## Sheafe Street Homes Devastated In Nine Alarm Fire

by Marianne Martin

A nine alarm fire, which left 14 families homeless early July 4th and consumed numbers 4 through 12 Sheafe Street, is still under investigation by the Boston Fire Department. The fire, which lasted more than seven hours, left 34 people homeless and sent one resident to the Massachusetts General Hospital's Intensive Care Unit for treatment of burns to her scalp, left shoulder

and arm. She was treated and released later the same day.

While the cause of the fire remains unknown, questions have surfaced regarding why there was no water in the fire hydrant located on the corner of Cook Street and Cook Street Court, the closest hydrant to the fire.

To begin with, Sheafe Street is a small narrow side street off of Cook Street, congested with low hanging telephone and electrical wires, both of which hampered the accessiblity of the fire apparatus. To complicate matters, there were official and unofficial reports that the water hydrants in the area either did not have water or lacked adequate water pressure.

According to a source in the fire department, who asked not to be identified, "either seven or eight months ago" the fire department checked the hydrant



RESIDENTS gathered the morning after the erupted in the early hours of July 4th, nine alarm fire on Sheafe Street and surveyed the resultant damage caused by the blaze that

(photo by John Dillon)

## Boston Police Department To Sponsor Field Day

Charlestown residents, both young and old alike, are invited to attend a Field Day sponsored by the Boston Police Department Area A.

Deputy Superintendent Ronald Conway states the event will be held on Saturday, July 13, 1985 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the parking lot of the Bunker Hill

The day's events include motorcycle and pony rides, a K-9 dog show, finger printing for the children, as well as exhibitions of radar guns, the Mobile Command Center, and Health and Hospital Emergency Medical Team (EMT) units. There will also be refreshments and other surprises

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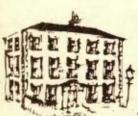
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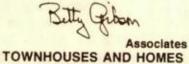
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and discovered it to be defective and filed a report with the City of Boston Water and Sewer Department. In a separate interview, a resident stated the hydrant was defective, confirming the fire fighter's report. The resident noticed the hydrant was leaking and the water was freezing "in either January or February" and called the Water and Sewer Department to report the leak. Rather than fixing the hydrant, the resident stated the Department shut the hydrant off.

John Sullivan, Director of Engineering of the Water and Sewer Department for the City of Boston, said there is no record stating that a report or work order had been filed with his department prior to the one made at the time of the fire.

"I'm not pointing any fingers here," stated Sullivan, 'I'm not saying it wasn't reported, but we don't have one (a report)." Sullivan stated if a report was filed, (continued on page 6)

## Editorial

## Who Is Guarding Our Safety?

The question must be asked - who is guarding the safety of the residents of this community? Certainly there have been numerous public safety issues addressed at numerous community meetings over the years, but few are more serious than those issues brought to the forefront by the devastating nine alarm fire in our community on the Fourth of July.

Unlike the telephone or electric poles on which a severed wire or extinguished streetlight can signal disrepair, the fire hydrant stands as a silent sentinal - only used when the emergency is imminent. The hydrant, with the exception of a leak, displays no visible signs of malfunction.

Residents assume that the hydrants are in working order and capable of providing adequate water and water pressure for emergency needs and if they are not, residents must demand to know the reason and should accept no excuse for their disrepair.

Residents are asking: \*Was there inadequate water pressure in the hydrants in the vicinity of the fire? \*What was the cause? \*Were hydrants in the area in working order and if not, why? \*How often are the hydrants checked to ensure that they are operable? \*If a fire hydrant is faulty, what is the reporting procedure and is there a system of checking to make sure the repair has been completed? \*Is the repair of a faulty hydrant a top priority work assignment? \*Why, as reported by residents of Cook and Sheafe (continued on page 3)

## North Area Task Force To Consider City Square Project Design Alternatives

location of the City Square

tunnel ventilation buildings

The North Area Task Force (NATF) will meet on Tuesday, July 16, 1985 at 7:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 75 West School Street, Charlestown. The final alternatives for the

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and the proposed direction and corner characteristics of Henley Street will be reviewed. The meeting is open to all in the community.

The final design alternatives were the first issue discussed at the workshop held on June 27, 1985, as part of the community participation process requested by Charlestown residents to ensure continuous involvement, guaranteeing that community interests are being met in the City Square project. The workshop participants included the engineers and administrators for the project and representatives from Boston Traffic and Parking, the National Park Service, Massport, MBTA, MDC, Massachusetts DPW, and the community.

The participants reviewed the various options for the ventilation building, Henley Street characteristics, and discussed the advantages and disadvantages of each scheme. The NATF wishes to present these proposals to the community and determine which of these plans would be most effective.

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## It's A Girl...

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Struckel of West Warwick, Rhode Island are happy to announce the birth of their daughter, Megan Marie, on June 22, 1985 at Kent County Memorial Hospital. She weighed six pounds twelve ounces.

Megan was welcomed

home by her two proud brothers, Charles and Paul.

The proud grandmothers are Peg White of Charlestown and Jean Struckel of Chelsea. The great-grandmother is Lita Jennex of Chelsea

Mrs. Struckel is the former Peggy White.

