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Public Forum Allows Discussion On City Square Housing Plans

Over 150 people packed the American Legion Hall on Wednesday evening, January 18th, despite an ongoing snow storm, to listen to the three developers who submitted proposals to the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) regarding Parcels 31 A and B in the City Square area of Charlestown, bordered by Main, Park, Warren, Winthrop and Henley Streets.

This community meeting evolved out of a November BRA Board meeting, at which time the tentative designation of a developer of these parcels was slated for action. Residents, including some members of the Charlestown Preservation Society, as well as individuals, voiced their opposition to the apparent speedy action by the BRA Board in making this designation without input from the community and addressing concerns about the development that is regarded to be the "gateway to Charlestown". At this Board meeting, James W. Conway stated that he would organize a community meeting with the developers and the BRA staff to allow for resident input.

Action on designating the tentative developer of these parcels was further

delayed by the provisions set down in a recently enacted state law, which allows that parcels slated for redevelopment must be publicly advertised and 30 days be allotted for submission of proposals by prospective developers. Three developers — Tontine Crescent Associates, Zero City Square Development and Joseph Murray (for Parcel 31 A only) had been received by the BRA by the January 3rd deadline.

In his opening remarks at the community meeting, Conway, who acted as moderator for the meeting, thanked the BRA for keeping its word in presenting these proposals to the residents at this public meeting. He also stated that although the BRA had no mandate to include recommendations made by the residents, he would hope that the BRA would listen to the people. He said that the order of appearance of the developers was done by a draw and that questions would follow the formal presentation by each of the three.

Representatives from the BRA in attendance were Richard Garver, Deputy Director for Community Development; William Arthur Reilly, Charlestown Project Director; and Sam Otis, Staff Architect. A public stenographer, hired



JAMES W. CONWAY (at podium) moderated the recent meeting at the American Legion Hall that provided community residents an opportunity to hear from the three developers who have submitted proposals to the B.R.A. for Parcels 31A and B, located near City Square. Shown front row (l. to r.) Attorney Chris Tsouros and Wayne Welke of Zero City Square Development and Jim Adams of Tontine Crescent Associates.

by the BRA, took the official record of the meeting.

Prior to the presentations, Dick Garver gave an overview of the site. He stated that Parcels 31 A and B were an approximately 60,000 square foot urban renewal residential development site. Proposals had originally been solicited in 1974, and

the tentative designation subsequently awarded, rescinded in 1981. Guidelines for development include: one parking space be allowed per unit, the design be compatible with and reflect the character of the surrounding buildings, the height be no less than 20 nor more than 35 feet, and that the new housing should be brick with granite detail. He said that

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Mayor Flynn To Hold Neighborhood Hearing Tonight

Boston Mayor Raymond L. Flynn will hold a "Neighborhood Hearing" tonight, Thursday, February 2, 1984 at 7:00 p.m. at the Charlestown High School Auditorium, 240 Medford Street.

All residents are invited to this hearing, which will be a neighborhood version of a "Town Meeting", where representatives of community groups and individuals will have an opportunity to tell the Mayor their concerns about and what they would like to see for Charlestown.

In addition, Mayor Flynn will introduce members of his administration, especially those whose duties will include the delivery of city services.

Voter Registration For Presidential Primary

Boston voters, particularly those who believe themselves to be registered as Independents (unenrolled), are urged to check their party registration. City of Boston Election Commissioner Michael Joyce sought to point out that those registered Independents (unenrolled) who may have, for example, requested a Republican primary ballot in 1982 would, by state law, become automatically enrolled in that party. Those people who had not filled out change of party forms would then be able to vote only in the party primary in which they had become enrolled. In order to vote in a particular party primary, one must be a current registered member of that party, or an Independent (unenrolled) voter who requests one particular party's primary ballot and whose request automatically enrolls the person as a member of that party until the request is made to change back to the previous Independent (unenrolled) status.

The important points to remember, according to Commissioner Joyce, is that changing party enrollment can be done at the City Election Department, Room 224, Boston City Hall; at the outside registration site located in Charlestown at the Kent Community School, 50 Bunker Hill Street; or by written communication signed under the pains and penalties of perjury, prior to February 14, 1984. If you have any questions regarding your current party enrollment, please call the Boston Election Department at 725-4635 or 725-4636.

Voter registration in Ward 2, Charlestown, will run from now through February 14, 1984 at the Kent Community School, 50 Bunker Hill Street. Registration will also proceed at the City of Boston Election Department, Room 224, Boston City Hall, now to February 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. and on February 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (the last day of registration).

Registration dates and hours for Ward 2 are:
 Thursday, February 2 and Friday, February 3 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
 Saturday, February 4 12 Noon to 8:00 p.m.
 Monday - Friday, February 6 - 10 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
 Saturday, February 11 12 Noon to 8:00 p.m.
 Monday, February 13 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, February 14 (last day of registration) 6:00 to 10:00 p.m.

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Free Training Program

A free electronics training program is being offered to refugees who live in Boston by Bunker Hill Community College. This one-year, intensive certificate program will begin in March and will prepare graduates for entry-level positions in the field of electronics. Course work includes English as a second language, technical math, electronics theory, hands-on lab experience as well as career counseling.

Classes will be held on Mondays through Thursdays from 4 to 8 p.m.

There are entry requirements. Applicants must have good English and math skills, live in Boston and have refugee status.

Plan to attend one of the following information sessions, February 6 and 13, from 12 noon to 1 p.m. or 7 to 8 p.m. If you need more information, call Bunker Hill Community College, 241-8600, extension 410.

This Week At A Glance

Thursday, February 2
Boston City Councillor Robert Travaglini Office Hours - 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. - Charlestown Community School Athletic Facility, 254 Medford Street
Representative Richard A. Voke Office Hours - 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. - American Legion Hall, 27 Chestnut Street
Neighborhood Hearing with Mayor Ray Flynn - 7:00 p.m. - Charlestown High School, 240 Medford Street

Friday, February 3
Meeting on Boston Compact with Charlestown High School Parents - 9:30 a.m. - Cafe Montego, Charlestown High School, 240 Medford Street
Parents' Discussion Group and Pre-School Story Hour - 10:00 a.m. - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street

Saturday, February 4
Pop Warner Banquet - 7 to 11 p.m. - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street

West School Street
Las Vegas Night - 7:00 p.m. - Christopher Columbus High School Gym, Prince Street, North End
Installation of Officers of Daughters of Isabella No. 1 - 7:30 p.m. - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street

Sunday, February 5
Holy Name Society Monthly Meeting - After the 8:30 a.m. Mass. - St. Francis de Sales Church, 305 Bunker Hill Street

Monday, February 6
Meeting of Daughters of Isabella No. 1 - 8:00 p.m. - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street

Tuesday, February 7
Children's Films - 3:30 p.m. - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street
Dance Lessons - 8:00 p.m. - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street

Wednesday, February 8
C.Y.H.A. Mandatory Coaches' Meeting - 7:30 p.m. - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street

