SHIPYARD PROBES TO BE LAUNCHED

by DEBBIE DENARO

Both the Boston City Council and East Boston Fair Share are initiating investigations of the labor practices and alleged environmental hazards at the Boston Shipyard Corporation.

A letter signed by Fair Share members to shipyard president William Kenney requested a community inspection of the facility, accomplished by an industrial hygienist.

City councilor Raymond L. Flynn filed an order which the council passed on Wed., March 30 to hold up the shipyard's federal grant, now pending, until an investigation has been conducted on "hiring, employment, and environmental practices."

Flynn said he sponsored the order in response to Fair Share, community residents, and the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America, which represented shipyard employees under former yard owner Bethlehem Steel.

The letter from Fair Share cited neighborhood concerns about "potential health hazards" from Boston Ship's "installing a 5000-gallon fuel tank, sandblasting with improper hoods, burning of residual oils, and storage of hazardous waste within the shipyard."

In a telephone interview with the Community News, Kenney denied each of the letter's allegations. He also said that he was unable to contact Fair Share's representative Elaine Harder at the local office had nothing to do with this.

Kenney said he plans this summer to "apply for a permit to bury the tank in case of problems with (the steam plant) in the future, for emergencies down the road."

Kenney called the charges of inadequate protection of workers during sandblasting "baloney" and said "personal protective equipment" is provided to employees. He also said he had no hazardous materials being stored on the property "except for paint thinner" and other maintenance chemicals.

"The bone of contention with Fair Share," Kenney explained, "is that people in the neighborhood saw white suits and trucks following an oil spill on March 8 from a 550-foot oil barge docked for repair work. Kenney said that when the oil was heated to be pumped out during repairs, it seeped through an undetected crack in the bottom of the barge."

A professional team from Pollution Control (Unlimited, Inc.) has been employed, Kenney said, "and we were a week taking it."

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GIARRATANI FIRST INTO SCHOOL DISTRICT RACE

by JEAN RIESMAN

When Sal Giarratani was in the third grade, the nun went around the room and asked all her students what they wanted to be when they grew up.

Giarratani remembers answering, "The Italian mayor of Boston."

But when he went home and told his father, his father said, "But you're only half Italian!"

Giarratani's Irish heritage on the maternal Harrington side gives him the ethnic balance of the East Boston-North End-Charlestown district for which he is the first announced School Committee candidate.

A Charlestown resident, he is now working the spaghetti dinners and church functions on this side of the harbor to establish recognition of the Italian family name.

Giarratani expects to be challenged by East Boston native John Nucci, which has not formally announced but has privately confirmed his intention to run.

Giarratani had originally planned to pursue the district City Council seat, but withdrew early in the race. He also began to run for School Committee in 1977, but failed to gather enough signatures to get on the ballot.

He now sees himself as a more mature candidate. "In 1977," he said, "iusing was the only issue. Now there are other educational things" on his agenda.

He still feels Boston's federal desegregation orders have never addressed educational quality in the schools. "(Federal District Court Judge W. Arthur) Garrity put so much emphasis on what kinds of students there were in the classrooms," he argues, "and not enough on what was going on in the classrooms...Now (the schools) are integrated, so (the kids) are equally not learning." Quoting statistics that say 67 per

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CUTTING DOWN ON CUTTING OUT ON SCHOOL

by BILLY MORRIS

Last spring, when students began looking forward to their summer vacation, the East Boston Coalition of adolescent Service Providers began focusing its attention on the serious problem of truancy. On Monday, March 21, coalition representatives and the directors of the agencies involved signed a contract for a pilot program at the Barnes School.

The coalition, which has met every other week for the past year, is a collaborative effort of eight agencies, each of which provided one coalition representative. The agencies involved are the Department of Social Services (DSS), the East Boston Social Centers, the East Boston Probation Department, the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center, the Office for Children/Help for Children, Harborside Community Counseling Program, Comprehensive Emergency Services, and the Joseph H. Barnes Middle School.

Originally, the purpose of the program was to work together to deal with adolescent problems. Last spring, media attention on truancy within the Boston public schools highlighted the citywide problem. The coalition thus began to consider this problem in East Boston. Members of the coalition who are social workers discovered that the lifestyles of a number of their clients included truancy.