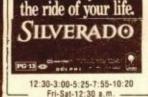
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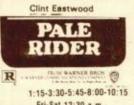
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## **Charlestown Community Calendar**

## This Week At A Glance

Thursday, July 11

Boston City Councillor Robert Travaglini Office Hours - 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 to 7:45 p.m. -Charlestown Community School Athletic Facility, 255 Medford Street

Line Dancing for Senior Citizens - 2:00 p.m. - Kent Community School, 50 Bunker Hill Street

Representative Richard A. Voke Office Hours - 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. - American Legion Hall, 27 Chestnut Street Saturday, July 13

Field Day sponsored by Area A of the Boston Police Department - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. - Bunker Hill Mall Monday, July 15

Pop Warner Football

A Memorial Mass will be held for John "the General" Mahan

William Byrnes Patrick Joseph Lyons

Sunday, July 21, 5:30

St. Catherine's Church

League Registration - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. - Memorial Hall, 14 Green Street

Tuesday, July 16

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

Pop Warner Football League Registration - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. - Memorial Hall, 14 Green Street

North Area Task Force Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School

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

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Pop Warner Football League Registration - 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. - Memorial Hall, 14 Green Street

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Thursday, July 18

Boston City Councillor Robert Travaglini Office Hours - 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 to 7:45 p.m. -Charlestown Community School Athletic Facility, 255 Medford Street

Line Dancing for Senior Citizens - 2:00 p.m. - Kent Community School, 50 Bunker Hill Street

Book Discussion Group on

"The Crucible" by Arthur Miller - 6:30 p.m. - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street

Representative Richard A. Voke Office Hours - 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. - American Legion Hall, 27 Chestnut Street

Saturday, July 20

Luau - 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street

#### Plan Ahead

Thursday, July 25

Benefit Softball Game, Charlestown Little League vs. Massport - 6:00 p.m. -Ryan Park, Sullivan Square

Charlestown Summer Youth Theater presents "Sorry, Wrong Number" and "The Girl Whose Fortune Sought Her" - 7:00 p.m. - Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill

Friday, July 26

Annual K. of C. Golf Tournament - leaving at 6:30 a.m. from the K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street

\$2,500 Drawing for "Charlestown Townies" -8:00 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. -Irish American Club, 177 West Street, Malden

## **Board Of Appeal Hearings**

Notice is hearby given at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 16. 1985 a public hearing will be held by the Board of Appeal of the City of Boston in Room 801, City Hall upon the appeal of Jack and Maryanne Taylor, seeking reference to the premises at 37 High Street, Ward 2, Variance from the terms of the Boston Zoning Code (see 1956, c 665) in the following respect: Articles 8(8-7-8), 14(14-2), 17(17-1). Legalize occupancy as a two family dwelling. No record of legal occupancy in this Department.

Notice is hereby given at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 16, 1985 a public hearing will be held by the Board of Appeal of the City of Boston in Room 801, City Hall upon the appeal of Sullivan Realty Trust, seeking reference to the premises at 64 Sullivan Street, Ward 2, Variance from the terms of the Boston Zoning Code (see 1956, c 665) in the following respect: Articles: 8(8-7-8), 14(14-2), 17(17-1). Change occupancy from three family dwelling to four family dwelling.

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#### **Book Discussion** Group

The Book Discussion Group of the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street, will meet on Thurs-

day evening, July 18th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the play The Crucible by Arthur

## Who Is Guarding Our Safety?

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Streets, would a hydrant be shut off to correct a water leak in mid-winter and not be repaired by July? \*Does the area fire station note broken or faulty hydrants, do they monitor the repair of same, and are alternative plans immediately put in place so that time is not wasted hooking up to a faulty hydrant? \*Are hydrants checked following roadway construction to ascertain is they are operable? \*What is the status of fire hydrants throughtout Charlestown - are the hydrants being tested? \*Are there hydrants in other areas of the town that have been reported as faulty and, if so, when will they be repaired?

These are only a few of the many questions raised by citizens in the past few days - they are valid and deserve to be answered.

Fire Protection...

Praise from residents has been directed to the work of the fire fighters in extinguishing the Sheafe Street fire, under exceedingly adverse conditions. The courage and commitment of these fire fighters must be applauded.

Over the past two decades, personnel, station houses and equipment have been drawn out of this community. The burden on the remaining companies has to have greatly

A concern plaguing residents is based on the fact that Charlestown is isolated during morning and evening rush hours. The clogged expressways spill over onto narrow surface roadways, resulting in monumental traffic congestion. The question then arises as to how additional men and equipment would be provided during a rush hour emergency. Is there a contingency plan in place for such an emergency?

This consideration becomes more immediate with the extensive reconstruction of Main Street on the planning boards and, even more imperative, is the planned reconstruction of City Square and the Central Artery - work which will continue well into the 1990's and will center around the major point of entry for emergency equipment - City Square.

City parking is tough - no question. Parking at fire hydrants, on corners to prevent maneuvering of emergency vehicles, or all night double parking is inexcusible.

Accessibility to areas of the town is hindered by illegally parked vehicles. If people won't voluntarily cooperate for the safety of themselves and their neighbors, isn't it time for a "get tough" policy with the Boston Traffic and Parking Department posting and the Boston Police Department tagging or towing parking offenders?

Overhead wiring...

Fire fighters stated that the overhead wires on Sheafe Street impeded their fighting of this fire. Telephone - electrical - and now cable wiring criss-cross some of Charlestown's narrow streets, making access by an aerial ladder impossible.

Shouldn't consideration be given to burying this wiring, if its presence poses a safety threat to a neighborhood? Development...

The issue of rapid and expansive development in Charlestown is one of great concern to many residents. Approximately fifteen months ago, the Patriot published an editorial requesting that the Mayor issue a moratorium on development until guidelines could be established on certain issues - one being public safety. The issue of public safety, as it relates to development, has been presented to Mayor Flynn in correspondence and at a meeting held over a year ago, with no response forthcoming from the Mayor to date.