Upcoming Events

Thursday, February 9
Boston City Councillor Robert Travaglini Office Hours - 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. and 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. - Charlestown Community School Athletic Facility, 254 Medford Street
Representative Richard A. Voke Office Hours - 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. - American Legion Hall, 27 Chestnut Street

Friday, February 10
Parents' Discussion Group and Pre-School Story Hour - 10:00 a.m. - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street
Valentine's Dance - 8:00 p.m. - Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales, 305 Bunker Hill Street

Saturday, February 11
Democratic Caucus - 2:00 p.m. - Lower Hall, K. of C., 75 West School Street
Valentine's Dance - 8:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street

Sunday, February 12
Charlestown Preservation Society Meeting - 7:30 p.m. - Charlestown Community Center, 14 Green Street

Tuesday, February 14
Police Community Relations Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Kent Community School, 50 Bunker Hill Street

Thursday, February 16
Samuel Eliot Morison Lecture Series featuring Halsey C. Herreshoff, America's Cup Navigator - 6:00 p.m. - U.S.S. Constitution Museum, Charlestown Navy Yard

Friday, February 17
Luncheon - Noon - Charlestown Community Center, 14 Green Street

Saturday, February 25
Foster Care Benefit Sponsored by Capitol Area Council for Children - 8:00 p.m. to midnight - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street

Saturday, March 3
Annual Birthday Party of the Charlestown Community Center
Gladys' Corned Beef Dinner - 7:00 p.m. - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street

Saturday, April 7
Michael P. Quinn Scholarship Fund Dinner Dance - 6:15 p.m. - Preble Room, Charlestown Navy Yard

Plan Ahead

Named To Dean's List

Sarah M. Smith of 31½ Mount Vernon Street, Charlestown has been named to the Dean's List at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst. William F. Field, dean of students, made the announcement. In order to be named to the Dean's List, a student must compile a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4-point scale. Ms. Smith is majoring in Food and Resource Economics.

Receives Nurse's Cap



DENISE GANDOLFO, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Gandolfo of 36 Elm Street, Charlestown, received her nurse's cap on Saturday, January 28th, from Saint Joseph's College, North Windom, Maine, after completing two years of study. Miss Gandolfo intends to continue her studies for an additional two years to receive her R.N. degree.

Named To Dean's List

Twenty Charlestown students have been named to the dean's list at Bunker Hill Community College for the Fall semester. It has been announced by Kathleen E. Assar, dean of academic affairs. They are:
David J. Arbuckle, 30 Oak Street
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Tracie E. Collins, 59 Baldwin Street
Eileen A. Fitzgerald, 50 Washington Street
Chuck A. Gilliland, 100 Baldwin Street
Laura L. Hickey, 34 McNulty Court
Nga K. Hoang, 283 Main Street
Steven W. Howard, 47 Russell Street
Sharon M. Kennedy, 51C Old Landing Way
Nam Lam, 291 Main Street
Thank V. LeNguyen, 118 High Street
Patricia M. McIntosh, 40 Monument Square
Joan M. McKinnon, 44 Sullivan Street
Kim M. McLaughlin, 10 Old Landing Way
Kathleen A. Murphy, 6 Armory Street
Quang V. Nguyen, 281½ Main Street
Truong I. Nguyen, 114 High Street
Carol A. Powers, 278A Main Street
James E. Ralston, 7 Cedar Street
Richard C. Shewmaker, 69 Baldwin Street

Spanish Dance Theatre To Be At Edwards

Thirty-five artists will be in residence this spring at public schools in 26 Massachusetts communities, through funding from the new Institute for the Arts. According to director Richard Friedman, the Institute will provide nearly \$125,000 to support these educational residencies between now and June, 1984.

Locally, Ramon de los Reyes Spanish Dance Theatre will be at the Clarence R. Edwards Middle School for one month beginning April 23rd in a performing arts - dance residency.

The residencies are designed to demonstrate the effective role played by artists as teachers and by the arts as teaching tools. Friedman notes that "exposing children to artists and artistic disciplines of real integrity, we will strengthen the role of the arts in everyday learning."

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the process to be followed is that the BRA staff, after collecting and weighing community input, strength of the developer and the financial team, will make a recommendation to the BRA Board for tentative designation, which allows the developer to expand their architectural and financial sources, and if this is successful, the developer will be awarded final designation, which is a "go" for construction to begin.

determining a developer which included: Design Excellence, noting that they propose to reconstruct a legendary building by America's first great architect — Bullfinch; Financial Capability — stating that he had a commitment in hand from Workingmen's Cooperative Bank for \$7.3 million; Developer's Experience, citing his development record of Thompson Green, Warren Tavern, Thompson Triangle, and the Bunker Hill Mall; and

presented the proposal for Zero City Square Development. He stated that there are three partners in the plan — Joseph DiGangi, a residential and commercial developer; Richard Reedy, a manufacturer; and the third partner is Charlestown. He continued by stating that Zero City Square Development has the financial capability for the development, with two banks expressing interest and awaiting the tentative designation. He said that DiGangi and Reedy have exclusive rights to develop Roughan Hall, which is privately owned, and would be integrated into the development. In referring to Charlestown as a partner, Tsouros said that there would be community parking available on the site. 26,000 square feet of the site would be given over to the community for development of a meeting place, and they propose to give back a unit to Charlestown, at cost, through a local economic development corporation to sell or rent. Designer Wayne Welke continued discussion on the proposal by stating that the developer has tried to incorporate characteristics reflective of the Charlestown community and the design uses brick row houses as models, with bays, entrances off Main Street and the height matching renovated structures. He said that the 38 proposed units would be arranged in blocks. Plans also include a granite fountain at Main and Henley Streets, similar to one formerly at City Square, as the focal point in the development.

The third development proposal by Murray Tow was limited to Parcel 31 A, the garage site now occupied by Murray Tow (Joseph Murray) and English's Garage (Bill English). Attorney Phil Tracey stated that he represented Murray and English, who he termed the "little guys". He said that they have lived here all their lives and have developed their businesses here. Tracey stated that their proposal was simple — they are prepared to



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DEVELOPER JIM ADAMS presents a line drawing of the proposed replica of Bullfinch's Tontine Crescent which would face on Main Street between Winthrop Street and City Square.

The first proposal was presented by Jim Adams of Tontine Crescent Associates. The main focus of his plan involved the reproduction of Charles Bullfinch's Tontine Crescent, along the Main Street

concluded by offering the consideration that the developer be local, accessible, and community oriented with a record of providing jobs for local residents.