The new pilot program at the Barnes is a combination of community services which include a work-study program, social service outreach, family therapy, individual counseling, group counseling, group workshops, case management and student outreach services, 24-hour emergency services, interdisciplinatory consultation, termination and follow-up.

A Barnes student may be referred to this program if he or she shows truant tendencies. The program is working solely with the Barnes because a work-study program is already available there. Jim Johnson, teacher of the work-study class, explained that his program "enables students to work and study individually at their own rate of advancement in the basic subject areas within self-contained classrooms. This encourages less motivated students to retain educational interest and a desire on their part to attend school on a regular basis.''

The program is based in the middle school in order to address truancy.

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COMMUNITY CATCH-UP

MONDALE WOOS EASTIE DELEGATES

by JEAN RIESMAN

Former vice-president Walter F. Mondale appeared at the Orient Heights Yacht Club Thurs., March 31 to court the East Boston delegates to the state Democratic convention.

The six declared candidates seeking the Democratic presidential nomination have been meeting with delegates all over Massachusetts to gather support for the April 9 convention's straw vote. This non-binding but symbolic vote has taken on a national significance a year before the actual primary, as the first test of Democratic sentiment.

Yacht club commodore Frank Consilvio, already a committed Mondale delegate, said he had offered the facilities as a "convenience location" for Mondale, who was on his way to Logan Airport for a similar event in Lowell. Consilvio said the event did not represent an official club endorsement, though a cardboard sign on the door of the club bar welcomed "our next president."

Mondale briefly addressed the crowd of about 40 and then fielded questions about his policies on crime, Social Security, interest rates, the environment, the handicapped, health cost containment, and support for small businesses.

While acknowledging the upcoming convention vote as a "mandate" for a Democratic candidate, Mondale established President Ronald Reagan as a direct target of his campaign rhetoric. "Reagan says government is a problem," Mondale said, adding, "Well, he's proven it can be a problem."

Referring to the recent allegations about the Environmental Protection Agency's collusion with industrial polluters, he said, "At the presidential inauguration, (the new president) swears to enforce the law. He doesn't swear not to get caught." But Mondale did not limit his critique of government to Reagan. "Government has been contemptuous," he said, and by implication blamed it for "good communities knocked down by highways and clover-leaves, (and) devastated by noise and pollution."

He tailored his opening remarks to the East Boston audience by saying, "This community, I understand, has had to fight to survive." Delegate Filiopia Pizzi said she was already a supporter because "he's down to earth, he's for working people, and he's going to get the nod from (Cong. Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill)."

Delegate Ann Anzalone voiced an opinion echoed by several other delegates after his appearance saying she was "uncommitted but leaning" toward supporting Mondale at the convention.

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You're Out - Two of the girls playing here in the driveway of 442 Saratoga Street used to live here, but neither of them were home when a three-alarm fire struck the triple-decker duplex on March 27. The mother of one of them was hospitalized. Damage was estimated at $40,000 from the blaze, which the Boston Fire Department says started in the second floor bedroom and passed through the kitchen walls into 400 Saratoga Street. The fire is not under investigation, because fire officials say they have established a cause as children with matches.

Another fire on March 24 forced the evacuation of the residents of 202-208 Bennington Street. The cause of the three-alarm fire is under investigation. Three firefighters were injured. The fire started in the cellar of 204 Bennington, where a previous fire on March 17 caused $35,000 worth of damages and classified as suspicious. Losses in the attached three-story wood-frame building in the tied blaze were estimated at $100,000.

The East Boston Harborside Community School presents "An Evening of Jazz" with The Boston University's Jazz Ensemble on Tuesday, April 19 at 7:30 PM $2 admission benefits the school 312 Border Street 567-6800 (for tickets)
ULTIMATUM — The neighbors around the Shawmut-owned lot on Maverick Street want the bank to take out the trash. photo by Vinnie Cipriano

SHAWMUT, WE GIVE YOU SEVEN DAYS

Staff, Community News, Across from 106 Maverick Street is a large lot strewn with garbage, rubbishes, bottles and as of last night, rats as big as our cat. Big News? Who owns the filthy lot? Insensitive, uncaring neighbors? No. The mighty Shawmut Bank, a banking institution with absolutely no concern for the community. If the East Boston Savings Bank were approached about the health hazard, it would act immediately. Neighbors have been to the Shawmut complaining, but they were given the "corporate freeze." We intend to picket the bank, if necessary, for informational purposes, we are considering a class action suit, and we believe that the bank is breaking particular city and state ordinances.