The Board of Appeal continues to grant zoning and building code variances, the Building Department grants contruction permits, the Boston Redevelopment Authority continues to pass design review, Traffic and Parking has failed to take a stand on lack of parking as it relates to some developments -- with condo conversion and the change in occupancy of houses being granted to allow for as many units as can be squeezed into a building - with the consideration of public safety, for the most part, seemingly pushed aside for the sake of "progress"

Shouldn't these City Departments finally assume their mandated responsibility for the safety of our citizens and allow permits and variances to be granted only after careful consideration as to the effect on the public safety of our

For those who have had, in the past, the personal trauma relative to a fire in their home, the sparks from Sheafe Street rekindled the fears and reminded them of their loss. For others, this tragedy brought a new perspective with regard to the safety of themselves, their families, and their homes.

From every quarter has emerged questions — questions that to date have not been addressed by the City - questions that MUST be answered by the City, the guardian of the safety of the residents of this City.

## Charlestown Residents Graduate From Forsyth School

Two Charlestown resi-



MARY KATE MEEHAN

dents were among the 69 white-uniformed seniors awarded certificates in dental hygiene at the 72nd annual commencement exercises of Forsyth School for Dental Hygienists.

Dr. Robert Mecklenburg, Assistant Surgeon General and Chief Dental Office, U.S. Public Health Service, was the graduation speaker.

Dr. Ralph Lobene, Dean, and Dr. John Hein, Director, Forsyth Dental Center, presented the certificates to the seniors who received Associate in Science degrees from Northeastern University on the following day.

The local graduates were: Mary Kate Meehan of 40 Mead Street is the daughter



MICHELE FITZGERALD

of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Meehan.

Michele Fitzgerald of 3 Holden Row, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James B. Fitzgerald. Fitzgerald is a member of Who's Who in American Junior Colleges and a member of Sigma Phi Alpha honor society.

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photos by John Dillon

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Members of the class were: Julieann Auch, Diana Bissett, Christine Burke, Amy Chardavoyne, Colleen Daley, Christine Davis, Alicia Donnaruma, Kerry Duffy, Stephanie Gordon, Christine Griffin, Kimberly Hall, Jacqueline Hastie, Theresa Keane, Shannon Lynch, Christine Lyons, Maria Marcella, Lynda McCabe, Jennifer McGrath, Jennifer McInnis, Laura Owens, Monique Pare, Amy Ringer, Tracy Sheehan, Jennifer Titcomb, and Kristin Walsh.

Also, Clifton Agri, Frederick Collins, Michael Connell, Peter Enos, Brian Hingston, Brian Howell, Dennis Kane, Adam Kearns, Daniel Marsden, Daniel Martell, Michael McAteer, William McKillop, Sean Ridings, Anthony Saitta, Timothy Sheehan, Thomas Simpson, Jr. and Michael Walsh.



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## Assistance Offered To Charlestown Fire Victims

by Marianne Martin

To aid the victims of the Fourth of July's nine alarm fire on Sheafe Street, several agencies and numerous residents are offering assistance, ranging from temporary shelter to permanent housing, clothing, food, furnishings, and emotional support.

The American Red Cross, whose expertise lies in the area of disaster relief, offers a variety of services. First and foremost is the provision of free emergency shelter. According to Kevin Soyt changes will be provided.

## "Operation Edith" -Exit Drill In The Home

#### by Marianne Martin

The early morning fire on Sheafe Street, July 4, 1985 was a tragic event, but fortunately no human lives were lost. William Murphy of the Boston Fire Department stated these families were relatively lucky, but too many times, lives are lost when a fire occurs because individuals fear for the safety of others and endanger themselves.

The Fire Department has implemented "Operation Edith", which stands for "Exit Drill In The Home" Murphy states too many times people either re-enter a burning home or do not leave because they are looking for someone believed to be still within the home when, in fact, that person may be safe outside but in another location.

Murphy states families should have a plan which is in place, such as, "If this

## Elected To C.P.A. Society

David A. Kirshner has recently been elected a fellow of the Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants, Inc.

Kirshner attended Boston University, where he received his MBA in Health Care Management. He is currently employed as a Senior Accountant at Ernst and Whinney in Boston. He resides in Charlestown.

The Massachusetts Society is an organization of over 6,000 members founded in 1900

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from the American Red Cross, "Our policy is to meet the victims' immediate needs, that is shelter, food. clothing, and medicine." The Red Cross provides temporary shelter from the time of the disaster through the next business day. Based on the loss, the agency also provides one full change of clothing. Should an individual not be adequately clothed at the time of the disaster. that is, be in their pajamas, etc., two full clothing

home is on fire, let's make a plan to get out of the house and meet at some specific spot like across the street, on Mrs. Jones' porch, etc."

"Operation Edith" can provide a family peace of mind in an otherwise stressful and chaotic time.

Another area of assistance provided by the Red Cross is assisting the victims in dealings they may have with insurance companies. "A call from the Red Cross can be very valuable," stated Soyt, "We act as advocates to eliminate some of the runaround victims may experience from insurance Soyt states there is a "ma-

jor gap" in housing from the temporary hotel stay until the time a victim can either return to their home or obtain another. The Red Cross encourages victims to live with relatives or friends who act as support groups. In the meantime, the Red Cross acts with the victim to locate an alternative home, such as an apartment, and does not lose touch with the victim until a permanent home is established.

Contrary to the rumors stating victims are later billed for services provided by

the Red Cross, Soyt states this is a fallacy. The assistance provided is "a gift of the American people,' states Soyt. "We do not go back to the victims for money. We provide emergency assistance and no questions are asked about financial resources." The only financial inquiry made by the Red Cross is in any follow-up assistance, such as in terms of locating a new home or repairing the one lost.

Soyt stated the Red Cross tried to register all the victims of Thursday's fire at the scene. However, due to the holiday weekend, Soyt stated he believes some residents were away. "We ask people to keep in touch with us and let us know where they are," stated Soyt. "On a weekly basis, we check to make sure their needs are being met, until homes are repaired or they find another place to live.