Attorney Chris Tsouros



ZERO CITY SQUARE DEVELOPMENT was represented by Attorney Chris Tsouros (standing) and design consultant Wayne Welke (seated). The presentation of this firm's proposal for Parcels 31A and B was made on behalf of Joseph DiGangi and Richard Reedy, partners in Zero City Square Development.

portion of these parcels. Adams said that the Crescent would be done in scale to the original, using the same materials. An arch is proposed over Henley Street, but the street would remain open. Further development on the site included the rehabilitation of the three decker houses on Winthrop Street and the construction of brick units on Warren and Park Streets, similar to those of Thompson Green (on the corner of Main and Devens Street). He proposes that the garage on Warren Street be made to look like housing, with lites of glass included in the exterior renovations. The proposal calls for nine rental units, and 52 condominiums including 26 one-bedroom units, 24 two-bedroom units and two three-bedroom units. Adams pointed out several factors that he felt should be considered in

develop the "run-down and dilapidated" garage and provide much needed parking for the area as they continue their businesses. Tracey asked the rhetorical question "Are they going to be swept aside for a Newbury Street development?" He said this came to mind when he saw a proposal "being pushed through" last November. Tracey offered the possibility that "maybe (Mr. Murray) could co-develop with Mr. Adams or Mr. DiGangi". Tracey con-

cluded by referring to a letter of support for Murray and English on Charlestown Board of Trade stationery and signed by a large number of Charlestown merchants.

Questions and concerns that were brought up following the formal presentations included:

—Parking: Jim Adams stated that their proposal provides for off-street parking for owners/tenants in the garage, while Zero City Square Developers stated there would be 38

spaces for the units with 28 additional spaces for the public.

—Cost of units: Jim Adams said that in their best estimate, rental units would be approximately \$450 per month with condominiums ranging from \$69,500 to \$165,000. Zero City Square gave the figure of \$75,000 to \$150,000 for two to three bedroom duplexes, indicating if more units were permitted, cost could decrease.

—Closing of Henley Street: Adams stated that they do not propose to close Henley Street and that the pavilion over Henley Street would not be constructed until the Tobin Bridge off-ramp was depressed. Zero City Square said that Henley Street would remain open in their plan and that if in the future, it appeared more beneficial to the community, to close Henley Street, it could be done and their proposed park expanded.

—Building materials: Adams stated that new construction would be brick with stone levels and existing buildings would be renovated in like materials. Zero City Square proposes the use of brick on exteriors with granite trim and brick pavers.

—Financial commitment: Adams reiterated (continued on page 4)



ATTORNEY PHIL TRACEY representing Joseph Murray, owner of Murray's Towing and Bill English, owner of English's Garage, both of whom are present occupants of the garage on Warren Street which is part of this development parcel, made a plea to the gathering that these businesses not be displaced and suggested that they become partners with whichever developer is awarded designation for development of the two parcels.

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that he has a letter of intent from Workingmen's Cooperative Bank in the amount of \$7.3 million. Zero City Square stated that they have letters of commitment from Haymarket Cooperative Bank and the Patriot Bank for \$4 million.

—**Density:** According to Adams, the Tontine Crescent proposal includes a total of 61 housing units. When questioned as to whether he believed there would be a conflict on the density of housing on the site, Adams stated that he did not believe so, as 50% of the site was open space. Zero City Square related that their proposal included 38 units for the site.

BRA Director Garver said that the terms of the BRA proposal for the site called for 25 units per acre and that the site was approximately 1½ acres.

—**Sidewalks and street lighting:** Both developers said that they would include new sidewalks and lights in the area of the development.

—**Interest in other proposed Charlestown developments** (specifically the former Charlestown High School and former Bunker Hill School): Both developers stated that they have no interest in any other proposed Charlestown development.

—**Building in blocks/development in sections:** The question was raised as to how long a

developer can stay with a site, building it in sections. Adams referred to his development of Thompson Green, which he said started when interest rates were 18% and that good financial support and aggressive marketing can override delay. Zero City Square pointed to Roughan Hall which they have been working on and submitting plans for since 1981. BRA's Dick Garver stepped in to note that the BRA is responsible for the determination of which developer has the greatest potential of going ahead and this will be a factor in determining designation.

—**Timetable:** Adams said that they are prepared to start rehabilitation of existing housing almost immediately after receiving final designation, with commencement of new housing construction approximately six months later. Zero City Square said that they are ready to move immediately upon final designation.

—**Roughan Hall:** In a question directed to Zero City Square, they responded that Roughan Hall will be improved as an important part of City Square with plans being for offices on the upper floors and commercial space on the first floor.

—**Residential mix:** Mr. Adams referred to Thompson Green, which he stated was comprised of one half of the owners being former renters in Charlestown and the other half coming from outside the community. Zero City Square stated that their plan was geared more to middle income people.

—**Business relocation:** In reply to a question directed to the BRA on the relocation of the three business located on the development site (Murray Tow, English's Garage, B and B Oil), Dick Garver replied that there is no question that the BRA wants the businesses to remain in Charlestown and that relocation and other finan-

cial assistance would be discussed with them.

Among those in attendance at the meeting were District One Boston City Councillor Robert Travaglini and Representative Richard Voke. At the conclusion of the meeting, Voke commented "I am acutely aware of the impact land development can have on an existing neighborhood. If change is

to occur, it must be responsible, well-planned and highly sensitive to the needs and obligations of the community". Voke has met with the BRA and has been assured that a direct line of communication would be opened.

As we go to press, a date for the BRA Board meeting to designate a tentative developer for these parcels has not been set.

St. Francis de Sales Annual Quilt Raffle

This is the fifth year for the St. Francis de Sales Benefit Quilt Raffle. This year's quilt is a full size "Candlewick" handmade quilt. Over 200 hours of work have been put into this project.

I would like to thank Diane Hennigan, Donna Burke, Pippy Leahy, Bobbi DeCarlo, Charlene Flaherty, Linda Gallagher, Jane Hastie, Mary McLaughlin, Mary Lee Owens, Alice Ringer and also welcome to Kathy Murray, the quilt committee's newest member. Also, last but not least, Peachie! These girls have been meeting at least one night a week since September to make the quilt. Thank you for donating all the materials, putting the quilt together and for the hardest thing you had to do, finding a baby sitter every week.

So, thanks to the husbands or the kids at home and to the grandparents for watching the kids. You see, making the quilt was the easy part. Getting out of the house was the hard part - right girls! Or how about picking up the house after supper and helping the kids with the homework, then "Bing-Bong," ten quilters come a calling!

Their work is done. Now our work starts. This week every family in our school received a book of ten tickets. Tip that school bag upside down. O.K., you found them! This quilt is more than a quilt, it is a labor of love. Let us show our appreciation by doing our part. All I ask is your help for less than one week. Try to sell your book of ten chances. The drawing is next Friday, February 10th at Bishop Lawton Hall, at the annual Valentine's Dance.

One last note, last year our total was \$1301.00 - the best ever, but the tickets were out for over a month. This year I'm trying something new. The girls have put months of work into this quilt. If we all put one week into this and all 175 school families do their part, 100% would bring in \$1775.00.

Part of the proceeds of the quilt raffle will be used to take the entire school, one classroom at a time, on an educational field trip to the Peabody Museum at Harvard University. We are in the process of setting this trip up.

Well, sorry I took so long, but you know me!!!

