Firefighters Hold Annual Communion Breakfast At St. Francis de Sales



CHARLESTOWN FIREFIGHTERS, both active and retired, were joined by fellow firefighters from throughout the city for the 1997 METROFIRE Communion Breakfast held recently at St. Francis de Sales. Shown front row (l. to r.) FF Dave Johnson, FF Dave Walsh, Leo Sullivan (ret.) and Chief Chaplain Father Daniel Mahoney, pastor of St. Francis de Sales. Back row (l. to r.) Boston Fire Commissioner Martin E. Pierce Jr., Joe Corbett (ret.), guest speaker Father Patrick Healy, Martin O'Brien Sr. (ret.), Bernie Donahue (ret.), Richard Morrisey (ret.), Joe Houghton (ret.) and Gerry Hart (ret.).

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Charlestown Reviews Resident Parking

by Lynn Peters

A 90-day review of Charlestown's controversial residential parking program in the Precinct 1 area managed to draw more than 200 residents and business people to the Knights of Columbus Hall for an April 14 two-hour discussion with Richard Loring, Boston Transportation Department's acting director of traffic and engineering.

Precinct 1 is actually the second Charlestown neighborhood to develop a parking program. The Brighton-Parker Street area near Sullivan Square implemented resident parking several years ago to discourage Boston-bound commuters from leaving their cars on neighborhood streets for the day.

While most seemed to agree that Precinct 1's similar efforts to drive commuters out of the area have been successful since resident parking was implemented in January, not all residents, the elderly and business people share the same benefits from an effective parking program.

Loring and Judy Evers, Charlestown coordinator for the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, facilitated the meeting to review the impact of resident parking on Austin, Devens, Harvard, Lawrence, Park, Prescott, Seminary, Union and Washington streets and Old Rutherford Avenue.

"We will not have an-(continued on page 7)

McDonough Honored At Annual Quinn Scholarship Banquet



ERIN McDONOUGH, recipient of the 1996 Lt. Michael P. Quinn, USMC, Scholarship, was honored at the recent scholarship banquet at the K. of C. Hall. McDonough, a 1996 graduate of Matignon High School, is a freshman at Salve Regina University in Newport, R.I. Shown (l. to r.) Ronan FitzPatrick, treasurer of the scholarship fund; Erin McDonough; Erin's grandmother Mary Johnson; and Erin's mother Kay McDonough.

(photo by Kathy Whitehouse)

Registration Gets Underway Tonight For Special 'Old Ironsides' Cruise

Charlestown residents who are registered voters, have an opportunity to enter a lottery for an invitation for you and a guest to board "Old Ironsides for a special Salute to Charlestown cruise on Saturday, June 14.

Commander Michael C. Beck, USN, commanding officer of USS Constitution, who has arranged this special cruise, invites residents to sign a special cruise form and have their names placed in the Salute to Charlestown lottery.

Registration will be taking place at the Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St. (at the corner of Chestnut Street) from 5 to 7:30 p.m. tonight, Thursday, April 24, and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 26.

To apply, the person

must be a Charlestown registered voter and must register in person. Persons who are not registered should do so at the Election Department at Boston City Hall and bring the certificate of registration with them to the Legion Hall.

The winners will be drawn by Beck at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 10 at the Administrative Office of USS Constitution. Winners will receive a non-transferable invitation by mail to participate on the special cruise.

All winners and their guests must be at least 10 years of age.



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The deadline for advertising and copy is Monday at NOON.

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, April 29 at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

"Cecily" is the story of Cecily, her grandmother and Africa . . "The Frowning Prince" is a film about a young prince who thinks his frown is immovable . . . and cats replace dwarfs as good gnomes in "Tom Cat's Meow."

Jimmy's interests are different from his dad's and brother's in "Brother Tough," which will be shown only at 3:30 p.m.

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CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

this week at a glance

Thursday, April 24

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

 5 p.m. - CHarlestown Against Drugs (CHAD) meeting - Kennedy Center, 27 Winthrop St.

• 5 to 7:30 p.m. - Registration for the June 14th cruise on USS Constitution - American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

Friday, April 25

2 p.m. - Story Troupers, a program for children in grades k-3 - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Saturday, April 26

 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Registration for the June 14th cruise on USS Constitution - American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St. • 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - 1797 Marine Detachment marching drills - USS Constitution Museum, Charlestown Navy Yard

 1:30 p.m. - Bunker Hill Day Parade Committee meeting - American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

 3 p.m. till - Bunker Hill Museum's Irish Exhibit Committee Spring Get-Together - Sully's Cafe, 56 Union St.

Monday, April 28

 7 p.m. - English as a Second Language Conversation Group -Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Tuesday, April 29

 11 a.m. to noon - Rep. Eugene O'Flaherty Office Hours - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Children's Films - Charlestown

Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• 6 to 9 p.m. - Open House - Charlestown Community Center, 255 Medford St.

• 7 p.m. - Charlestown Neighborhood Council Basic Services Committee meeting on the proposed expansion of 106-108 Bunker Hill St. - 100 Ferrin St.

Wednesday, April 30

noon - Sandy Oliver presents
 "Seafarers' Fare" - Figgie Theater,
 USS Constitution Museum, Charlestown Navy Yard

 7 to 8 p.m. - Charlestown Rose Applications available from the Charlestown-To-Charlestown Committee -Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

 8 p.m. - Convivium Musicum, a choral concert to benefit St. John's Organ Fund - St. John's Church, 27 Devens St.

upcoming events

Thursday, May 1

 noon - Dedication of the Justice Memorial in City Square Park - City Square Park

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

 7 p.m. - Charlestown Neighborhood Council Development Committee meeting on update of clubhouse renovation - Charlestown Boys & Girls Club, High Street facility
 Friday, May 2

10 a.m. - Adult Discussion Group
 Charlestown Branch Library, 179
 Main St.

 1 to 2:30 p.m. - Reception, farewell to Dr. Lyn Lindpaintner and welcome to Dr. Lauren Orloff - second floor conference room, MGH- Charlestown HealthCare Center, 73 High St.

 7 p.m. - Old Charlestown Schoolgirls Reunion - Holiday Inn, 30 Washington St., Somerville

Saturday, May 3

 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. - Charlestown Artists Exhibit Opening Reception, presented by the Charlestown Preservation Society and the Boston National Historical Park - Preble Room, Building 5, Charlestown Navy Yard

 7 p.m. - Annual Banquet of the Daughters of Isabella #1 - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Monday, May 5

 7 p.m. - Charlestown Neighborhood Council meeting on the Rutherford Avenue Corridor Transportation Study - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St. 7 p.m. - English as a Second Language Conversation Group - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

7 p.m. - Townie Santa Committee meeting - Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

Tuesday, May 6

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

• 7 p.m. - Charlestown Neighborhood Council meeting - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

• 7:30 p.m. - Daughters of Isabella No. 1 meeting - K. of C. Main Hall, 75 West School St.

Wednesday, May 7

11 a.m. and 5 p.m. - Presentation on "Normal Anxiety or Anxiety Disorder?" - MGH-Charlestown HealthCare Center, 73 High St.

plan ahead

Thursday, May 8

 6 p.m. - Old Charlestown Schoolboys Reunion - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Saturday, May 10

 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Bunker Hill Antiques Market, sponsored by the Charlestown Preservation Society grounds of Bunker Hill Community College, 250 New Rutherford Ave.

Saturday, May 17

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

Thursday, May 29

 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. - "Health Awareness Day," sponsored by the MGH-Charlestown HealthCare Center -Johnnie's Foodmaster, Bunker Hill Mall

Friday, June 6

 8 p.m. - Charlestown Rose Contest, sponsored by the Charlestown-To-Charlestown Committee - K. of C. Hall,
 75 West School St.

Sunday, June 8

 noon to 4 p.m. - Family Fun Day, sponsored by the Healthy Charlestown Coalition - Charlestown Community Center, 255 Medford St.

Saturday, June 14

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Charlestown Garden Tour, sponsored by Community Gardens - beginning at the Community Garden, comer of Main and Bunker Hill streets

BUNKER HILL DAY CELEBRATION PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

Friday, June 13

• 7:30 p.m. - Chief Marshal's Banquet - K. of C. Hall,

75 West School St.

Saturday, June 14

 9:30 a.m. - USS Constitution Turnaround Cruise for Charlestown residents

 10 a.m. - Bunker Hill Day Doll Carriage Parade -Training Field

• 1 to 4 p.m. - Open House - Bunker Hill Monument

 5 p.m. - Mummers Band Concert - Bunker Hill Monument grounds

Sunday, June 15

 9 a.m. - Bunker Hill Day Breakfast, sponsored by the Bunker Hill Associates - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

 12:30 p.m. - Bunker Hill Day Parade - through the streets of Charlestown

Monday, June 16

• 7 p.m. - Concert, Laser Show & Fireworks - Charlestown Navy Yard

Tuesday, June 17

 9 a.m. - Bunker Hill Day Ecumenical Service - St.
 Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St., followed by a procession to the Bunker Hill Monument grounds for the commemorative exercises

Saturday, June 28

* 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. - Flea Market - First Church, Green Street (To rent a table for \$10, call Millie at 242-1112) Thursday, Oct. 23

 7 to 10 p.m. - "An Evening At The Constitution Museum," sponsored by the Friends of Charlestown Catholic Elementary School - Charlestown Navy Yard

O'Flaherty And Charlestown Residents Testify On Tenant Protection Bill

State Rep. Eugene L. O'Flaherty recently testified in support of a bill which would protect the tenants of governmentally involved housing when federal rent protections

O'Flaherty offered his support of House Bill #2113, a home-rule petition offered by the city of Boston. If passed, the bill would restore state protection for low-income rental rates now controlled by federal law. Current federal law controls the rental prices on government subsidized, owned or regulated housing so long as the property owners are still paying off the mortgages to those developments. Once those mortgages are paid off, owners are free to raise the rents to "market level."