The Red Cross can be con-

tracted at 99 Brookline Ave, Boston, MA 02215, or call Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at 262-1234.

Lucy Ferullo from the Mayor's Office of Community Participation suggests victims contact the Boston Housing Authority (BHA) as some may qualify for a Section 8 clearance, which would allow them to live in subsidized housing. Ferullo stressed this does not necessarily mean the victims would be placed in BHA Housing. The BHA can also offer assistance to those who may not qualify for a Section 8 clearance in locating a place to live. Residents should contact John Murphy in the BHA's Office of Occupancy at 451-1250, exten-

Locally, donations of clothing, food, furnishings and household goods are be-

sion 362.

ing collected. In terms of clothing, both mens' and womens' clothing in all sizes are needed, including maternity apparel. The children include girls ages 5, 13, 15, 17, and 18 years and boys ages 3 weeks, 7, 12, and 16 years. Sizes were not available.

Anyone who can donate goods in these areas are asked to call Dan McGoff or Leo Carey at the Kennedy Center, 27 Winthrop Street at 241-8866. Donations may also be left at the Charlestown Jewelers located at One Thompson Square.

For those wishing to make financial contributions, a savings account has been opened at the Charlestown Cooperative Bank, 250 Main Street. Checks should be made payable to the "Charlestown Fire Victims Fund" and sent to the Charlestown Cooperative Bank at the above address.

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## Sheafe Street Homes Devastated In Nine Alarm Fire

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his department should have it, if not a copy would still be with the fire department. Sullivan also stated that if the fire department had discovered that the hydrant was faulty in the winter and had reported this to the Water and Sewer Department, they would have known not to try the hydrant unless they received notification from the Water and Sewer Department stating the hydrant had been repaired.

The procedure surrounding the maintenance of fire hydrants in the City of Boston is simply, the Fire Department checks them and the Water and Sewer Department fixes them. According to Acting Public Information Officer of the Boston Fire Department William Murphy, originally, the hydrants were the responsibility of the fire department, but "ten or twelve years ago, the (responsiblity for the) hydrants were taken away from us and are now under the Water and Sewer Department.

Sullivan stated there are approximately 13,000 water hydrants in the city, which receive an annual inspection conducted by the Fire Department in the fall, but should the fire department discover a problem at any other time in the year, a work order is placed with his department. The work orders are prioritized according to severity of the problem and availability of additional hydrants in the area. If there are not operable hydrants available, this is a priority. Sullivan stated there is no time frame established in the repair since needs are prioritized, but the objective is to insure the public safety.

Representatives of the Water and Sewer Department were at the scene of the fire, stated Sullivan, and the fire officials at the time reported the problem with the hydrant and it was replaced the following day.

Reports that there were no available hydrants or lack of adequate water pressure are not true, stated Sullivan. There were three hydrants on Bunker Hill Street (at numbers 244, 270, and 292), one hydrant at the end of Hill Street, and another at 50 Allston Street which were utilized with "no problems" reported by the fire department to the water department, stated Sullivan, "and they were the ones fighting the fire.'

As for adequate water pressure in the area, Sullivan states last year, prior to the cleaning and relining of the water pipes on Bunker Hill Street, his department conducted a test of the water pressure and reported 550 gallons of water per minute passed through the pipes, which is a "standard and we thought it was adequate." After cleaning the pipes, a second test was taken on Tuesday, July 9, 1985. Sullivan reports that the pressure is now 1670 gallons of water per minute. "We have increased the water pressure for fighting fires three times," stated Sullivan, emphasizing the department's ability to provide water to combat fires in the area. "We have three times as much water as we did one

Murphy explained that hydrants are located above valves in the water piping which is located under the ground. In Boston, each hy-



THE CORNER of Cook Street and Cook Street Court was the site of the nearest fire hydrant to the Sheafe Street fire. This hydrant was

observed to be inoperable and has since been replaced.

(photo by John Dillon)

Engine 32 and Ladder 9, afterwhich, a "working fire" order was issued which, according to Murphy, means, "a little too big for one alarm but not quite a second". The second alarm was signaled at 12:27 a.m. and was answered by Engine 50. Afterwards, the remaining seven alarms rang roughly every two to four minutes with the final alarm sounded at 12:42 a.m. Murphy states the reasoning behind this is twofold. One, as the fire advances, the need for additional apparatus becomes evident and two, to regulate the amount of traffic and confusion a fire of this nature generates. The gradual calling in of additional companies allows for more controlled fire fighting.

Murphy states at 7:26 a.m. the order of "All Out" was issued, which means the fire had been extinguished and the fire department could walk away from the scene with no fear of possible rekindling.

"This fire could have be far worse," stated Murphy. who said if there had been a breeze or additional hindrances there may have been loss of human life. This has not been the first time a fire of this nature has struck Sheafe Street. Approximately twenty-five years ago, three homes which once lay on the odd numbered side of the street were destroyed and eight years ago, Number 10 was the scene of fire which claimed the life of one man. The fact that this was a holiday weekend and residents were still awake and some were outside the homes, was another plus in an otherwise devastating fire.

drant has three caps, one perty to prevent the spread of

which is 41/2 inches in circumference and two which are 21/2 inches. Twice a year, Murphy stated the Fire Department checks the caps for rust or other defects, in addition to opening the valve to check the water pressure. If there is a defect, a report is filed with the Water and Sewer Department, who in turn repairs the hydrant and then notifies the Boston Fire Department's Fire Alarm Department.

The question remains if the hydrant was faulty in either January or February. why the delay in repair or reporting the defect, and with which department does the responsiblity lie.

According to residents, the hydrant on the corner of Cook Street Court and Cook Street was replaced on July 5, 1985, the day after the fire. On Monday, July 8th. workers from the Water and Sewer Department were again working at the hydrant.