Thank you,

Zeke Marsden, President

St. Francis de Sales Parents' Club

P.S. If anyone else would like to help sell a few chances, please call me at 242-1102 and I'll drop them off. Remember, I just ask for one week's help. Please return all books sold or unsold to the school by Thursday, February 9th.

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Dates And Data For Disconcerted Democrats

by Maria Girvin

Town committees? Democratic caucuses? Congressional District Caucuses? What are they? Why should you be interested?

To best explain the answers to these questions is to risk confusion and boring details, at best. However, it has become evident to this writer why there are so many apathetic voters across the state, not to mention the country; it's because so many of us do not fully understand the democratic process.

Therefore, the following paragraphs will address the upcoming caucuses and elections in the chronological order in which they will take place. Good luck in understanding each of them. Finding all the details was no an easy task.

Sunday, February 5 — Congressional District Caucuses
This is a caucus open to the vote of any registered Democrat, provided they appear at the caucus by 2 p.m., and can prove they are a registered Democrat. It's OK if you've just changed your party preference the day before. Just be sure you can present a certificate of voter registration and party enrollment or that your name appears on the voting list which will be at the caucus. That's the easy part: now for the more complex part.

These caucuses will be held in every Congressional District in the state, by each of the presidential candidates and by the Democratic party, itself. The caucuses run by presidential candidates will be "committed caucuses" which means that those attending will wish to support that presidential nominee. Those organized by the Democratic State Committee will be "uncommitted caucuses" meaning that those delegates elected at these caucuses may reserve their vote for a particular candidate.

Of the eleven congressional districts, within this state 68 delegates and 39 alternates will be elected February 5, some of which will be committed and some which will not be committed. They will then attend the Democratic National Convention to be held in San Francisco, California in July to cast their vote for a Democratic presidential candidate who will run against incumbent President Ronald Reagan.

Those who are committed are bound to vote for the presidential candidate they represent on the first ballot. "First ballot" is political lingo for the first vote cast by all the delegates across the nation. If no candidate receives a two-thirds vote from this first vote, then all the delegates cast a second vote, this time for the candidate they choose. They are no longer bound to vote for the candidate which they came to represent.

It is not known by this writer whether or not there is a safeguard built into this system which regulates a committed delegate's vote. In other words, is it possible for a committed Reubin Askew delegate to vote for Walter Mondale on the first ballot? The answer, is I don't know, but probably, yes. In seeking out the answers to some of these questions it has become evident to me that much of these "committed votes" are no more than gentlemen agreements. In any case, being elected to represent a candidate at the national convention is a great ticket to the national caucus. Once you are in there, anything goes.

By the way, if you are thinking of trying to get elected as a delegate for one of these candidates and you filed a Letter of Intent to run for a delegate seat before January 16, then be sure you round up your friends, family, long-lost relatives and any one else you can think of who is a

registered Democrat. These caucuses are hotly contested, especially the uncommitted races.

According to Ward 2 Committee Chairman Phil Coleman, potential delegates come with 200 or more supporters behind them. Coleman says the forum is usually a mad house with supporters going around and making deals with supporters of other potential delegates. "They say to you, we'll support your candidate if our candidate loses but if your candidate loses, then you support ours," said Coleman.

By the way, as a refresher the presidential candidates are as follows. The phone numbers after their names are numbers by which you can call for information about that

many of us on the local scene. It will be held at 2 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Lower Hall, 75 West School Street. At that time, all Democrats who were registered in the ward as of December 29, 1983 are invited to run for one of the 10 delegates seats available and the two alternate seats. All are invited to watch the process.

Those elected at this caucus will represent Ward 2 at the state convention to be held June 9 and will use their vote to help elect a candidate for U.S. Senator to replace Senator Paul Tsongas who has stated he will not run for a second term due to health problems. Additional delegates to be sent to the National Convention in California will also be chosen.



candidate's caucus on February 5:

- Reubin Askew — 305-358-8708
- Alan Cranston — 617-423-0666
- John Glenn — 617-423-0666
- Gary Hart — 617-492-5335
- Ernest Hollings — 617-523-0881
- Jesse Jackson — 617-424-0290 or 800 JACKSON
- Walter Mondale — 617-523-3237
- George McGovern — 617-236-0332

Those wishing to vie in the uncommitted Eighth Congressional District should show up at the University of Massachusetts, 100 Arlington Street, Room 222, 2nd floor. More information can be obtained by calling 367-4760.

Saturday, February 11 — Charlestown Caucus to elect delegates to the 1984 Massachusetts Democratic Convention

This caucus may be more familiar to you, as it touches

Candidates for delegate and alternate must be present and give his or her written consent to be nominated and that nomination must be seconded by two persons present at the local caucus. There will be no absentee or proxy voting.

All ballots will be written and secret. Those candidates receiving the greatest number of votes on the first ballot will be elected.

Each candidate will be allowed to make a two-minute speech and to distribute on his/her behalf, one sheet of paper listing qualifications and ideas.

Slate-making is allowed, but no special preference will be given to slates. There is no quorum requirement for the caucus.

It is expected that two slates, at least, will be offered at this caucus, which will represent the two slates that are

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competing against each other for the Democratic Ward Committee.

Although the Democratic Ward Committee election is a whole different animal from the February 11 caucus, it is not unusual for Democrats to compete in both elections.

March 13 — Presidential Primary and election of the Democratic Ward Committee

On this day, electing a candidate to run on the Democratic ticket for the presidency will not be your only duty. Also on the ballot will be 30 names from which you can select a slate of 15 persons to become the Democratic Ward 2 Committee for the next four years. If you wanted to run in this election, it's too late. November 4, 1983 was the deadline for filing nomination papers with the Democratic State Committee, which, by the way is located at 11 Beacon Street in Boston.

The present Democratic Ward 2 Committee is chaired by Phil Coleman who had decided to run for State Representative, representing Charlestown and Chelsea. Others who are members are Michele Sodergran, Vin Frataglia, Matty O'Neil, Jr., Brian Hickey, Bill Howard, Eileen Kelly, Steve Owens, Ed Callahan, Brian Callahan, Tom Hughes, John Revelotis, Michael Powers, Jim Cushman and Pat Sweeney. The late Matty O'Neil, Sr. was also a member.

As the ward committee, they were responsible for two caucuses held during their four year term, one concerning the Issues Convention held in 1980 in Springfield, and the Convention for Nomination of Governor in which they supported Governor Michael Dukakis. The ward committee has also held several mayoral debates and candidates' nights during the recent city elections.

This year many of the same individuals will run again for the Democratic Ward Committee with a few new people filling in for those who have dropped out. A slate of newcomers has also formed and been filed with the State Committee and includes names of individuals who are new on the Charlestown political scene.