In 1996, Congress allowed owners to prepay their mortgages in full, thereby ending their obligation to offer their rental units at prices regulated for low-income renters. The regulations do not apply to small-property owners with private mortgages.

The Charlestown Branch

Library, 179 Main St., will

present the "Story Trou-

pers" on Friday, April 25 at

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number of multicultural

skits based on favorite sto-

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Things Are, Strega Nona,

The Paperbag Princess,

Little Red Riding Hood

and The Little Engine that

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The Story Troupers are

2 p.m.

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CHARLESTOWN RESIDENTS attended a hearing on April 3 at the State House on behalf of the families living at Mishawum Park in Charlestown. Rep. Eugene O' Flaherty testified in support of a bill which would protect certain kinds of low-income housing once federal rent protections expire. Shown (l. to r.) Loretta Connolly of Charlestown, O'Flaherty, Eileen Allen and Monica Auch, both of Charlestown.

Testifying before the Joint Committee on Housing and Urban Development on April 3, O'Flaherty said this prepayment option for large property owners threatens the residents of Charlestown's Mishawum Park, whose tenants hope to purchase the development themselves.

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'Story Troupers'

At The Charlestown Branch Library

told to continue their policy of housing the elderly, disabled and low-income residents with less federal money," O'Flaherty said. "We have an obligation to those people and the passage of House Bill 2113 would enable proper protections to be put into place."

Among those attending the hearing were Mish-

awum Park tenants Eileen Allen, Monica Auch and Loretta Connolly. Allen said she was grateful for O'Flaherty's testimony on behalf of the 337 families living in the development, and that she hoped the bill would become law. "The tenants at Mishawum Park are concerned about retaining low-income housing," she said.

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It's A Girl . . .

William and Mary Beth Hetherton of Winthrop, are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Cardyn Mary, on April 7 at the Melrose-Wakefield Hospital. She weighed 8 pounds 8 ounces.

The maternal grandpar-

The paternal grandparents are Mary and John Hetherton of Winthrop.

Cardyn was welcomed home by her big sister Jaclyn, age 4 1/2, and brother, Bill, age 2.

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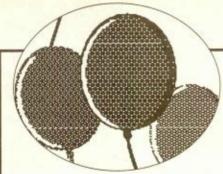
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Welcome!!! Farewell!!

Lyn Lindpaintner, M.D., MGH - Charlestown HealthCare Center, will be leaving Boston as of June 1 to pursue exciting opportunities in Switzerland. We wish her the best of luck! We are very fortunate to have recruited Lauren Orloff, M.D. to join the HealthCare Center staff. Dr. Orloff comes highly recommended from the MGH, where she is currently completing her Internal Medicine residency training.

Anyone wishing to meet Dr. Orloff or say goodbye to Dr. Lindpaintner is invited to a coffee hour on May 2 in the second floor conference room from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

If you have any questions call Margaret Drake at 724-8012. We hope to see you there!

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St. Francis de Sales Happenings

Spring Extravaganza

We would like to thank everyone who supported our Parish Fund-raiser Spring Extravaganza. The winners were: Foxwoods Trip - Mary Ellen Doherty; TV/VCR - Marilyn Doherty; George Washington bedspread - Stephanie Raymond; Day of Beauty - Peggy Lynch; \$200 tuition voucher - Riordan Cannata; air cleaner - Mary Lacey; Scratch Tickets - Deb DeCristoforo; 4-quart roaster - Grace Darling; crystal lamp - Kelleigh Devlin.

Also, carriage robe - Rose Lyman; portable CD player - Daniel Wynter; food processor - Scales; serving tray -Caroline Sutton; Kerrigan's gift certificate - Lissette Aponte; child's sweater - Anne DiBenedetto; Hummel - Maureen Slater; electric food slicer - Mary Beaton; Candlewick quilt - Mary Beaton; GO Card - Kelleigh Devlin; microwave - Helen Walsh; afghan - Rose Walsh; Barrett's gift certificate - Margaret VanGorder; basket of cheer - Pam Coppinger; cook 'n serve set - Bob Harty; Irish Village trip - Andrea McNiff; (extra gift) Chimney Sweep - Debbie Johnson.

Holy Name Society Scholarship Family Communion Breakfast

We would like to thank all who attended this annual Family Communion Breakfast Fund-raiser for a scholarship to a graduate of Charlestown Catholic Elementary School. We would also like to thank Boston Police Commissioner Paul Evans for his interesting speech and Capt. Ronald Conway for taking the time to be with us.

Charlestown CYO Bake Sale

At all the Masses this weekend, April 26 and 27, there will be a bake sale to benefit Charlestown CYO. All donations of baked goods would be greatly appreciated. Kindly drop them off at St. Francis de Sales rectory on Saturday before the 4 p.m. Mass or at the church for the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday or for Sunday morning Masses. We are grateful for any assistance you may give to help us support the youth of Charlestown.

Confirmation One - 9th Grade
The 9th grade Confirmation class

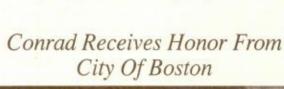
will meet on Monday, April 28 in St. Francis de Sales' Bishop Lawton Hall. Boys and girls will meet at 6 p.m. for their final exam. This class is mandatory for ALL students. In order to be eligible for promotion to the Confirmation Two class next year, you must take and pass the test.

First Holy Communion

The second grade students in the parish, both parochial and public school pupils, will receive Our Blessed Lord for the first time at their First Holy Communion Mass on Sunday, May 4 at 9 a.m. Rehearsals will take place every afternoon beginning Monday, April 28 through Friday, May 2 at 3 p.m. in the church. This year, the crowning of the statue of Mary Mother of God will be part of the First Holy Communion Liturgy.

Confirmation Two - 10th Grade

Reminder - Your next class will be held on Tuesday, May 6 at 7 p.m. at St. Francis de Sales' Bishop Lawton Hall. This class is mandatory for all students to prepare for Confirmation on Sunday, May 18 at 11 a.m.





RICHARD CONRAD

Longtime Charlestown resident Richard Conrad, artistic director of Boston Academy of Music, and Randolph Fuller, president of Boston Academy, accepted citations from Mayor Thomas Menino recognizing their many years of service to Boston's music community. The Mayor made a proclamation in honor of Boston Academy's celebration of composer Gaetano Donizetti's 200th birthday, declaring 1997 Donizetti Year in Boston.

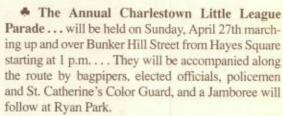
Conrad has been presenting concerts and staged operas to Boston audiences since 1980. He has had a distinguished career as a soloist and has made several recordings with Joan Sutherland.



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♣ The Bunker Hill Museum Irish Exhibit Committee . . . will host a Spring Get-Together from 3 p.m. til ?, on Saturday, April 26th at Sully's Cafe, 56 Union St. . . . For a small donation of only \$10, you will be treated to a buffet and entertainment.

Congratulations... to Florence Johnson on being re-elected President of the Department of Mass. and R.I. Gold Star Mothers... Way to go, Flo!

And Kudos... go out to John Dillon and Dorothy Harris, members of The Boston Globe Championship Bowling Team!

♣ Still Looking . . . for all single girls, 18 to 23 years of age, who are of Irish birth or descent to participate in the 1997 Charlestown-To-Charlestown Rose Contest on June 6th . . . So far, there are no contestants . . . If you're interested, stop by the American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St., on Wednesday, April 30th from 7 to 8 p.m. to pick up your application, or give Carol McClellan a call at 242-1254.

♣ The Daughters Of Isabella #1... will host its 95th annual banquet on Saturday, May 3rd at the K. of C. Hall... Tickets for the event must be purchased by April 27, so give a call to Eileen at 665-7444. Help the gals celebrate this milestone!