Residents also report attempts to water abutting prothe fire were futile, since water pressure was low in their own homes.

Sullivan stated the reasons for this may be twofold; either, residents in their attempts and in the confusion may have expected more from their own water supply than is normally possible; or the Fire Department's utilization of the five hydrants may have drawn from the water pressure normally available in the neighboring homes.

Murphy reports that Thursday's fire was nine alarms, which is the highest number of alarms and required assistance from other Boston Engine and Ladder Companies and from 14 other communities from as close as Somerville and Chelsea to as distant as Dedham and Needham. Not all of those companies were called to the scene of the fire, Murphy explained. Some of the companies covered the vacant fire houses in Charlestown and throughout the city in case of either a second fire or the need of additional assistance.

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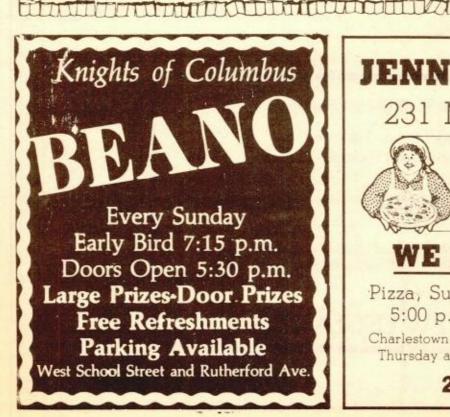
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## A Neighborhood Is Tested

by Kathy Giordano

When a fire strikes a neighborhood, such as the devastating one that destroved two buildings and severely damaged three others on Sheafe Street, emotions are apt to run high. Just as the location of these houses, nestled between Cook and Sackville Streets and closely abutting the backs of houses on Bunker Hill Street, places them snugly in a quiet, mostly unthought of corner of Charlestown, so too it places its residents in a neighborhood of close friendships and a family-like atmosphere.

In the early hours of July 4th, these relationships would be tested. "All hell broke loose," stated one of the fire victims, "and then utter chaos took place!" As the residents of the five buildings were being evacuated, the first fire aparatus arrived on the scene and went into immediate action.

Because of the many wires hanging from pole to pole throughout the area, aerial ladders could not be used. Therefore, a hand-carried ladder was promptly put up to the roof. As three fire fighters attacked the fire area on the roof with axes to vent the buildings, hoses were being drawn below and connected to the nearest hydrant at Cook Street Court. Unknown to the three fire fighters on the roof, all residents of Charlestown, who had hoses ready awaiting water to flow through and quench the flames, the hydrant was not usable. Valuable time was ticking away as another hydrant had to be found and



THE AFTERMATH of the nine alarm fire on Sheafe Street, (photo by John Dillon)

hooked into. Meanwhile, the three fire fighters, realizing from the years of firefighting experience under their belts. that there was a problem below and the flames were spreading too fast for them to fight without water, tried to make their exit to safety, but the ladder had been removed, leaving them trapped. "We thought we were going to lose them," related one neighbor the next day, shaking his head in disbelief that such a thing could happen. At that point another ladder was placed to the roof and

the men were able to escape, just as the roof was about to cave in.

Estimates of the time between the arrival of the first
fire engine and when the first
spray of water was put on the
now fast spreading fire, vary
between twenty and forty
minutes, depending on who
one is speaking to. It is
generally agreed upon by all
questioned residents, that the
fire could have been confined to number 8 Sheafe
Street, had water been immediately available.

Bob Gillis, who lived in one of the burnt out homes, stated that the "firemen did an excellent job with what (equipment) they had to work with." Carol Giordano of Cook Street said that the "firefighters worked hard. They were exhausted when they left."

Anger surfaced as an article was read from one of the Boston papers, quoting Fire Commissioner Leo Stapleton's comments attributing the possible reason the hydrant was faulty to area youngsters opening it up to cool themselves down. "I've lived in this house since 1956 and have never seen that hydrant opened. The kids go to the (Bunker Hill) pool," and "We've had two bad fires up here within the past fourteen years and that hydrant didn't work either time," were just two of the remarks made as neighbors reacted to the commissioner's statement. One resident, who wished to remain anonymous, complained that the "hydrant was leaking and icing up during the winter. We reported it to the Water Department and they came out and shut it off without making any further repairs." One fire victim summed it up this way, "The response from the Fire Department was immediate. The Water Department is at fault here, not the Fire (Department). If the Water (Department) had done their job months ago, we would

not have the damage and loss that you see here today."

Tales of acts of heroism were common throughout every conversation. Helen Kerns of Cook Street was convinced that "Jimmy Carroll of Trenton Street was the real hero up here. He stood on that roof (pointing to the brick building on the corner of Cook and Bunker Hill Streets) and yelled to the firemen to hose down this house and that house (homes surrounding the blaze) to put out the sparks landing on them. He saved all these houses from going up, too." John Agri, whose house is directly across from the five burnt out buildings, saw his neighbor, Gene Wedge, climbing up a ladder in his pajamas with a garden hose onto Agri's roof to put out the large cinders burning cinders that were falling constantly onto his neighbor's home. Off duty firemen, neighbors and fellow "Townies" living in the area, were seen running with hoses toward the fire with no thought of their own safety.

When one has the task of interviewing victims of such a tragic blaze, such reactions of anger, bitterness, fear and depression are expected to emerge and one realizes that with every individual who was either a victim, a neighbor or just a spectator, a different slant on the story appears. However, the underlying emotion of everyone is that of thanks. Thanks that no one was killed - thanks that the blaze didn't spread even further - and thanks for all the kindnesses extended during and after the fire.

In summary — this neighborhood and these neighbors passed the test!

## Charlestown Lions Club Formed

After several organizational meetings, a group of Charlestown residents and businessmen sought and were granted a Charter for the formation of a Charlestown Lions Club from the International Association of Lions Clubs.

