning groups are also eligible to receive visits from participating sports celebrities.

To qualify for the Fleet Youth All Stars program, projects must be designed to display a visible, lasting demonstration of volunteerism and teamwork in the community. Proposed projects could include traditional park and beach clean-ups, planting flowers, painting murals, renovating baseball fields and playgrounds, clearing vacant lots, etc. Fleet Youth

All Stars projects are limited only by the imagination and the initiative of the youth groups that participate.

More than 3,000 youth groups have been invited to participate in the Fleet Youth All Stars program. By registering each community service activity at any Fleet Bank, Fleet will provide \$50 in seed money for each registered project undertaken. Other youth groups are invited to join the program and may obtain more information by calling 1-800-418-5636.

'Boston By Bike . . . At Night'

"Boston By Bike . . . At Night" is a midnight-to-dawn bicycle tour of architectural and historic sites in and around Boston, and sponsored by the Back Bay Midnight Pedalers. This year's tour, the eighth annual, will be about 30 miles. The ride will end downtown at Waterfront Park for breakfast on Sunday.

The tour is free of charge and interested parties should meet at 11:30 p.m. in front of Trinity Church in Copley Square on Saturday, Aug. 17. Wear light clothing and something reflective. Helmet and light are strongly recommended. Commemorative T-shirts will be on sale for \$10. For further information, call 522-0259.

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