As I write this, two little children are romping over the broken bottles and are playing with a small refrigerator (with a door open). Do we need a catastrophe to bring this problem to the media? Shawmut, we give you seven days to act.

— B. Holoman
Paris Street

CDC...

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that it won't, but when you move out of a community, things change.
The office will still service East Boston, and while the caseworker must operate out of the Chelsea office, Castater plans to hold board meetings and appointments here. "My loyalty has been and always will be East Boston," she said. "It's a shame the state received no suitable bids here.

A story of legislative and budgetary problems has plagued the office, creating its present situation. "We had to fight and fight to keep the office open," Castater recalled. "At one point they thought they would pull all the local offices downtown and still we didn't know if we would exist, period."

This uncertainty forced the office, last October, to present its landlord a new lease on a month-by-month basis, instead of year-to-year. "At the end of each month we would find out if we would be working the next," she said.

But the Office for Children was still having difficulty meeting the terms of the first, yearly lease. Charles Cristello, supervisor for the community development unit of the regional Office for Children, attributed the delays in the rent payments to the major administrative transition the office underwent last November.

"In previous years," Cristello explained, "the office did not have to deal with the typical state methods of handling funds because we were not official state employees. Our money was distributed by conduits."

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out of the water. It will take a couple of weeks to clean it up", Pollution Control's president Joseph Pallotta, Jr., said "The community saw a lot of activity, and became suspicious."

Pollution Control is licensed to transport solids, sludges, aqueous liquids and hydrocarbons (such as oil) but Pallotta said, "We do not store any chemicals in East Boston."

In November, in response to requests from Office for Children workers, the legislature changed their status to state employees. This allowed workers to join the bargaining units and labor unions of other state employees.

It also eliminated the conduit mechanism, which proved to be an illegal misappropriation of funds, as well. Salaries had been paid out of a budget that is to be used exclusively for funding state services, not state administration.

The Office for Children learned, Cristello said, that "It takes a long time to go through the many stages of the state process, especially in the middle of an election year, until the comptroller assigns the checks. The lag time of the paperwork caused the delays."

Castater also noted the lag time of the rehiring process that occurred after the legislature created the new state positions. "It was a zoo," she recalled. "We had to go through all the procedures: applications, resumes, interviews. I had been working here for five years and I had to apply as if I was off the street."

By the time the money came through in January, "It was too late to solve any problems," Castater said. The CD had rented out the space they were in and planned to move into our office.

The CDC is temporarily housed in a two-bedroom apartment on the first floor of a housing project in the Woodbury Building, also CDC-owned, where it is still remaining.

In the meantime, the anchor-area Office for Children is waiting for the state to approve the paperwork for its move to Chelsea.

Pallotta also said he could confirm that the fuel oil tank was empty because "That's what my company does: clean tanks."

Pollution Control Unlimited had rented office space on the shipyard property and Kenney said the company "is doing some contract work for us."

Pallotta and his father Joseph Pallotta, Sr. contributed a combined total of $150,000 to the original $1 million deposit on the shipyard. The balance of the $6 million purchase price is due May 2.

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WHO WILL PAY FOR THE SOUNDS OF SILENCE?

by FRANK CONTE

I t was approximately a year and a half ago that over 100 residents met with state and Massport administrators to discuss the possibility of soundproofing private homes in East Bos­
ton. After plans for the soundproofing of homes in East Boston High School had been completed, East Boston residents are still awaiting a soundproofing plan that will prevent airplane noise in impacted areas.

In an effort to get the ball roll­
ing in this session of the state legis­
lature, state representative Emanuel "Gus" Serra has once again filed legislation which would require the Massachusetts Port Author­ity to begin soundproofing pri­

dvate homes with money the agency pays the city of Boston in lieu of taxes. However, the bill, which does not specify the number of houses or who will be the admin­

istrators, has come under fire.

House Bill 3418 was filed by Serra to mandate some relief for residents impacted by airplane noise. The residents who often live under flight paths have been demanding some form of soundproofing ever since Logan Airport expanded back in the 1960's. However, Serra’s bill is designed for soundproofing — Massport or the city of Boston — has come under close scrutiny. Sam Tyler, press secre­

tary of the business-sponsored Bos­

ton Municipal Research Bureau, said he is presently investigating the bill from "a financial point of view." He said that under the Serra proposal the city would po­
tentially lose funds it desperately needs. "The city cannot afford to see its treasury reduced," he said. Community activist and city council council candidate Martin Courighan has also criticized the idea, saying it "an attempt to pick the pockets of the taxpayers of Boston."