On June 24, 1985, Lions Club District Governor Robert Loew and Lions Club officers announced the approval of the Charter application and hosted a luncheon for the local Lions and the sponsors of the Charlestown Lions Club, Ed Chiampa and John Sullivan, who is a former Charlestown resident. Chiampa and Sullivan are officers of the Somerville Lions Club.

An election of officers was held and the following were sworn into office: President - Francis J. "Bud" Coleman, First Vice President -Reverend Patrick Healy, Second Vice President -George Duffy, Treasurer -Bruce Garr, and Secretary -Thomas Ouellet.



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Registration will be held at Memorial Hall, 14 Green Street,

## Charlestown Collaborative Day Camp News

Week II of the Charlestown Collaborative Day Camp is in full swing!

Activities this week included a Boston Harbor Cruise sponsored by the Boston Gas Company and a trip to Camp Mitton on Cape Cod.

The campers are also preparing for the Boston Summer Olympic program and the first Swim Meet of the year.

Several of the campers are also involved in a sailing program involving the Courageous III.

Coming attractions include a trip to Thompson's Island, a big cookout in the Blue Hills, and the Shoot Straight Basketball Clinic with guest, M.L. Carr of the Boston Celtics.

Registration is now open for Session II of the camp. For information, call 242-2770.

## Local Youth May Apply For Ted Williams Baseball Camp

The BoSox Club has announced that the Club will sponsor fifteen young baseball players for a full week of instruction at the Ted Williams Baseball Camp.

All young players, 11 to 16 years of age, are invited to write to the BoSox Club and, in their own words, tell

why they would like to be selected to go to the camp for a week in August.

Letters should be sent to the BoSox Club, Fenway Park, Boston, MA 02215 and must be received by August 3, 1985.

Prior to attending camp, the winners and their parents will be guests at a BoSox Club luncheon.

The BoSox Club is a nonprofit organization of more than 500 business and industry leaders of Greater Boston, dedicated to further the interest in baseball at all levels of play.

## Little League News

#### JUST A LITTLE BOY

He stands at the plate with heart pounding fast. The bases are loaded; the die has been cast. Mom and Dad cannot help him, he stands all alone. A hit at this moment would send the team home: The ball meets the plate; he swings and he misses. There's a groan from the crowd, with some boos and some hisses.

A thoughtless voice cries: 'Strike out the bum. Tears fill his eyes; the game's no longer fun. So open your heart and give him a break, For it's moments like this, a man can make. Keep this in mind when you hear someone forget, He's just a little boy and not a man yet.

On Monday evening, July 8th, the American League All Stars beat the National League All Stars 14 - 13 in a real "barn burner." This was a great game for both teams.

The National League went on to play Chelsea at Chelsea on Tuesday evening, July 9th.

The American League will play Everett at Revere on Thursday, July 11th at 6:00 p.m.

The details of all games will be in next week's Patriot. Don't Forget!!! Charlestown Little League managers, coaches, and umpires will be playing Massport in a benefit softball game on Thursday night, July 25th at the big diamond in Ryan Park, Sullivan Square. It promises to be a fun game and we all need to relax after a long season.

John Curtin

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start at 9:00 a.m. Buses will

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> For the Committee, Harry Yandle

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number of candidates this summer, for the Outward Bound Program in Maine.

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Interested persons should contact Saint Mary's Rectory at 242-4664.

## City Olympics Program Tryouts

The Second Annual Summer Olympic Program is now underway. All around the City, youngsters are preparing for the games!

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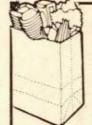
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## Letters to the Editor

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.

## Thanks To The Fire Fighters

271 Bunker Hill Street Charlestown, MA July 6, 1985

Dear Gloria,

I would like to thank publicly, all the fire fighters who contained the nine alarm fire on Sheafe Street, Charlestown on

My apartment, in my son's home, is back to back with the homes which were lost on that very sad night.

Although I've realized for years that our fire fighters are not only brave, but also modest, until that night I had never seen them working at close range. Now I know that they are extremely brave!

With all the difficulties they had to overcome - access and water pressure - they saved my son's home and the homes of our neighbors.

On December 31, 1984, the men from the Sullivan Square Firehouse saved my life when I had heart failure, thanks to my thirteen year old granddaughter, Kerry Duffy, who

Until these two instances, I only thought I appreciated Boston's Bravest, the men of the Boston Fire Department. Now I would like them to know how very proud, and

grateful, I am, of them and to them. I am also grateful to my neighbor, Bill McCabe, who came

to wake me the night of the fire and who returned a second time, realizing that I was alone in the house.

To all of my beloved "Townies", I am

Sincerely, Ruth E. Duffy

## Concerned Over Lack Of Coverage

Dear Sir/Madam:

We would like to register a small complaint with you concerning your lack of coverage of the 10K (and novice) Run(s) held on Bunker Hill Day. We were more than shocked that your publication covered the Parade so completely and ignored the Runs which were very much a part of the activities of the day and were sponsored by and benefited such a fine and traditional institution as the Charlestown Boys' and Girls' Club. We believe that the effort and work that went into the runs deserves at least a fraction of the coverage that went to the Parade. The winners' names, a few pictures...something,

We both participated in the 10K and are both residents of Charlestown. It was a tough course and the weather was not the best, but we finished and were proud of our effort and proud to be a part of the Bunker Hill Day activities. We'd even be retrospectively happy to see something in next week's edition. Why the oversight????