Birthday Greetings... go out today, April 24th, to Kerri Donovan who is celebrating her 30th birthday... Judy Evers Jr., will party on April 28th... April 29th is the birthday of Maureen Marx, Charlestown's favorite branch librarian... and Barbara Kelly of Pleasant Street will mark her big day on April 30th... Have a great day

♣ Wedding Anniversary Wishes ... go out this week to Ag and Bill Kane who will mark their 56th anniversary on April 27th . . . and Jim and Lois Gallagher will celebrate 26 years of wedded bliss on April 30th . . . Congratulations to all!

one and all!

♣ Get Well Wishes... go out to Jack Ducey who is a patient at Mass. General Hospital... We're sure it would cheer him up to hear from his many friends... Cards can be sent to him at Mass. General Hospital, White Building, Room 640A, Boston, Mass 02114.

*The Charlestown Artists Exhibit . . . will open Saturday, May 3rd with a reception from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Preble Room, Building 5 of the Charlestown Navy Yard and will run through May 17th . . . This exhibit is part of the Preservation Week festivities and is cosponsored by The Charlestown Preservation Society and Boston National Historical Park.

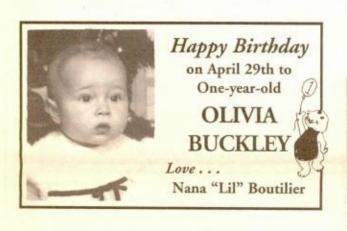
Registration For 1997 Bay State Summer Games... is now open. The games offer competitions in 23 different sports and athletes of all ages and abilities are welcome to participate. Pick up an entry booklet from your high school guidance counselor, athletic director or call 391-1196 or search www.baystategames.com for more information.

♣ Do You Have The Ability To Listen?... If so, then you have the ability to save a life! Volunteers, ages 16 and older, are needed to staff Boston's only 24-hour Telephone Befriending Service by offering care and support to suicidal, isolated and depressed individuals... If you can help out, call 536-2460 for more information.

♣ Volunteer Opportunities . . . are available at the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum to work as museum aides, receptionists, administrative assistants, research and archives assistants, education docents and event staff . . . If you're interested, call C. Levina Kim at 929-1236 for further information and to schedule an interview.

Thought For The Week... Pleasure is the beginning and the end of living happily.

- Epicurus



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around the town

★ Community Office Hours . . . Judy Evers, regional coordinator from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, will be holding office hours on Monday, April 28 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Any issues or concerns? Call Evers at 635-3485.

★ Neighborhood Council Meetings . . . Basic Services Committee -106-108 Bunker Hill St.

Chairman Bill Galvin has announced that the Basic Services Committee will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, April 29 at 100 Ferrin St. On the agenda will be the proposed expansion of the restaurant at 106-108 Bunker Hill St. which is scheduled to go to the city's Board of Appeal on May 6.

Rutherford Avenue Corridor Transportation Study

The council will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 5 at the K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St. to discuss the Rutherford Avenue Corridor Transportation Study. Vineet Gupta of the city of Boston Transportation Department will lead the discussion.

Development Committee Meeting On Boys & Girls Club Renovation

Chairman Tom Cunha has announced that the Development Committee will meet on Thursday, May 1 at 7 p.m. on the planned renovations of the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club. The meeting will be held at the club's High Street facility. The committee is scheduled to vote on the proposal.

Cunha stated that interested persons who

have questions on the proposal are invited to submit them to him in writing at least four days before the meeting. He will see that the questions get to the proper source so that answers will be available at the meeting. Questions should be sent to Cunha at P.O. Box 316, Charlestown, MA 02129.

Monthly Meeting

The next monthly meeting of council, chaired by Peter Looney, will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 6 at the K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

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

★ CHarlestown Against Drugs . . . CHarlestown Against Drugs (CHAD) will meet at 5:30 p.m. tonight, Thursday, April 24 at the Kennedy Center, 27 Winthrop St.

All interested persons are welcome.

★ Bunker Hill Day Parade Committee Meeting... The Bunker Hill Day Parade Committee will meet at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 26 at the American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

Persons to help with fund-raising and those who would be willing to help with the parade on Sunday, June 15 and the others aspects of the celebration are welcome to attend.

★ Moments In Charlestown . . . Two local programs, produced by Kevin Burke, will be shown on Sunday, April 27 on cable channel A23.

The 75th Nate Hurwitz Basketball Tour-

nament at the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club will feature the 16 and under game and will be shown at 10 a.m.

At 11:30 a.m., the program will be the visit of the American Legion National Commander to the USS Constitution and information on the Pennies Campaign to purchase sails for "Old Ironsides."

- ★ Townie Santa Committee Meeting...
 The Townie Santa Committee will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 5 at the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St. Persons who would like to get involved with this Christmas program for Charlestown's elderly, needy shut-ins are welcome.
- ★ Board Of Appeal Hearings... Petitions will be brought before the city of Boston Board of Appeal at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 6 in Room 801 at Boston City Hall:
- Cambridge Street Realty Trust (by National School Bus Company) seeks to allow the premises at 66R Cambridge St. to be used as an outdoor parking lot for 160 school buses. (BZC-18708)
- C&D Bunkerhill Realty Trust is seeking to change the occupancy of 106-108 Bunker Hill St. from a caterer and a restaurant (including take-out food) to a restaurant (including take-out food), and allow the existing restaurant to extend into adjacent space. (BZC-18830)

Persons with questions or concerns may call the board at 635-4775.

★ Boston Licensing Board . . . The Licensing Board will meet at 10 a.m. on

- Wednesday, May 7. Boka, Inc. at #1 Pier 6, Shipyard Quarters Marina in the Charlestown Navy Yard, holder of a C.V. 7-Day All-Alcoholic Beverage License to transfer to Cynthia's on the Water, LLC, Robert M. Seabury, manager, at the same location.
- ★ Charlestown Navy Yard . . . A plan filed with the Boston Redevelopment Authority by a New York developer, LDA Acquisition, proposes a 14-story, 260-unit apartment building with 168 parking spaces in the Yard's End portion of the Charlestown Navy Yard. This land, known as Parcel 4, abuts the rowhouses built by the Bricklayers. Stay tuned!
- ★ Elderly And Visitor Parking . . . A memo received from Judy Evers, regional coordinator from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, reads as follows:

"The city will change some of its regulations and install straight 2-hour parking (not resident exempt) at the Mary Colbert Apartments on Devens Street."

According to Evers, Richard Loring, acting director of traffic and engineering for the Boston Transportation Department, stated: 'The city is committed to implement the best plan possible that meets the needs of the residents, the elderly population and the businesses.

★ Sign Taken Down - Hooray! . . . The "no right turn" sign that appeared unannounced last week was removed in the same manner at the end of the week. A whole group of residents say "thank you" to the powers that be at the BTD!

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Expert On 19th Century Culinary Arts Presents A Full Course At The USS Constitution Museum

Culinary historian and award-winning chef Sandy Oliver will whet the appetites of her lunchtime listeners at the USS Constitution Museum on Wednesday, April 30, with her delectable descriptions of New England coastal cooking in the 19th century.

"Seafarers' Fare" will be presented at noon in the USS Constitution Museum's Figgie Theater. The lecture is open to the general public free of charge. Listeners are invited to bring a brown bag lunch and beverages will be provided.

Oliver, a native New Englander, has devoted more than 25 years to researching and cooking what would have been served in the kitchen of a typical small-town Yankee

storekeeper or aboard ships like USS Constitution when in foreign ports far from home in the 1800s.

In her cookbook, "Saltwater Foodways: New Englanders and Their Food at Sea and Ashore in the 19th Century," Oliver not only provides recipes but also includes first-hand observations from the era: "I never ate such a meal that I relished better in my life; it was a true farmer's meal. We had both coffee and a bowl of bread and milk, the true homemade brown bread, 'punkin' pie, honey, pancakes and cider, excellent butter and cheese" the words of Connecticut seaman John Perkins who enjoyed a hearty breakfast before embarking on an 1846 whaling voyage.

"Saltwater Foodways"

won the International Association of Culinary Professionals Julie Child Cookbook Award. Oliver worked at Mystic Seaport in Mystic, Conn. for 16 years where she taught early 19th century fireplace cooking. Oliver lives in Islesboro, Maine and works as a private chef and independent consultant. She holds a history degree from Clark University in Worcester.

of the "USS Constitution -200 Years" series, which will be offered monthly through November 1997 during USS Constitution's Bicentennial Celebration. The series is presented as part of the Samuel Eliot Morison Lectures sponsored by the Lowell

Parents May Register Youngsters For Sea Adventure Aboard Spirit Of Massachusetts

Parents can enroll youngsters in an exciting and adventurous experience for a six-day period as a member of the working crew of the 125 foot, 100ton sailing vessel, the Spirit of Massachusetts.

This fabulous and memorable experience for youngsters will be conducted for periods of six days and five nights aboard the vessel which is modeled after the Gloucester fishing craft Fredonia, designed by Edward Burgess in 1889. The Spirit, built in 1984, is operated by The New England Historic Seaport Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to nautical education and is a subsidiary of the Schools for Children in Arlington.