The two slates are as follows:

Slate No. 1

Timothy Corcoran, 111 Dunstable Street
Timothy P. Dineen, 26 Dunstable Street

Joseph Kent, 71 Elm Street
Lisa Collins, 15 Monument Street
John C. Conley, 35 Essex Street
Susan M. Conway, 1503 Eighth Street
Maureen A. Evers, 117 Dunstable Street
John K. Leeman, 5 Auburn Square
Lucien F. Perreault, 5A W. School Street
Paula J. Keough, 24 Auburn Street
Timothy Sweeney, 34 Concord Street
Joan Enos, 90 Green Street
Robert Fitzpatrick, 6 Holden Road
Kathleen A. Thornton, 24 Eden Street
Ann Yandle, 79 Tibbetts Town Way
Slate No. 2

John A. Whelan, 50 Monument Avenue
Edward P. Callahan, 17 Trenton Street
Matthew O'Neil, 28 Cross Street
Ruth M. Fidler, 37 Bartlett Street
James J. Cushman, 230 Bunker Hill Street
Edward M. Johnson, 93 Russell Street
Edward B. Sweeney, 59 Walford Way
Allen J. Jarasitis, 18 School Street
Donna M. Lane, 40 Pleasant Street
G. Kevin Roche, 13 Sullivan Street
Andrea R. Garr, 16 Cedar Street
Sarah S. Roche, 13 Sullivan Street
Michael D. Donovan, 86 Baldwin Street

Moira McDermott, 0 Water Street
John L. Tobin, 315 Main Street

Tim Dineen said that his slate was put together "to involve people who haven't been involved in politics before; who lived in the town all their lives and wanted to participate but didn't know how."

"We're a non-committed slate," said Dineen. "The other slate is committed to Dukakis. The other slate has been in power a long time and we feel it's time that the other Democrats were represented. We feel we'll give people a choice for once."

John Whelan who is a member on the other slate agrees that many on his slate are supporters of the governor but says that is irrelevant regarding the upcoming Democratic State Convention which will choose a U.S. Senate candidate. "The Governor has stated that he is not going to support any one candidate for U.S. Senator," said Whelan.

"As far as Dineen saying his slate is uncommitted, well, they'll have to become committed when they go down there. That will be their job; to support someone whom they think will best represent the interests of our community, someone like a Tsongas who supported programs that Charlestown needs."

June 9 — Massachusetts Democratic Convention

To reiterate what has already been said, this convention will take place in Worcester and be attended by those elected across the state in elections similar to Charlestown's February 11 caucus. A candidate for U.S. Senate will be chosen and 116 delegates to represent Massachusetts at the National Convention will be chosen.

Remember, 68 of those 116 delegates will have already been selected in the February 5 caucuses held state wide.

July 16 through the 20 — Democratic National Convention

Of course, this is the end of the line and no doubt will be televised. This is when a final presidential candidate will be selected to represent the Democratic Party.

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Students of the second year business program at Bunker Hill Community College in Charlestown will prepare, free of charge, income tax returns for anyone interested in their services at the college and at many suburban locations again this year. They have completed a training program conducted by the college in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service and the Massachusetts Revenue Department.

The campus center, which will be located in room B-315, will be in operation Mondays and Tuesdays, 9 to 5; Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 12 noon and 1 to 5 p.m.; Thursdays, 9 to 6; Fridays, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and 12 noon to 5 p.m.

Persons may call 241-8600, extension 561 to make an appointment for the campus center or any other location, or may walk in at any time during the hours

of operation.

Professor Edward L. Kerry, chairman of the Business Administration Dept., is the coordinator of the program.

Officially known as VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance), the programs provides an excellent opportunity for concerned individuals and groups to assist taxpayers who have fairly simple filing requirements.

The service is especially helpful to senior citizens or persons with language problems. The only exceptions are businesses and real estate beyond a single family home.

Persons are asked to bring with them their W-2 forms from employers, 1099 forms for interest and dividends, tax forms mailed by the Federal and State revenue agencies and copies of last year's returns.

City Gardens: Forcing Cut Branches Into Bloom

by Barbara Maheigan

Although it is too late to force spring bulbs for indoor bloom, February is the perfect time to force branches of spring-flowering shrubs and trees. It doesn't take much planning or preparation. It can even result in a better looking outdoor plant, if branches are pruned with consideration to the overall shape of the tree or shrub.

In this area, the earliest material for forcing includes forsythia and pussywillow, followed by flowering quince, honeysuckle, apple, plum and peach. Check your shrubs and trees - when the buds have begun to swell, cut the branches two to three feet long, and bring them indoors.

To encourage the branches to bloom, scrape a few inches of bark off the ends. Crush the ends with a hammer or slit them so that the plants can absorb water more easily. Plunge the branches into a deep container which is filled with warm water, and add a little charcoal to keep the water sweet. Place the container in a sunny window, and mist the buds occasionally to keep them moist. Remember

to change the water weekly, and cut off the bottom of the stem end again, slitting or crushing the end. The branches generally bloom in about two weeks.

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Massachusetts House Honors McGrath



REPRESENTATIVE Richard A. Voke (left) presents a citation from the Massachusetts House of Representatives to James "Buttsie" McGrath (right).

In a presentation ceremony held at the American Legion Hall, Charlestown Representative Richard A. Voke, honored the popular and life-long Charlestown resident, James "Buttsie" McGrath of Bunker Hill Street. Representative Voke wished to recognize Mr. McGrath for the thoughtfulness and imagination he displayed in his garden memorial honoring Charlestown's young men who sacrificed their lives in foreign wars.

The resolution Voke offered in Mr. McGrath's honor was adopted unanimously by Representative Voke's colleagues in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. The following is a text of the Voke resolution:

WHEREAS, the esteemed James McGrath of Charlestown has achieved renown as the inspired planter of a garden shrine dedicated to the lasting memory of Charlestown residents who gave their lives for their country; and

WHEREAS, located in his front yard and surmounted by flags representing the five branches of the service, Mr. McGrath's famed garden is devotedly cultivated by the jaunty retired Boston Firefighter and veteran of General George Patton's Third Army who was himself awarded two Bronze Stars for bravery; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong local resident and graduate of Charlestown High School, James McGrath, who is popularly known as "Buttsie", has given generously countless hours over the past quarter-century to calling Beano at St. Mary's Church and the American Legion Post; and

WHEREAS, patriotic, contented, modest and sentimental, "Buttsie" McGrath in all his worthy labors has reflected the highest principles of humanity, charity and love of one's fellowman; therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Massachusetts House of Representatives hereby commends James "Buttsie" McGrath of Charlestown for his laudable garden memorial to local servicemen who fell in battle, and extends to him its sincere best wishes for continued success in all his future endeavors; and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the Clerk of the House of Representatives to James "Buttsie" McGrath of Charlestown.