Sincerely yours, Lucinda Scanlon Melinda Scanlon 107 Warren Street Charlestown, MA

Editor's Note: As the Misses Scanlon noted in the above letter, the Road Races on Bunker Hill Day were sponsored by the Charlestown Boys and Girls Club. The "Patriot" has requested information regarding the Race from Clubhouse Director Tom King, who stated that it would be made available for publication following a Road Race Committee meeting this week. The fact that we did not publish race results was not an "oversight" - we can't publish what we do not have. The "Patriot" has been supportive of the activites of the Boys and Girls Club for many years and is only too happy to publicize events sponsored by the Clubhouse. We will gladly publish the Road Race results as soon as we receive them.

Gloria J. Conway

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## Named Runner-Up In Star Festival Talent Competition

The Star Festival Competition, which was held in Merrimac, New Hampshire on July 4 through July 7, featured several Charlestown residents.

Taking the first runner-up prize in the talent division, was the six piece band, "Right Turn Only", which is comprised of four Charlestown and two Somerville residents.

The band, in addition to playing everyone's favorite music from the 50s era through the 80s, also features original compositions. The song, "Luck of the Dice", an original written by band member and Charlestown resident, Jim Whealan, secured the band's first runner-up position.

The band, which features Mike Raver, Larry Smith, John Slattery and Jim Whealan of Charlestown, all of whom their musical careers as members of the Bunker Hillbillies, under the direction of Bob Munstedt.



runner-up honors in the Star Festival Talent Jim Whealan and Larry Smith of Charlestown Competition. Shown front row (l. to r.) John and Jim Hayes of Somerville. Slattery and Mikel Raver of Charlestown and

RIGHT TURN ONLY, a local band, received John Bottari of Somerville. Back row (l. to r.)

Also included in the band are Jaimie Hayes and John Bottari from Somerville.

"Right Turn Only" members are extremely excited by the results of the Star Festival Competition, for in addition to their award, they received a job and possible recording offer.

#### Athletic Standouts At Pope John

A pair of Charlestown residents were athletic standouts at Pope John High School during the past school

Joe Fitzpatrick, junior basketball guard, one of the best all-around players in the Catholic Central League last winter, helped lead PJ to their best record in nine seasons, averaging 16.5 points per game (fourth in the League), shooting 70% from the free throw line, rebounding, directing the offense, and scoring off the fast break as well as any guard in the CCL. He was,

#### Thank You

I wish to thank my friends and neighbors for their prayers and Spiritual bouquets and flowers sent to me during my recent illness and I am more than grateful that I am on the road to recovery. I thank each and everyone for their kindness.

Mary "Lizzie" Chase

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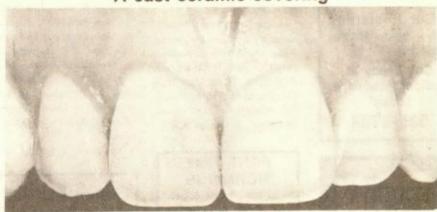
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## North Area Task Force To Consider City Square Project Design Alternatives

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#### NORTH AREA -CENTRAL ARTERY PROJECT HISTORY

For several years, the Massachusetts Department of Public Works studied ways of improving the North Area section of the Central Artery, and in 1978 developed the expressway/tunnel configuration currently being designed for the North Area.

Called the North Area/ Central Artery Project, the roadway improvements are a major highway reconstruction project funded by the Massachusetts Department of Public Works and the Federal Highway Administration. In February 1981, the design team, now headed by Berger-Lochner, a joint venture, presented 17 surface street/expressway ramp alternatives to the community advisory group, the North Area Task Force.

The proposed plans include elimination of overhead ramps in City Square and replacing them with tunnels and loop ramps west of Rutherford Avenue; new surface streets; and newly created parcels that will provide an opportunity for redevelopment of the City Square area

Over a period of several

proved local traffic circulamonths, the North Area Task Force and its 20-member tion; a maximum amount of land for economic developvolunteer subcommittee met ment; and improved pedesto discuss the various surface trian access. roadway options of the selected alternatives. Using written guidelines establish-

Since the final conceptual design was chosen, the consultant team has been selected, and work on final design and construction documents has begun. During this period, 1985-87, the community participation process will continue in earnest. North Area Task Force meetings will be held once a month and will include all interested residents, abutters to the project, community organizations, and will be augmented by frequent community meetings sponsored by the State DPW and the consultant team. A newsletter will be distributed to Task Force members and to people who sign up at meetings. Frequent articles in the Patriot will keep the community up to date on progress.

In addition to the Task Force meetings, monthly Interagency and Community Workshops will be comprised of two or three Task Force members and representatives of each agency involved. As working sessions, the workshops will allow representatives to give input so that adequate information can be prepared for review by the Task Force and at community meetings.

Kevin and Ann Quinan of

Monument Avenue in Char-

lestown were the first prize

winners in the Minuteman

Rally on Sunday, June 30th.

course was run between the

Museum of Transportation

in Brookline and the Mu-

seum of Our National Heri-

tage in Lexington and was

organized by Michael Bogen

of Eighth Avenue in Charles-

The two museums co-

The 40-question, 60-mile

1978-80 PROJECT CALENDAR MASS DPW & CTPS DEVELOPED EXPRESSWAY CONFIGURATION 1980-83 HSULTANTS AGENCIES & COMMUNITY SELECT FINAL CONCEPTUAL DESIGN 1983-85 CONSULTANT BELECTION & CONTRACT JAN.85-JAN.87 FINAL DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS COMPLETED MAY 85-JAN.87 FALL 85-SPRING 87 DEMOLITION OF YMCA, DPW MAINTENANCE BUILDINGS & OTHER BUILDINGS EARLY 86-EARLY 87 TEMPORARY DETOUR STRUCTU **SPRING 87-1990** TEMPORARY STRUCTU 1991-99 DEVELOPMENT OF PARCELS

Starting as early as this fall and to be completed by the spring of 1987, the few remaining buildings that are in the path of the new highways and tunnels, including the YMCA and some DPW maintenance buildings, will be demolished.