The Spirit, certified by the U.S. Coast Guard as a Sailing School Vessel, is a member of the American Sail Training Association and provides a variety of educational nautical experiences for youths, most of whom have had no prior sailing experience.

The educational program is geared for middle school students and gives the youngsters an exciting, unforgettable nautical sailing experience aboard a

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(see last week's letter to the editor)

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Parents can obtain information about enrolling youngsters for weeks in June or July by contacting: The New England Historic Seaport at 242-1414.

"Seafarers' Fare" is part

Charlestown Community Gardeners Celebrate Start Of Growing Season

Community Gardeners from Charlestown joined nearly 200 urban gardeners from throughout Boston at the 10th annual Gardeners Gathering at the Agassiz School. The event was sponsored by the Garden Futures collaborative. With the coming of spring, these gardeners will be soon planting peas in their plots at Charlestown Community Gardens.

At the gathering, the focus was on sharing - how to get more successful crops and also how to make the community gardens better resources for their neighborhoods. A slide show of vacant lots local eye-sores - that existed before the gardens and showing the gardens today reminded everyone of how much the gardens improve neighborhood. Other pic-



THE CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY GARDENS was represented at the recent Garden Futures gathering at the Agassiz School. Shown signing in is school nurse Ester Splaine as Lillian McAlpine of Charlestown looks on.

tures showed the gardens being used for community meetings, cook-outs, music performances and even a wedding!

At the event, Garden Futures released the results

of over a year of study documenting how to strengthen Boston's community gardens. Copies of the booklet, "Rooted in Our Neighborhoods" are available by calling 522-1996.

Mass. Tuition Advantage Program Offered At Bunker Hill Community College

Bunker Hill Community College will participate in the Tuition Advantage Program (TAP), or "Opportunity Program," beginning this fall. The TAP/ Opportunity Program rewards community college graduates, who earn an associate's degree with at least a B average, with a 33 percent discount on tuition costs at any four-year state college. This discount would amount to upward of \$1,000 per student over the two years of continuing education.

BHCC President Mary L. Fifield stated that students who meet all TAP requirements will be entitled to the tuition discount. These requirements include: maintaining a 3.0 (B) average or better, completion of an associate's degree program, state residency, transfer to a fouryear state college within a year following graduation from BHCC and participation in the state's joint admissions program.

The Joint Admission Program guarantees admission to a state college or UMass campus upon completion of an approved associate's degree program. In addition, students must maintain a B average at the four-year college to continue to receive the discount for the second year.

"Bunker Hill Community College has continuously offered students an opportunity to achieve an excellent educational background," Fifield stated, adding, "With TAP, students are offered a further incentive to broaden their horizons with enrollment in a four-year college."

Bunker Hill Community College is actively promoting the Mass. Tuition Advantage Program and encourages potential students to apply for enrollment. For more information, contact BHCC Admissions Office at 228-

HAIL MARY

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> BLESSED MOTHER

'Three Massachusetts Patriots' Exhibit Opens

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth, has announced the opening of an exhibit entitled "In Defense of Liberty: Three Massachusetts Patriots."

The exhibit will be on display at the Commonwealth Museum at the Mass. State Archives until Nov. 1, Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3

The exhibit features colonial records from the Mass. Archives which illuminate the patriotic activities and modern day perceptions of Paul Revere, Sam Adams and John Hancock. The exhibit highlights the contributions that these patriots made in the development of our state and national governments.

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Healthy Charlestown Coalition 15 Green Street • 241-3756

MINI GRANTS AVAILABLE

Mini grant applications in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$3,000, are available to Charlestown organizations by calling the Healthy Charlestown Coalition office. These grants are made possible through the Mass, General Hospital Substance Abuse Privation Initiative. Programs must demonstrate a direct link to substance abuse education. Although there is no deadline to submit applications, the review committee meets on the first Thursday of each month.

CASPAR TRAINING

We have tentatively set up an intensive 3-day training course on the implementation of the CAS-PAR curriculum: Learning About Alcohol & Other Drugs. The idea is to train a number of Charlestown agency representatives and volunteers who can work with organizations in town concerning substance abuse education. By training local folks, we will be able to assist groups who are looking to apply for mini-grants but do not necessarily have their own education component. Anyone interested in the training can contact the Coalition office.

7th ANNUAL FAMILY FUN DAY

The 7th annual Family Fun Day has been scheduled for Sunday, June 8. The Charlestown High School field at Charlestown Community Centers, 255 Medford St., will be teeming with families having fun from noon to 4 p.m. As always, there will be a picnic, games and other attractions for people of all ages. Hot dogs and other refreshments will be served. Anyone interested in serving on the planning committee can contact the Coalition office.

NEXT COALITION MEETING

The next full Coalition meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 16 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Drop-In Resource Center located in the BHA Administration Building at 55 Bunker Hill Street.

The agenda will include a nominating committee report for officers for the June election. Nominations will also be taken from the floor and updates will be given on the mini-grants program and Family Fun

If any local organization or individual who lives or works in the Charlestown community that would like to become involved with the coalition, contact Danny Ryan at the coalition office at 241-3756.

Charlestown Reviews Resident Parking

(continued from page 1)

swers to all of your questions," Loring said at the start. "Give us a chance to review your comments and concerns, and we'll come back in approximately 30 days with final recommendations."

Loring added that he could assess already that some areas may have been over-regulated and that the elderly at two senior housing facilities may have been disserviced.

The city's resident parking programs are aimed at providing the first on-street parking opportunities to residents and people who need access, according to Loring. However, resident parking will not ensure that anyone will be able to park in front of their home or business.

The evening's most often repeated concerns were that the program: 1) does not allow ticket-free parking for visitors to the area's elderly housing; 2) is pushing commuters to other congested residential streets in search of free parking; and 3) is discouraging access to business for patrons and employees.

Loring said that BTD is committed to making changes around the Mary Colbert Apartments on Devens Street, such as changing some regulations from resident-only to two-hour parking, to allow visitor, nursing and home-medical service access to elderly residents.

Other Charlestown neighborhoods, not restricted to areas described as voting precincts, Loring said, could approach BTD for their own residentparking program.

Although businesses do not have the same priority as residents, Loring explained, local business people did not want meters to ensure short-term parking for customer access. He added that meters are costly to install and monitor. Two-hour regulations may address problems for businesses created by resident-only parking in certain areas, Loring said.

Businesses and residents seemed at odds several times during the discussion, however, Loring said that the BTD's policy addresses resident parking concerns first. Charlestown Business Association Vice President Carol Bratley asked Loring, residents and businesses to work together.

"Let's look at options and variations," Bratley said. "People are losing business. Let's make sure that Charlestown maintains healthy businesses."

While business people generally asked for less stringent regulations to create turnover parking for patrons, residents seemed to champion 24-hour resident-only parking. Loring said comments and concerns heard in Charlestown are consistent with other areas of the city beginning resident parking programs.

The April 14 meeting was planned to review a three-month pilot period in Precinct 1. Loring said that BTD will consider community concerns and provide a full recommendation for longer term parking regulations in that area in 30 days.

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Join with friends and health center staff to learn more about these most common mental health problems that affect more than 25 million Americans each year and seriously impair the ability of those afflicted

Participants will learn about the signs and symptoms of the most common "anxiety disorders" and how to distinguish normal adaptive anxiety from "anxiety disorders." They will receive information on some of the more common treatments for these disorders.

The program will include a short talk, a video presentation, a written self-test for anxiety, an opportunity to discuss test results with a mental health professional and a referral for further evaluation, if appropriate. Light refreshments will be provided.

For more information, or to sign up for the 11 a.m. or 5 p.m. session, please call 724-8200.

> Janice Hannah, Ph.D. Community Mental Health / Social Services

28th Annual Lt. Michael P. Quinn, USMC, Scholarship Dinner



THE 28th ANNUAL Lt. Michael P. Quinn, USMC, Scholarship Dinner-Dance once again brought friends and family together to remember Mike, who lost his life in Vietnam in 1969. The event also honors the most recent Ouinn Scholar and this year it is Erin McDonough, a 1996 graduate of Matignon High School, and a freshman at Salve Regina University. TOP ROW: At the left is Scholarship Committee Treasurer Ronan FitzPatrick, who served as master of ceremonies . . . In the center is Erin McDonough . . . On the right is the Quinn Scholarship Committee. Shown (l. to r.) Ed Doherty, Tom Morrissey, Ed Johnson, Tom White, Jean Lyons, wife of the guest speaker, Tom Lyons, guest speaker, John Tibbetts, Mike Powers, Ronan FitzPatrick and William Koelsch. SE-COND ROW: On the left is guest speaker Tom Lyons, executive director of the New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans in Boston . . . In the center, Boston City Councillor Diane Modica presented a citation from the council to Erin McDonough. Shown (1. to r.) Rep. Eugene O'Flaherty, Modica, Erin's mother Kay McDonough,

If you are able save for them a place inside of you, and save one backwards glance when you are leaving. for the places they can no longer go. Be not ashamed to say you love them though you may or may not have always. Take what they have left and what they have taught you with their dying, and keep with your own and in that time when men decide and feel safe to call the war insane, take one moment to embrace those gentle heroes you left behind.