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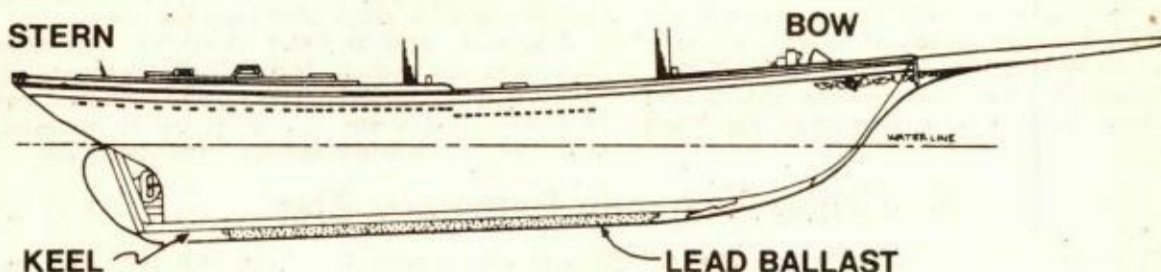
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The Lady Has Backbone

People who love boats and ships love to use nautical words. They were talking circles around the uninitiated long before these computer guys showed up, and they enjoy cringing at other people's misuse of their words. With the construction of the Commonwealth's own Tall Ship, "The Spirit of Massachusetts," well under way, we should set the record straight on at least one very important nautical term, "keel."

is a ship's foundation, the base on which the rest of the ship depends for strength and soundness. Not only is the ship virtually built up from the keel, but in the case of the "Spirit," a huge lead casting is hung from it, providing the ship with much of her stability under sail.

Favorite terms usually tacked onto "keel" are "massive" and "huge". What do these adjectives mean in terms of the "Spirit." Well, the "Spirit's"



"Keel" is currently enjoying a certain popularity because so much fuss was made about a keel of the Down Under variety during the American Cup competition last September. "Keel" refers to the massive timber or structure which, depending on the type of vessel, stretches or hangs along the center of the bottom of the vessel. Confusion arises when some use "keel" as a verb to say that a ship or boat "keels" over. In fact a ship heels when sailing as it tilts under the pressure of the wind in its sails. "The Spirit of Massachusetts" will heel, not keel.

The keel is the backbone of a vessel, and is every bit as important to a ship as our backbone is to ourselves. In many ways it performs the same function. The keel

is made of Greenheart, a powerful, dense tropical hardwood that weighs 80 pounds a cubic foot. Each section of the keel is 10" by 12", 72 feet long and weighs 4,800 lbs. Adding the weight of her lead ballast, another 22,729 lbs., the total weight of the "Spirit's" keel is 27,529 lbs. That's just the keel. Above that is the keelson, another massive timber that, er, well, enough said.

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Columbus Hoopsters Fall Short, But JV Team Rolls On

by Bob DeCristoforo,
Athletic Director

The Varsity Friars of Christopher Columbus High School are falling into some hard times. Despite some excellent individual performances, the team lost to Arlington Catholic, 67-52 and to Marian, 68-60.

In the AC game, John Melluso led the scoring for the Friars with 20 points, while freshman sensation Dave Andrews chipped in 10. The Marian game was very close, but the Friars ran out of gas in the late goings. Dave DiFronzo was high man with 15 in this one.

While the Varsity is having their difficulties, the Junior Varsity team continues its upswing. The Junior Friars picked up their 8th and 9th win of the week walloping Arlington Catholic 73-49 and then ousting Marian 72-46.

The JV surge continues to be lead by players Fred Barone, Steve Siciliano, John McDonough and Frank Toscano.

Charlestown Champ — Howie Long

by Tom King

The 1983 football season is over. The Los Angeles Raiders won the Superbowl with a decisive victory over another excellent team, the Washington Redskins.

For those who watched the Superbowl on television, it was clear that the Raiders won a total team victory, outplaying the Redskins in every facet of the game. Every member of the Raiders can be proud of their contribution to this year's championship.

One of the Raiders is Charlestown's own Howie Long. He played defensive end and was visible making tackles and creating defensive pressure throughout the Superbowl.

Howie's performance capped off a sensational year for him, as he was an important part in the team's winning season.

Everyone in Charlestown has a right to be proud of Howie as another of its own who has achieved stardom in professional sports. The pride extends to the fact that Howie has made 13 sacks of opposing quarterbacks this year, and has given \$100 for each of them to the Kiwanis scholarship fund. His generosity has almost doubled the funds available to Charlestown students through the local Kiwanis Club for 1984.

Thanks, Howie, a true Charlestown champion.

UPCOMING GAMES

Friday, February 3 at Matignon — 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, February 7 William — 7:30 p.m.

C.Y.H.A. News

ATTENTION COACHES - A mandatory coaches meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 8, 1984 at 7:30 p.m., at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 75 West School Street, concerning the upcoming District Playdowns. If you cannot attend this meeting, please send a representative.

A.H.A.C.M. MIDGET CAMP TRYOUTS - Any player born in 1967 may tryout for Midget Camp. The tryouts will be held in April at various locations around the state. Exact locations have not been determined yet. If interested, please contact any board member for an application.

Wrestling Tourney February 21st

The second annual City of Boston Wrestling Championship Tournament, sponsored by the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, will be held at West Roxbury High School on February 21.

Registration and weigh-ins begin at 8:00 a.m. and the competitions at 10:00 a.m.

Wrestlers, 18 and under, can compete in the following weight classes: 101, 108, 115, 12, 129, 135, 141, 158, 170, 188 and unlimited.

Awards will be given for individual weight classes, outstanding wrestler, quick-pin-least-time and team performance.

A special wrestling clinic will be given at 9:00 a.m. by former Olympic Wrestler and coach, James Peckham. Currently the Athletic Director for Emerson College, Mr. Peckham was a 1956 Olympic wrestler, Olympic coach for the 1972-76 games

and the 1979 Pan-Am Games wrestling coach.

Individuals and/or teams are invited to this Massachusetts Inter-scholastic Athletic Association sanctioned tournament. Already represented are teams from West Roxbury, Boston Latin, Boston Tech and Burke High Schools.

For information contact Dorothy Curran at 725-4006 or Mike Testa at 725-3912 or 268-8778.

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If you have any questions feel free to call: Mark Urquhart 241-9333; Kevin Gallagher 241-9430; Bob (Louie) McGann 242-2770; Jim Hingston 241-9410; Debbie and Tom Lent 241-8656; Joyce Mansfield 241-7455 or Kathy Raymond between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

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Children's Films

The Winter Films for Children Program continues at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street, on Tuesday, February 7, 1984 at 3:30 p.m.

The features will be "An-

napurna: A Woman's Place", in which viewers will be able to follow the 1978 expedition of the first women and the first Americans to climb one of the world's highest mountains, Annapurna I, and "Catch the Joy", which shows the excitement of dune buggy racing on sandy California beaches.

Suggested reading in conjunction with this program is Women in Sports by Irwin Stambler and 100 Greatest Women in Sports by Phyllis Hollender.

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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.

Congratulations "Townie Santa"

Dear Gloria:

Congratulations to you and your committee on a successful Townie Santa drive.

The Letters to the Editor in the Patriot have been so heartwarming that I'm sure all those who took part in the drive realizes

how much work they did to brighten up Christmas for less fortunate people.

Thank you for letting me be a part of that and I hope you'll remember to ask me again next year.