Early in 1986, the new connections for the temporary detour structure will be constructed. This work will take about a year and will allow the final tunnels and permanent highway ramps to be built without interrupting traffic flow.

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The final construction of the project by the State is

projected to be finished by 1991. At that time, development may start on any of the six parcels that will be available as a result of removing the elevated highway ramps. Development guidelines will be established this year and outline "developer kits" will be formulated as part of of the DPW consultants' role, working closely with the community and all agencies involved. Development is likely to continue for a number of years and be completed by 1999.

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ed by the Task Force, the

Department of Public Works

developed evaluation criteria

to use when analyzing the

various alternatives. The

criteria reflect a wide range

of issues that must be con-

sidered when planning such

a comprehensive project and

include traffic issues - safe-

ty, efficiency, local access;

environmental - air and

noise impacts, aesthetic

quality; engineering -

geometric layout of streets

and ramps, safety, construc-

tion phasing, ventilation; and

community development -

constraints on development,

use of land, pedestrian

After community meetings

were held and the character-

istics of each alternative

evaluated, the Mass, DPW,

supported by the North Area

Task Force and Charlestown

organizations, selected the

final alternative. The selec-

ted conceptual design met all

the evaluation criteria and

was desirable to community

people, because the im-

provements will provide im-

access.

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A new vaccine has become available for the prevention of meningitis in young children. The vaccine is called Hib vaccine, which stands for Haemophilus influenzae Type b, the bacteria that is the most common cause of meningitis in children under the age of

Meningitis in an infection of the tissues that line the brain and spinal cord. The disease is usually treatable with antibiotics, but it can cause serious problems such as hearing loss, seizures, or even death. The Haemophilus bacteria can cause other problems also, such as pneumonia, infected joints and infections around the eyes. Prevention of these problems is, therefore, a major step in cutting down on serious disease in young children.

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Suggested reading in conjunction with this program includes: Island of Skog by Steven Kellog, Boys and Girls by Alice Munro, and Ducks Don't Get Wet by Augusta R. Goldin.

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On June 28, 1985, a Charlestown resident reported that while her motor vehicle was parked and unattended at Cordis and Warren Streets, some unknown person(s) vandalized the vehicle, doing damage to the hood.

On June 28, 1985 at 9:00 p.m., police officers arrested a 16 year old Charlestown resident as he attempted to sell a substance believed to be cocaine. The officers seized approximately \$500 worth of this substance from the suspect. The suspect was charged with possession of a Class B substance with intent to distribute. This arrest took place at Concord and Bunker Hill Streets.

On June 28, 1985 at 9:30 p.m., police officers observed a 30 year old Medford resident on Walford Way. The officers had knowledge of a warrant for the suspect out of Somerville District Court. The suspect was placed under arrest and held at Area A, pending his release to the Somerville Police Department.

On June 29, 1985 at 12:00 a.m., an officer responded to a radio call relative to a robbery at Main Street. On arrival the officer spoke to a woman who stated that while walking on Main Street, she was approached from the rear by a male suspect who grabbed her handbag. The victim held onto the bag and was knocked to the ground. The suspect, failing in the attempt to get the bag, fled on foot. The victim refused medical attention. A search of the area failed to uncover any trace of the suspect.

On June 29, 1985 at 4:00 a.m., police officers responded to Bartlett Street for a robbery report. On arrival, the officers spoke to a woman who stated that she was removing her bicycle from her motor vehicle, and just about to enter her home, when a male suspect grabbed her by the hair, struck her in the face, and demanded her money. The suspect then took the victim's handbag and fled on foot. However, the suspect, in haste to flee, did not realize that the wallet had fallen from the handbag and was recovered by the victim. The victim was able to furnish police with a description of the suspect and the incident is currently under investigation by Detectives of Area A.

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On June 29, 1985 at 7:30 p.m., police officers observed a motor vehicle operating erratically on Walford Way. The officers followed the vehicle and observed the vehicle stop at 106 Walford Way and the operator alight. Upon approaching the operator, the officers saw that he was unsteady on his feet and glassy eyed. The suspect, a 38 year old Weymouth resident, was placed under arrest for operating under the influence of alcohol.

All Community Service Meetings will be suspended for the summer months and will resume in September.

## Report Drug Activity

Charlestown residents are being asked to assist the Boston Police Drug Control Unit in cracking down on the sale and distribution of illegal drugs in this community. Information is needed as to the locations of drug activities, the names of persons involved with the distribution of drugs, along with any and all other information on drugs trafficking in the community.

Persons with such information are asked to call the Drug Unit number 247-4695 between 8:30 a.m. and midnight, seven days a week.

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The Police need the cooperation of the residents. Report any drug activity to 247-4695.

## It's A Girl ...

Mr and Mrs. Timothy J. Brennan of 18 Devens Street, Charlestown proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Kerry Ann. on May 10th, 1985 at the Malden Hospital.

Kerry weighed seven pounds, fourteen ounces.

The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Norman E. Brennan of Tewksbury, formerly of Charlestown.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Joseph R. Cowan of Devens Street, Charlestown.

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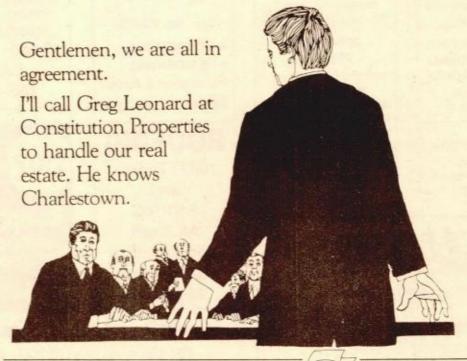
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