Maj. Michael Davis O'Donnel
 1 Jan. 1970, Dak To, Vietnam

Erin McDonough and City Councillor Steve Murphy . At the right, are Holy Cross Hockey Coach Peter Van Buskirk (left) and Keith Moran (right). Moran received an award from the Quinn Committee honoring him as the best defensive hockey player this year at Holy Cross. Mike Quinn was co-captain of the Holy Cross hockey squad, graduating from the College of the Holy Cross in 1968. THIRD ROW: At the left, Jim Walsh presented a Mass. Senate Resolution to Erin McDonough on behalf of Senate President Thomas Birmingham . . . In the center are Mayor Thomas and Angela Menino . . . On the right are Tom and Jean Lyons. BOTTOM ROW: At the left are Judy Evers, regional coordinator, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, and Florence Johnson, president of the Gold Star Mothers of Mass. and R.I. Johnson lost a son, also a Marine, in Vietnam . . . In the center is Dave Quinn, a member of the Kevin Barry Bagpipe Band of Malden . . . At the right is the US Marine Corps Color Guard from Otis Air Force Base in Bourne, Mass.

(photos by Kathy Whitehouse)

Prescription Money For Seniors

The Commonwealth of Mass. is implementing a Senior Pharmacy Program which will pay for up to \$500 worth of prescription medications for eligible seniors.

The eligibility requirements are as follows: be a resident of Mass. for the last six months; age 65 or older; not enrolled in the Medicaid program; no other drug coverage; and income no more than \$10,294

The enrollment period ends May 30 and coverage will begin on July 1. You can obtain an application by calling the Senior Pharmacy Program at 1-800-953-3305 or Senior Home Care at 451-6400.

If you would like someone to help you with the application process, you can make an appointment at the MGH-Charlestown Health-Care Center with Elaine

Heffernan, SW at 724-8200 or Mary Ungaro, RN at 724-8160 or at the Golden Age Center with Beverly Gibbons at 635-5175.

There will be an annual enrollment fee of \$15. Copayments will be \$3 for generic drugs/medical supplies and \$10 for brand name drugs/medical supplies.

Sharon McLaughlin, RNC Adult Medicine MGH-Charlestown HealthCare Center

It's A Boy . . .

Michael and Gina Beliveau of Malden, are proud to announce the birth of their son, Michael Richard, on April 17 at the Malden Hospital. He weighed 6 pounds 11 oun-

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Castaldini of Revere, formerly of Charles-

The paternal grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Beliveau.

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CITY OF BOSTON - THOMAS M. MENING, MAYOR

Cultural Council Awards Funds: Charlestown Draws Grants

Boston's Local Cultural council warded more than \$280,000 to a range of cultural and educational programs for children and adults. The council received the funds, for the purpose of distributing them at the local level, from the Mass. Cultural Council, a state agency that enjoys the strong support of Senate President Tom Birmingham and Rep. Eugene O'Flaherty.

Thomas Formicola, director of the Boston Cultural Council, says his group funded over 71 percent of applications for grants, including some in Charlestown. He adds that other foundations and corporations respond when the Council funds a project. "You are beginning to see some real partnerships develop between these major organizations and some smaller groups."

Grants will support a number of worthwhile endeavors, including the Charlestown Working Theater, the Charlestown Historical Society and funds for student admissions to music, theater, museum and dance events.

Birmingham believes that public support for the arts is important because "each and every one of us can appreciate the arts, regardless of age, background or income. State funding for the arts helps make that enjoyment and exposure more accessible to the people of Mass."

O'Flaherty has praise for the high degree of local involvement in the funding process. "The Boston Cultural Council now has the flexibility to fund whichever programs are most important for each neighborhood, from museum trips for school children to local theater groups."

The Local Cultural Council accepted application in the fall and carefully reviewed requests for compliance with state guidelines and local priorities.

Birmingham and O'Flaherty appreciate the work of the members of the council who contributed time and energy to ensure the grants are responsive to community priorities.

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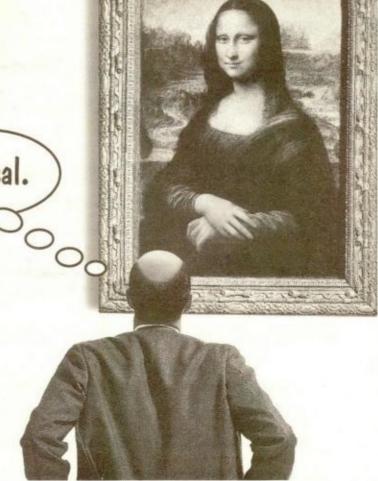
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Kaneb Updates Business Association On Plans For Hood Plant Site



STEPHEN KANEB of the Catamount Management Corporation, located in Chelsea, updated the members of the Charlestown Business Association (CBA) on plans for the H.P. Hood plant on Rutherford Avenue at a luncheon meeting at R. Wesley's Bistro in Sullivan Square. Kaneb spoke of this facility being "the oldest house on the block," noting that there will be "new uses and new occupancy" with the development of the property. He said that part of the site will be for Hood offices and a warehouse and the first tenant, a freight air cargo firm, is scheduled for July occupancy. The 20acre site contains three buildings and a power plant, adding the oldest of the buildings is scheduled for demolition. He stated that they have done a small amount of initial landscap-



ing, adding trees and removing some chain-link fence to make the entry more "welcoming." He also said that trucks will exit out the back of the property. Kaneb is confident that the development will be a success, noting that they have "stepped into a reasonably good real estate market." He said that the site is being called Hood Business Park and will incorporate the Hood logo, taking advantage of having a known signature in a known location. He estimates a work force of 400-500 at the site when it is completed. He invited the CBA members to tour the site in the fall. Kaneb said he looks forward to the project which will put new life into the building.

St. Catherine's News

- ★ Congratulations to Sheila Brown who recently received the Unsung Hero award for her work with the youth of Charlestown and at St. Catherine's Parish. She has been most dedicated in organizing CYO programs here and those sponsored by other community groups. Her many efforts are appreciated by all, and we proudly congratulate her on receiving this well-deserved award.
- ★ CYO General Meeting A general CYO meeting will be held on Sunday, April 27 at 6 p.m. in St. Catherine's Hall. All youth ages 9 and

older are invited to attend to discuss activities for ages 9 to 12, as well as for ages 13 and older. All adults interested in working with our youth are also invited. Questions should be referred to Sheila Brown at 242-2683.

- ★ Feast Of St. Catherine Of Siena - Tuesday, April 29 is the feast day of our patron saint. We invoke her prayers to God on behalf of the parish and our neighbors.
- ★ CYO Softball Coaches Needed - If you are interested in coaching a team for the summer league, please call Jack Schievink or Sheila Brown.
- ★ First Holy Communion All children receiving their First Communion this year will receive on Saturday, May 3 at 9 a.m. in the upper church. Please keep our youth and their families in your prayers.
- ★ May Procession A May Procession will be held in honor of The Blessed Virgin after the 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 4. All are invited to participate. First Holy Communion recipients are asked to attend and participate dressed in their Communion outfits.

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.



Many Thanks

Many, many thanks to my family and friends for all the flowers, cards, Mass cards, and prayers during my recent hospitalization.

I am now back home and look forward to seeing everyone again soon. God Bless You All.

> Sincerely, Gladys Gauthier

Thanks From The Seniors!

The participants at the Kennedy Center Senior Lounge would like to thank the Charlestown Working Theater for the tickets to see "Snoopy!"

We certainly enjoyed the play.

Bobbie DeCarlo For the Senior Lounge

Some Residents Only Care About Themselves!

Dear Gloria

This letter is in response to Mayor Menino's statement during our recent blizzard that the neighborhoods should take care of the elderly.

On Wednesday, April 2, I went out to shovel a path in front of my home on Bunker Hill Street. There was a snow emergency and my husband and sister removed their cars from the street and parked them elsewhere. To my surprise, the street was filled with parked cars. Two men, possibly in their 40s, were shoveling out their cars from in front of my door and piling the snow on the sidewalk in front of my home. When I told them it was "against the law to put snow on the sidewalk," especially someone else's, their response was to laugh in my face and continue putting the snow there. I wonder how they would feel if someone did that to their mothers.

We are three senior citizens in our 70s who live here, one of whom has a heart problem and can't shovel. I feel that it is very unfair that some people abide by the law and are treated with such disrespect. I'm glad the mayor wants to take care of the elderly, but I am disappointed that, unfortunately, there are other residents in Charlestown who only care about themselves.

Sincerely.