Regards,
Norita Lee

Pride Is A Two Way Street

To the Editor:

Kudos to Howie Long and his knowledge on football. He and the L.A. Raiders played a tremendous game last Sunday (January 22). It seems a little sad, however, that Mr. Long doesn't know as much about his hometown as he does about the game.

Charlestown is a small neighborhood with great people who love to get involved in community activities. Our young are very much involved in sports such as basketball, baseball, and you've heard of Hockeytown, U.S.A.? Yes, Howie, we even play football and some of these kids have real talent, too.

Now, don't get me wrong, we do have our share of bad guys, but it isn't exactly the Old West either. Howie! The little "Townies" I know don't idolize bank robbers. They idolize legends like Jack O'Callahan, 1980 Gold Medalist in Hockey. They even idolize you, Howie. How does that make you feel? I didn't think that real heroes turned their backs on the people that worshipped them most, though. But maybe I have a lot to learn about the real world, too.

Let me also add that one of the hardest parts of growing up in C-Town is constantly being knocked by other people. What is even harder to comprehend is being put down by your own kind.

Take a trip back, Howie. Times have changed since you've gone. For many of these kids, sports is still the way out, but we live in one terrific town and if you really don't care for it, then please forget you were ever born here.

Pride is a two way street and every television, movie and sport's hero has a past. And Howie, if you can't find good in your past, then you don't have much of a future.

Again, congratulations.

A Proud "Townie"

March Of The Cross In Jeopardy

Dear Gloria,

It has come to our attention that Charlestown's annual March of the Cross is in jeopardy of becoming just a memory.

We feel that this March is a very much needed show of Faith and serves to bring our town closer together. When the March first took place, our church would supply a few songs on the Monument Grounds through our Youth Group. Although this is no longer feasible, we feel that the many songs sung and stops for prayer during our March serves as a beautiful reminder of all that Jesus has done for us.

We, as youth leaders, urge the members of all Charlestown churches to speak to their church leaders and let them know how you feel on this matter. Not only does Charlestown need our March of the Cross, but we deserve it!

Sincerely,
Scott Turner a. Terry Elwell
Youth Leaders
First Baptist Church, Charlestown

Missing Flags Recovered

To the Editor:

At approximately 2:30 a.m. on January 28, 1984, four flags were cut down and stolen from the Veterans' Shrine and Garden at 105 Bunker Hill Street. Also, four name plaques were broken. This garden is close to my heart and I believe is a source of pride for the whole of Charlestown.

Diligent police work by Sergeant Kevin Thomas and Officer Richard Litto, who were on routine patrol with the Boston Housing Authority Police Force, led to the recovery of these flags and the eventual return to their rightful places.

These two police officers noticed a man walking through the housing project with a bulge in his jacket and they followed him down Monument Street to Medford Street and on to Terminal Street where they stopped and questioned him. When he opened his jacket, my flags fell out. He was a Merchant Seaman from a Canadian ship and he had been drinking. He was taken to the Project Station and questioned. He stated that he loved and collected flags and these were flying so beautifully that he thought he would take them. He said that he did not know at the time that this was a Veterans' Shrine and that he was deeply sorry for this act. The Captain of his ship said that I will be reimbursed for all the damages.

Boston Police Officer Steven Johnson of Area A took the theft report and the flags were returned to me by Housing Investigator Michael Harrington.

I was relieved and proud that it was not one of our own "Townies" who desecrated this beautiful Veterans' Shrine, which really belongs to the town. It is our own sons, fathers and brothers that this Shrine is dedicated to, as they were the ones who made the Supreme Sacrifice for all of us.

Many, many thanks,
Jim McGrath
105 Bunker Hill Street
Charlestown

Men's Clothing Wanted

A "Townie" is currently collecting usable male clothing to be given to the W.A.I.T.T. House of Schenectady, New York. The house is a shelter for runaways and problem children. House members

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Town Hill Residents Question Boston Filter Developer

The following letter summarizes the results of a questionnaire sent to homeowners in the Town Hill section of Charlestown (Harvard Street, Harvard Square, Prescott Street, and portions of Main and Washington Streets) in order to obtain their opinions and concerns regarding the proposed development of condominiums in the site of the old Boston Filter plant and the surrounding vacant lots.

Mr. Jack Rizzo
Paramount Development Associates, Inc.
73 Mount Wayte Avenue
Framingham, Ma. 01701

Dear Mr. Rizzo:

This letter is to inform you of the feelings of the Town Hill residents in regard to the Boston Filter development plans following the meeting of December 1, 1983. Resident homeowners gave their opinion in writing by answering a number of questions.

There was complete agreement that:

1. 80 units were too many.
2. Auto entrance and exit should not be on Harvard Street.
3. 43 feet should be set as maximum height on Harvard Street with a minimum 5 foot setback from the sidewalk. More than 90% agreed that:
 1. All balconies for the condos should not face Harvard or Main Street.
 2. Condo parking should be included in the sale of the unit.
 3. Windows facing Harvard and Main Street should be consistent in appearance with existing buildings.
 4. Number of parking spaces should equal the number of bedrooms.

More than 75% agreed that:

1. The main pedestrian entrance for the old Filter building should be from the Main Street side rather than from Harvard Street.

50% said that they would like to rent or buy any extra parking spaces that were available.

On the all important question of density, one said 72 units would be an acceptable number of units; six agreed with the number of 50 units; and ten agreed with the number of 40 units.

The neighborhood looks forward to the Boston Filter development, however, these are the points the neighborhood feels very strongly about and we are looking forward to a mutually agreeable development that will benefit Charlestown, our neighborhood, and the developer. We look forward to our next meeting.

Very truly yours,
Town Hill Residents

Hair Care Demonstration At C.H.S.

Mr. Michael Mainey and his staff from Blowup Hair Design, recently demonstrated the proper care of hair to the Health classes at Charlestown High. As part of the demonstration, he used students as models and gave free hair styling to

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Flynn Announces Community Planning Workshop

Mayor Raymond L. Flynn has announced that a series of planning workshops, including a

citywide conference and neighborhood workshops, will be held to discuss the current needs, priorities and programs in the human service field.

1:00 p.m. Following a speakers' presentation, conferees will be invited to participate in small group discussions on specific human service topics.

The purpose of the workshops is to provide expanded, open forums for resident input into the City's human services agenda for the coming year and specifically to assist the city in the development of the Year X Community Development Block Grant Programs. The workshops, which are open to all residents, are being held in accordance with the Flynn administration's intent to expand citizen participation into the human services decision-making process.

NDEA will also conduct a neighborhood planning workshop on human services for the Charlestown, South End, Chinatown, Back Bay, Fenway/Kenmore, Allston/Brighton, South Boston, East Boston and North End neighborhoods on Tuesday, February 14, 1984 at the Quincy Community School, 885 Washington Street, Chinatown from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Conducted by the Neighborhood Development and Employment Agency (NDEA), a citywide conference entitled "Human Service Provision in Boston: Needs, Priorities and Programs" will be held February 8, 1984 at the Boston Public Library, Copley Square, Boston, from 9:00 a.m. to

Facts About Drugs - F.A.D.