Dorothy Baker

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Thicker Than Blood

Family Ties Strong For Panthers' Fitzgerald and Coyotes' Tkachuk

by Karen Crouse

MIAMI - Phoenix forward Keith Tkachuk heard his cousin Tom Fitzgerald would be sitting out the Panthers' game against the Coyotes with a sprained ankle, and the agitator in him stirred.

"Ahh, he's probably just intimidated," said Tkachuk, who leads the Coyotes in points and penalty minutes. "All those times he beat me when we were younger, he knows it's payback time."

Tkachuk, whose mother Gerry, is the sister of Fitzgerald's father Tom, has been known to put his foot in his mouth. But on this occasion his tongue was in his cheek. The truth is, Tkachuk and Fitzgerald couldn't be closer if they shared the same last

They were nearly inseparable as kids, growing up less than an hour apart in the Boston area. A series of events recently tightened the knot between them. There was the death of Fitzgerald's maternal uncle and godfather, Jim "Crash" McNeil, which came as a blow to both players, each of whom regarded the retired firefighter as a second father.

The day after Fitzgerald returned from his uncle's funeral in Charlestown, Fitzgerald's wife Kerry gave birth to their second child, Casey. Three days later, Tkachuk was married to Chantal Oster, his girlfriend of three years, in Phoenix.

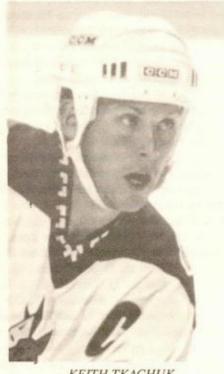
From burial to birth to a blessed beginning, life's compendium was capsulized for Tkachuk, Fitzgerald and their families in one neat row on the calendar.

"You can get the worst news possible and the next day get the best news," Tkachuk said. "That's the way it was that week. There were a lot of phone calls being made."

Tkachuk who just turned 25, and Fitzgerald, 28, always have been as close to each other as the telephone.

"In some families, you have cousins, but you don't speak to them," Fitzgerald said. "It wasn't that way at all with us. Growing up, we did every thing together - whiffleball, ball hockey, whatever. We spent every holiday together and had cookouts all the time in the summer.

In those days, Fitzgerald was the natural leader. Tkachuk was the awkward, over-



KEITH TKACHUK

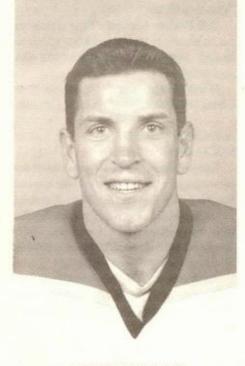
sized tag-a-long who left a trail of broken windows and dented walls.

"I always worshiped Tom," said Tkachuk, who at 6 feet 2, 210 pounds has 1 inch and 20 pounds on Fitzgerald. "When we got together, he always dominated our games because he was such a natural ath-

Fitzgerald was at Providence College when he heard Tkachuk made the Malden Catholic varsity hockey team as a freshman, a virtually unheard-of feat. That was Fitzgerald's first inkling that his younger cousin was on his way to becoming a prominent player.

The next clue came in 1990 when Fitzgerald saw that the Winnipeg Jets had selected Tkachuk 19th overall in the draft right out of high school. Tkachuk proceeded not to Manitoba but to Boston University, where he played a year before leaving school to join the U.S. Olympic team. Fitzgerald was then in his third season with the New York Islanders, who had made him their No. 1 pick - and the 17th overall - in the 1986 entry draft.

The U.S. Olympic team played the Islanders in Uniondale, N.Y., in an exhibition game in the fall of 1991. It would have



TOM FITZGERALD

been the first head-to-head meeting between the cousins. But Fitzgerald sustained an abdominal injury a few days before the game and wasn't able to play.

"Not being able to play against him doesn't really bother me," Fitzgerald said. "Not being able to play against him that first time really bothered me."

Among those who delighted in charting the cousins' parallel careers was McNeil.

"I considered him my uncle, too," Tkachuk said, because he treated me like family."

In 1993, McNeil was diagnosed with emphysema. His health eventually deteriorated to the point where he had to carry an oxygen tank around with him. It was a nuisance, to be sure, which is why the last time Fitzgerald saw him, sitting across the visitors' bench during the Panthers' game against the Bruins at the FleetCenter on Jan. 23, there was no oxygen tank in sight.

McNeil wasn't feeling well enough to visit with Fitzgerald afterward, but a few weeks later, Fitzgerald got a call out of the blue from McNeil. He was planning a trip to South Florida in March, he said, the words rushing out of the receiver in gusts. Could Fitzgerald get him some tickets to a couple of the Panthers' home games?

Of course, Fitzgerald said, gladdened to hear McNeil's voice. The two talked for a while longer before McNeil ran out of breath. Fitzgerald hung up and didn't give the conversation another thought until the phone rang on Feb. 22 as he was getting ready to leave for the Panthers' afternoon game against Philadelphia at Miami Arena.

It was Fitzgerald's father breaking the news that McNeil had passed away.

As Fitzgerald hung up the phone, stunned, he remembered his last conversation with McNeil and something clicked.

"I thought back to the game in Boston when I had seen him and I realized how tough it must have been for him physically just to be there," Fitzgerald said. "I thought back to some of the things we talked about that day he called. It's kind of like that call had a purpose."

It wasn't easy going out and playing with a heavy heart against the Flyers. It didn't get any easier when Fitzgerald's right skate caught a rut in the ice in the first period. He played on with a twisted ankle, even managing a breakaway in the second period that Flyers goaltender Garth Snow thwarted, before leaving the game.

He hasn't returned to the lineup since. In an odd way, the injury has been, as he put it, "a blessing in disguise."

Not being able to practice made it easier for him to steal away to Boston for the funeral. He also was at home relaxing when Kerry's water broke. He was able to drive her to the hospital and help with the delivery, just as he had been able to do when the couple's first child, Ryan, 2, was born during the lockout.

"Eerie how that's worked," Fitzgerald

There was something peculiar, too, about the conversation he had with Tkachuk the day after Tkachuk's nuptials.

Tkachuk asked about the baby, then casually said, "Maybe someday Ryan and Casey will have a cousin."

From Perpetual Kid Tkachuk to . . . Pop? "It was weird," Fitzgerald said. "I never thought I'd hear him say stuff like

(Karen Crouse is a staff writer with the Miami Sun Sentinel. This article is reprinted from the Miami Sun Sentinel.)

Book Discussion Group To Meet At The Charlestown Branch Library

The Adult Book Discussion Group meets on the second Thursday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. The next meeting will be on May 8 at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Featured will be A Map of the World by Jane Hamilton. Time says: "Hamilton introduces us to Alice and Howard Goodwin, a handsome Wisconsin couple - she is a school nurse, he a dairy farmer - who are the par-

ents of two little girls and who could be exhibited at the state fair in the perfectmarriage pavilion. If this were a western, such peacefulness would signal 'Apaches!' Sure enough, disaster befalls - As happens in a bad dream, both Goodwins are nearly paralyzed by their terrible

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* GENERAL NEWS

Thanks - to the Charlestown Working Theater for the tickets to Snoopy! What a great play! Club members attending were John Burns, Corey and Courtney Ferreira, Nick, Sabrina and Bianca Lao, Mauryn Calderon, Jillian and Brittany Goldberg, Nevin and Corey Lonergan and Christine Durham.

Don't Forget - the annual Talent Show which will be held on Friday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. Talk to Jenny if you'd like to be part of the show.

Teens - Save The Date! - The Career Awareness Fair will take place on Tuesday, May 20 from 4 to 6 p.m. Don't miss it!

* TEEN CENTER NEWS

Movie Day - On April 19, a group of 13 teens watched "High school High." They had a lot of laughs watching it and gave it a

"Two thumbs up!"

Ball Hockey League - Time is running out to enter a team for the May and June league. Stop by the Teen Center and pick up a roster.

What's Happening? - Stop by the Teen Center and check on the upcoming events.

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Candlepin Bowling - Thanks to all the outstanding bowlers who made the trip last Saturday. They were: Joe Pinto, Xaymara Saez, Madeline Bonilla, Tashiana Wolfe, Billy Burrill, Corey Lonergan, Angie Felix, Kevin Armstrong, Zara Doyle and Kristen Moulton. You guys did great!

Tournament Champ - Congratulations to last week's Foosball Champion, Carlos Rivera. The next round of tournaments begin Tuesday, April 29.

Charlestown Community Centers

255 Medford Street 635-5169

♦ Open House - The Community Center will be hosting an open house on Tuesday, April 29 from 6 to 9 p.m. Information will be available on all Community Center programs and activities, including summer programs. All are welcome to attend.

◆ Day Camp Applications - Applications for summer day camp will be available beginning Monday, April 28. Children must be between the ages of 6 and 12.

Also, a reminder to parents - all children must have a physical to attend camp. Please make sure medical records are current at the time you register your child.

◆ Summer Jobs - Just a reminder that the city of Boston's Hopeline is now open. Kids interested in working as a Red Shirt or CBO should call the Hopeline during the following times: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, April 24 and Friday, April 25; 3 to 8 p.m., Monday, May 12 and Tuesday, May 13; and 3 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, May

14 through Friday, May 16.

Also, anyone working this summer as summer camp staff, regardless of age, must have a physical to be allowed to work. Please get these records as soon as possible.

◆ Tennis Lessons - Free tennis lessons have begun at the Community Center on Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for members ages 8 to 15.

The lessons are sponsored by CHarlestown Against Drugs and registration is not required.

◆ Congratulations - On April 17, Tom Desmond was the 1997 recipient of the "Good Scout Community Service Award." Nominated by Mayor Thomas Menino, Tom, who is chairman of the Charlestown Community Center Council, received the award for his dedication and commitment to the betterment of our community. Congratulations, Tom!



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Football Is Alive And Kicking In Charlestown!!

At the all-important meeting on April 10, the South Shore Midget Football Conference announced that as a result of the letters and petitions submitted to the league by the Charlestown community, they are now of the opinion that the Charlestown High School field meets the requirements of the league to host home games. A motion by Charlestown Pop Warner demanding a public apology to the community, was first denied by Commissioner Alconada, but we're sure he is having second thoughts after this issue was debated (loudly).

Though we are pleased that we will continue to host Pop Warner Football, action of the conference board during the past few months will always be a tough pill to swallow.

The board is of the opinion that their comments only helped our program by the support we received. Their ignorance, sad to say, was clearly on display. Furthermore, the towns that opposed visiting this community did not attend the meeting!

Thank you all again for your support and we hope this continues through the football season!

Boston City League On The Horizon

There has been some discussion that a city league is a possibility in the very near future, involving Charlestown, East Boston, Boston, Dorchester, Hyde Park and Brookline. This is a possibility if the New England Pop Warner Board dissolves the SSMFC, which we understand has been discussed. It is quite evident by their performance as of late and that of the

other teams that have petitioned to be released from league play, that there are problems within the conference. Under this scenario, the new city league would become members of the very successful Eastern Mass. Pop Warner. A return to days of old with neighborhoods of the city competing against each other . . . an interesting prospect!

Coaching Wanted

We are still recruiting coaches for the upcoming season. Please send a letter of intention to: CPW, 334A Main St., Charlestown, MA 02129.

Mayor's Cup Pop Warner Jamboree

A meeting of all Pop Warner programs within the city has been scheduled as a two-day event in late August. We are still hoping to host this jamboree.

- Pop Warner Board of Directors

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Charlestown Little League News

Charlestown Little League will hold its annual parade this Saturday, April 27. All players - seniors, majors and minor leaguers - will meet at Hayes Square at 12:30 p.m. and march over the hill to the field for the jamboree.

The senior team will open its season against Brighton at the Neck at 3 p.m. on this date. Please come down and support the seniors as this is the beginning of a new program for the youth of Charlestown. The Little League Board of Directors are excited about this team and program. Good luck to all of our teams.

Upcoming Games Of The Week Major League

- Monday, April 28 at 5:30 p.m. Peg & Al's vs. Cronin Club
- Tuesday, April 29 at 5:30 p.m. Jenny's Pizza vs. Nick Pino's

- Wednesday, April 30 at 5:30 p.m. Teamsters vs. The 99 Restaurant
- Thursday, May 1 at 5:30 p.m. Mc-Keon Club vs. Boys & Girls Club

The minor league games will start on Monday, May 5.

Peg & Al's is last year's defending champion at the major league level and Stoney's Comets are the defending champs at the minor league level.

Help is still needed for the season at the concession stand. If you can be of any assistance, please call Cissy at 242-3956.

All registration fees must be paid by April 27. If you have any questions, call Wayne at 241-4952 and leave a message.

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A Townies At Summit . . . Once again Charlestown was very well represented at the annual Mayor's Youth Summit held at Boston Latin. Our youth leaders were accompanied by many of our youth workers.

High School Notebook ... It was a very good year for hockey all-stars, and many of the great young people we followed during the year received honors. Congratulations to TC Harris (Matignon) Boston Globe Super Team; Niko Dimitrakos (Matignon) Boston Globe All Scholastic; Jim Mahoney (Boston Latin) Dual County All Star, Mike Carroll (Snowden); Billy Burke (Snowden); Greg Poole (Charlestown); Joe Tallent (Charlestown); Chet Ferreira (Charlestown); and Kevin Golden (Latin Academy), all Boston City League All Stars. Jimmy Mahoney had the additional honor of being named Dual County League MVP.

Friendly Fenway Festival ... The annual Friendly Fenway Festival will take place on Monday, April 28 at



CHARLESTOWN was well-represented at the annual Mayor's Youth Summit held at Boston Latin School. Our youth leaders were accompanied by many of our youth workers. Shown in top photo (l. to r.) are Rob Murray, Tim Warren, Pat Lacey, John Castro, Frank McPherson, Sharon Fidler, Katlyn Callahan, Anthony Matson, Sharon Wallace and Chris Collins . . . Pictured in photo below (l. to r.) are Sharon Fidler (Boys & Girls Club), Mary Jo Wallace (Prevention Center), Mimi Wrenn (Community Center) and Nancy Saia (Girls Center). Sharon, Mimi and Nancy are all Christopher Columbus High School grads! (photos by Ed Loan)





CHAD Junior Bowling League News

by John Dillon

The CHarlestown Against Drugs Junior Bowling League bowled its last games of the regular season last week with the American Legion team winning the secondhalf championship. Now the American Legion will rolloff on Saturday, April 26 at the Malden Bowladrome against Cricket's team, who won the first-half championship. Congratulations to both teams - you were great!

This week's action saw Bunker Hill Real Estate zapped the American Legion for a 6-2 win. Top bowler for BHRE was Mike Shackford with 268 and Robert Hoell was runner-up with 217. Top bowler for the American Legion was Sheilann Williams with 236. Jessica Grace was runner-up with 216.

The McCarthy Brothers team bopped Jenny's team for a 6-2 win. Top bowler for McCarthy Brothers was Jared Silva with 200. Top bowler for Jenny's was Jimmy Kissane with 251 and Keri McGuire was runnerup with 162.

Cricket's team destroyed the Charlestown Patriot with a 8-0 shutout. Top bowler for Cricket's was Marianne Kissane with 273. Runnerup was Chris Schievink with 254. Top bowler for the Patriot was Michelle Williams with 181 and Sara Johnson was runner-up with 143.

Diane Modica's team blasted the Shamrocks in a 6-2 match. Top bowler for Modica's team was Chris Chiampa with 233. bowler for the Shamrocks was John Harrington with 234. Jon Paul Awbrey was

runner-up with 210.

In the final match of the day, the Red Store conked the Kennedy Center for a 8-0 shutout. Top bowler for the Red Store was Steve Awbrey with 238 and Joe Awbrey was runner-up with 149. Top bowler for the Kennedy Center was Sean Cronk with 227. Brendan Grace was runner-up with 198.

Bowlers of the week are Marianne Kissane 273, Mike Shackford 268, Chris Schievink 258, Jimmy Kissane 251, Steve Awbrey 238, Sheilann Williams 236, Chris Chiampa 233, Sean Cronk 227, John Harrington 234, Robert Hoell 217 and Jessica Grace 216.

Bowlers trying the hardest were David Grace 209, Padraic Locke 195, Shawn Burke 206, Andrew Foley 190, Brent Awbrey 168,

Danny Kissane 198, Katy Locke 177, Sara Johnson 143, Nicole Chiampa 185 and Joey Burke 190.

We hope to see as many parents, relatives and friends, as possible to cheer on the kids in the championship match. These kids have worked hard all year to get to this plateau, so come over and support

See you all Saturday at 11:30 a.m. sharp.

Standings

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*American Legion	67	21
B.H. Real Estate	62	26
Diane Modica	49	39
Shamrocks	48	40
*Cricket's	45	43
Chas'n. Patriot	41	47
McCarthy Bros.	40	48
Jenny's Pizza	37	51
Red Store	32	56
Kennedy Center	19	69

Fenway Park. As in the past, the event will be a great day for all baseball fans. For details and information, call the Boston Red Sox.

Hope Line . . . Remember, if you are a teen looking for a summer job, call 635-HOPE and be sure you get your name on the list.

Malk For Hunger . . . So are you looking for a community service project to do? The 28th annual Walk for Hunger takes place on Sunday, May 4. It's hard to believe, but children and families go hungry everyday in Mass. One out of every five kids are at risk of being hungry, so its time once again to do something about it. Pick up a pledge form, get some sponsors, or even sponsor yourself. Register on May 4 at the Boston Common and get walking. One of the beneficiaries of the walk is right here in Charlestown - the Ecumenical Food Pantry. The walk is 20 miles, but its a lot of fun. Any questions, call Project Bread at 723-5000.