Why is heavy drinking or pot smoking dangerous for adolescents? What are some of the influences they feel?

Some cultures have a very low rate of drug abusers and there are factors which seem to contribute to this. In these cultures (Greek, Jewish for example) alcohol is introduced when the children are young. Beer and wine are the primary drinks, and alcohol is looked upon as a "neutral" substance not a "right of passage." Another important influence seem to be consistent adult behavior. Parents in these families treat alcohol as part, but not a very important part, of their lives, and the ground rules are clear about drunkenness. It is not considered acceptable.

What about cultures that have a high rate of alcoholism? (The Irish are one such culture.) The introduction of alcohol to the child comes later and usually from outside the home. Hard liquor is drunk in these families and there are highly emotional feelings surrounding drink, drinkers, and drunkards. Drinking is very important in these families and it is done more often. Parents' attitudes are more inconsistent and the ground rules regarding drunkenness are not clear. All of us know the many stories of the happy drunk. Making drunkenness seem funny, gives an "o.k." signal to the adolescent who is making up his/her mind about drugs.

What are the other messages to our teenagers? Peer pressure. All of their friends drink. As one teen said: "Do you really know someone who doesn't?" Alcohol and drugs are easily available. It is a snap to get someone to buy for you if you are under age.

Television has its influences. There is a pill advertised for every pain. You should stop pain at any cost is a message that says its o.k. to drug away your worries or bad feelings. Television advertises beer and wine but not hard liquor. What is this message? "Beer and wine are not as harmful as hard liquor." The fact is that a beer, a glass of wine, and a shot of whiskey have the same amount of alcohol. The television says "have a good time, have a beer." And the story is repeated over and over again.

Parental behavior is a message. Your attitude and behavior speak loudly to kids. "Do as I say, not do as I do" is not anything a teen will believe and follow. Consistency in behavior and attitude is very important. We really need to rethink generations of habits and attitudes and help our children do the same.

Any drug or alcohol question? Call Mimi White, Charlestown Boys and Girls Club, 15 Green Street, Charlestown, 242-1775, extension 112.

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On January 22, 1984, a victim reported that during the day, persons unknown vandalized a front end loader parked at 500 Rutherford Avenue. The culprits smashed all windows and headlights. They also damaged the instrument panel of the truck.

On January 22, 1984, a victim reported that she had parked her car on Bartlett Street, in the morning. When she returned, she found that someone had slashed two tires on her vehicle.

On January 24, 1984, officers responded to Main Street, on a report of an unarmed robbery. Upon arrival, the officers spoke to the victim, who stated that as he was walking on Main Street, he was approached by four white males, who punched and kicked him to the ground. The suspects then stole a leather money pouch containing \$45.00, and personal papers. The victim stated that the suspects then fled on foot towards the Sullivan Square MBTA Station. The officers conducted a search of the area,

to no avail. The victim claimed to have injured his hip and leg during the incident, but refused medical attention. This incident is to be further investigated by the Area A Detective Unit.

On January 24, 1984, a victim reported that her car was broken into while parked on West School Street. The victim stated that the culprits stole the AM/FM stereo from her vehicle.

On January 24, 1984, a victim reported that while her car was parked on Rutherford Avenue, someone entered the vehicle and stole a Blaupunkt AM/FM stereo from the vehicle.

On January 24, 1984, officers recovered a vehicle in the rear of 110 Old Ironsides Way. The vehicle had been totally stripped and vandalized. The vehicle had been reported stolen from Saugus on January 21, 1984.

On January 25, 1984, officers responded to Austin Street, on a report of an attempted larceny of a motor vehicle. Upon arrival, the officers met the victim, who stated that he observed a youth trying to break into his motor vehicle.

The victim then chased the suspect and apprehended him after a short foot chase. The officers placed the suspect under arrest for attempted larceny of a motor vehicle. The suspect was brought to Area A, where he was read his rights and booked.

The next Community Service Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 14, 1984, at 7:00 p.m. at the Kent Community School, 50 Bunker Hill Street.

Police Investigate Death Of Pedestrian

Boston Police are investigating the death of a Charlestown woman who was found collapsed on Bunker Hill Street approximately 9:40 p.m. Tuesday night. The woman was rushed to Massachusetts General Hospital where she was pronounced dead an hour later.

were reluctant to release the name of the woman, pending notification of her relatives. However, they said she was 64 years old and single. A medical report was also not available at press time.

Deputy Superintendent Joseph Saia said the woman was found lying in the street, near 244 Bunker

Hill Street, still grasping her handbag and fully clothed. For this reason they have nearly ruled out a possible hit and run accident but said the woman could have suffered a heart-attack and then hit by on-coming cars, unaware that her body was in the street. The woman wore a dark coat and was

not clearly visible in the dark.

Police said there were no other visible signs of a hit and run incident such as broken debris (headlight) near her body.

Anyone with information regarding this incident can report it to Detective Gotschalk at 247-4248.

Home Show Opens Saturday

The 5th annual North American Home Show will open for nine exciting days starting Feb. 4th through the 12th. This year's show will feature over 500 booths displaying a wide variety of products pertaining to the interior, exterior and contents of your home. Among the various products on display will be kitchen designs, custom

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struct a three bedroom ranch house inside the hall. The house will be 46 feet by 26 feet and will be completely landscaped.

Salad Master Cooking School will have cooking demonstrations with helpful cooking tips and instructions throughout the day and evening during the show.

The Home Show will feature workshops, evenings and weekends, which are designed to educate the consumer on buying and outfitting their home with solar products and conventional products used in energy conservation. These seminars are for the do-it yourselfers or strictly to familiarize yourself with available technology for energy conservation.

The show opens 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. daily and Satur-

days. Sundays 12 noon to 7 p.m. Admission is \$3.00 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12. There is free parking for over 3,000 vehicles.

Charlestown Preservation Society To Address Library Group

Interested residents may learn about one of the organizations in Charlestown when Charlestown Preservation Society Secretary Kathryn Downing speaks about the many on-going projects of the Society at the Charlestown Library Parents' Discussion Group program on February 3 at 10:00 a.m. The Society was incorporated in 1967 in order to prevent the razing of the "Thompson Triangle", an area which included the Warren Tavern. Since that success, the Society has been responsible for the preservation and restoration of many fine buildings and areas of Charlestown. All members of the public are welcome to the Parents' Discussion Group programs which meet at the Library at 179 Main Street.

The following Parents' Discussion Group programs are scheduled for February: "Museums

for Charlestown: The U.S.S. Constitution Museum" with Laura Robertson February 10; "Museums For Charlestown: The Museum of Science" with Mary Amore on February 17. For more information stop by the Library or call 242-1248.

Holy Name Society Meeting

Sunday morning, February 5 following 8:30 a.m. Mass.

St. Francis de Sales Church
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