Summer Stuff '97 ... The Boston Public Schools publication "Summer Stuff '97" is now available. It's full of exciting programs, projects and jobs that middle school and high school-age kids can get involved with. This is required summer reading now! You will be very surprised at what is available and in many cases, free!

A Tidbits ... Birthday best to Jeff Houlihan . . . Congrats to Leo Boucher as he ate nine famed Hurwitz Hot Dogs with condiments, setting a new one-day tournament record . . . 93 degrees!

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The 15% penalty tax is scheduled to resume in 2000, so you might be tempted to withdraw as much as possible during this three-year window. In some cases, this will be a good strategy, but in other cases it could be a costly mistake. As a very general rule, retirees over age 70 are most likely to benefit from accelerating their withdrawals. People with a relatively short life expectancy could also benefit, since there's an estate version of this penalty tax that 'isn't suspended. But many younger people will still be better off taking the minimum from their retirement plans and letting the balance grow tax-deferred, even if they end up paying the 15% tax down the road.

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Police arrested a male on Pearl Street for assaulting a teacher at the Holden School.

A person known to Area A Detectives assaulted a female on Main Street. Complaints will be sought at the Charlestown District Court.

A man reported that person(s) unknown broke into his Corey Street apartment and stole money and a CD walkman.

Tuesday, April 15

A man reported that person(s) unknown broke into his motor vehicle while it was parked on Bunker Hill Street and stole a duffel bag, traveler's checks and cash.

Police, along with Health & Hospitals, responded to Austin Street for a male who had overdosed on cocaine. He was transported to Mass. General Hospital by ambulance.

Wednesday, April 16

A man stated that person(s) unknown attempted to break into his Walford Way apartment.

A man reported that person(s) unknown smashed the windows of his motor vehicle while it was parked on Polk

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Witness Mary C. Fitzpatrick, Esquire, First Justice of said Court.

Date April 14, 1997

Richard Iannella Register of Probate Street.

A man stated that person(s) unknown made an attempt to break into his Monument Square apartment.

Thursday, April 17

Persons reported that a suspect known to them and Area A Detectives assaulted their children on Monument Avenue.

Friday, April 18

A student was robbed of his gold chain on Medford Street by three males.

Saturday, April 19

A woman reported that her motor vehicle was struck by another motor vehicle on Sullivan Street resulting in damage to her motor vehicle.

Boston Housing Police arrested a female on Bunker Hill Street on charges of breaking and entering.

A woman reported that person(s) unknown broke into her Monument Square apartment and stole a gold chain.

Sunday, April 20

A man reported that while at Sullivan Square, his motor vehicle was struck by another vehicle, the driver of which did not stop.

'Overview Of The Criminal Justice System' At The Charlestown Library

Charlestown District Court Presiding Justice Peter W. Agnes Jr and Victim Witness Advocate Christina Ruccio will be the guest speakers at the weekly adult discussion group meeting at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St., at 10 a.m. on Friday, May 2.

242-0900

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Boston Housing Police arrested one male and one female on Medford Street for possession of marijuana.

A woman reported that while on Bunker Hill Street, her motor vehicle was struck by another vehicle the driver of which did not stop and fled the area.

A man stated that person(s) unknown broke into his motor vehicle which was parked on Main Street and stole

Join The Red Shirts!

The Boston Youth Clean-up Corps (BYCC) will be accepting calls only through the city of Boston's Hopeline from Boston youth ages 14 to 17 looking for summer em-

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April 24 and 25

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The only number to call is 635-HOPE (4673). Once your call has been answered, you will be asked to supply your name, address and social security number.

English As A Second Language Conversation Groups

The Charlestown Branch Library at 179 Main St. will be hosting conversation groups for adults learning English during the months of April and May.

The group is open to all levels of ability and provides an opportunity to practice speaking English

The groups will meet on Mondays, as follows: April 28, May 5 and May 19. All sessions will be from 7 to 8 p.m. Trained tutors will be present each evening to assist the con-

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Justice Dedication To Be Held At City Square Park



The Friends of City Square Park will be celebrating the dedication of the Justice Memorial located in City Square Park at noon on Law Day, Thursday, May 1.

When Gov. John Winthrop and the Court of Assistants first arrived in Charlestown from England, they brought with them the Mass. Bay Colony Charter which vested in them not only legislative and executive power, but also judicial authority.

This they exercised in City Square, sitting at times as a judicial forum. In this capacity they acted as a forerunner to our modern supreme judicial court, the oldest judicial body in the western hemi-

sphere. The memorial commemorates these historical events.

Chief Justice Herbert Wilkins of the Mass. Supreme Court will be the principal speaker at the dedication. He will be joined by members of the legislative and executive branches of state government as well as other distinguished members of the judiciary.

The Friends of City Square Park, in cooperation with Judge Peter Agnes and the staff of the Charlestown District Court, will be hosting a reception in the Charlestown Courthouse after the dedication as part of the court's Law Day celebration.

The public is invited to attend.

Firefighters Hold Annual Communion Breakfast At St. Francis de Sales



FIREFIGHTERS, their families and friends gathered at St. Francis de Sales Church recently for the annual METRO-FIRE Mass and Communion Breakfast. The guest speaker was Father Patrick Healy. At the top left, Boston Fire Commissioner Martin E. Pierce Jr. presents Father Healy with a plaque making him an honorary chief in the Boston Fire

Department . . . At the bottom left, Boston Fire Department Chief Chaplain Father Daniel Mahoney presents Father Healy with a cake commemorating his Golden Jubilee in the priesthood . . . On the right, Boston Fire Department Ladders 9 and 26 raise the American flag in front of St. Francis de Sales Church. (photos by Billy Noonan)

'Bag Of Tricks' At The Charlestown Branch Library

"Bag of Tricks" with storyteller George Capaccio, will be presented at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St., Charlestown on Thursday, May 8 at 4 p.m.

Capaccio will present a program of multicultural folktales about clever animal and human characters who use their wits to escape dangerous situations

and to foil deadly foes.

Children will participate in the stories by singing, creating sound effects and moving like the characters. The program is open to all ages, but is recommended for grades K through 3.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call the library at 242-1248.

Volunteers Sought For Spring Cleaning At St. Catherine's

St. Catherine's Church is asking for help with its spring cleaning on Saturday, April 26. Volunteers are asked to meet in the main church at 10 a.m.

Youth and adults are asked to assist in this effort by bringing cleaning materials such as sponges, buckets cloth rags, etc. The first phase of washing was completed during Holy Week. Further work and extra help are needed to complete the job.

The church will be opened throughout the afternoon and altar servers are requested to assist the volunteers in the cleaning of the sanctuary, the Stations of the Cross, pews, choir area, etc., in preparation for the feast of St. Catherine of Siena and the Pentecost.

A pizza lunch will be provided.

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MGH HealthCare Center Professionals Speak Up About Speech-Language Problems During May, Better Hearing and Speech Month.

People seldom talk about speech problems, but speech, voice, and language disorders are serious, treatable conditions that affect 14 million Americans. Since 1921, May has been designated as Better Hearing and Speech Month, a time to raise public awareness of hearing, speech and language dis-

"Speaking comes so naturally for most of us we take it for granted," said Senior Speech-Language Pathologist Elizabeth A. Delnickas of MGH-Charlestown HealthCare Center. "But for someone with a speech or language problem, words don't come easily. Expressing any thought is a struggle."

Speech and language disorders take many forms. Babies can be born with these disorders. Accidental injury or illness can cause them at any age. Whatever their kind of cause, speech and language disorders have serious consequences. Speech and language disorders can limit academic achievement, social adjustments and career advancement. Fortunately, most people with speech and language problems can be helped," said Delnickas. "Even if the problem cannot be eliminated, we can teach people with speech and language problems strategies to help them cope. People may not fully regain their capacity to speak and understand, but a Speech-Language Pathologist can help them express their needs and live more independently.

Some common speech and language disorders include stuttering, the most widely recognized problem; articulation problems that cause people to pronounce sounds incorrectly, making their speech difficult to understand; language disorders that limit a person's ability to understand spoken or written words; and voice disorders that make speech impossible or extremely difficult.

Aphasia is a speech-language disorder that frequently follows stroke or brain injury. People with aphasia can think clearly, but cannot effectively express their thoughts. An estimated 1 million Americans have aphasia.

Speech-Language Pathologists are the professionals who treat all types of speech, language, and related disorders. They hold at least the master's degree and are certified by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association. In Massachusetts, they also are licensed by the state. Speech-Language Pathologists work in schools, private practice, hospitals, clinics, and other health and educa-

"Anyone who has any difficulty speaking or understanding should consult a Speech-Language Pathologist," said Delnickas. "A communication disorder is just too important to ignore."

The Speech and Language Pathology Department of MGH-Charlestown HealhCare Center offers comprehensive diagnostic and remediation services to both children and adults. Hearing screenings and Russian bilingual assessments are also available. If you are interested in scheduling an appointment or would like more information, please call us at (617) 724-8194, Monday through Friday.