Serra defended his bill as a way to require Massport to actually begin doing something about sound­

proofing homes rather than just discus­

sing the possibility. Further­

more, he said, he filed the bill in December 1982 during a period which the leadership at Massport was in question.

"When I filed the legislation I was concerned who would be ad­
mnesting agreements made on soundproofing with Dave Davis and Kevin White. I felt with the leadership at Massport not being determined, legislation had to be

made," he said.

According to sources, Massport Director David W. Davis and Mayor Kevin H. White verbally agreed to approve soundproofing funding from in lieu of taxes revenue. Mayor Davis or White could be reached at press time for comment.

Various sources also say that a King controlled Massport Board would have tabled the soundproofing of homes for another year. Some board members have argued that soundproofing is a federal re­

sponsibility that should not fall solely on Massport and the airlines. In fact some airline spokespersons favor the soundproofing of private homes with the in-lieu-of-tax mon­

ey. Despite the controversy over funding, Massport is said to now be considering the possibility of sound­

proofing private homes with addi­

tional funds.

Patrick Moscato, Public Af­

fairs Director at Massport said that the Serra bill is an option but that there might be some other altern­

atives. Moscato said that Massport's plan that would have tabled the soundproofing. It is the legislation filed by Gus Serra to spread the scope of responsibility to others who have no right to be involved — namely the taxpayers," he said.

Over the years community activ­

ists and local officials had worked to get some money for the city of Boston, not Massport. As a quasi-public authority Massport paid no real estate taxes. Finally, after years of pressure from East Boston residents Massport agreed to pay Boston money in lieu of property taxes. Recently, Massport presented a check of $4.6 million to the city.

Courighan insists that the Massport Authority has the obligation to provide soundproofing. "It has the legal and moral obligation to sound­

proof homes around Logan. They must not be allowed to transfer responsibility to the city of Boston. The city of Boston can best use these funds to reopen our

peace is to strive for parity of both arms and technology.

From another perspective, anti­
nuclear activist Father Paul J. McLaughlin of St. Peter's Church in Lowell cited biblical passages and asked the audience to think about the nuclear arms issue "as Christian."

"We as Catholics have a special role to play," McLaughlin main­
tained.

The Civil Defense Service was represented by Massachusetts direc­
or Douglas Forbes, who outlined evacuation and survival plans for the Commonwealth.

Forbes conceded that the civil defense service has done little plan­
ning to protect the civilian popula­
rion. Referring to the disparity of funds spent on civil defense in The United States and the Soviet Union, Forbes remarked on the disparity of funds spent on civil defense in The United States and the Soviet Union. "The Soviets have been out spending us 10-to-30-to-1," he told the audience.

Douglas said that Massachusetts recently received $200,000 to de­
velop a civil defense plan. Later he pointed out this sum represents 3.5 cents per person.

The Health and Medical School senior Lachlan Forrow, chair of the Speak

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SAVIO STUDIES THE NUCLEAR AGE

by PETER CASSIDY

I examine the issues of life in the nuclear age, St. Dom­

nic Savio High School held a symposium entitled 'Nu­

clear Arms Awareness Day' on Thurs., March 24, featuring speakers from a variety of view­

points and experiencing.

William Powers, head of the his­
tory department at Dom Savio, identified the students in his junior-senior elective "Twentieth-Century World Affairs" with the symposium, "We are all executors of the

fate of the world."

In class discussions of the federal budget, Powers said, students point­
ed out how the nation's defense al­
locations affect individuals.

"The class made a decision that this was important enough to tell the rest of the school," said pow Powers.

Clay Clemens of Tufts Univer­

sity's Institute of Foreign Policy opened the day's lectures with his argument for the deterrent effect of nuclear arms for both nuclear and conventional war.

Clemens maintained that while both the United States and the Soviet Union possess nuclear arms, the most logical way to ensure

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A WINNING SEASON FOR EVERYONE

by BILLY MORRIS

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ince last fall, the Jeffries Point Neighborhood Center gym has been occupied on Saturdays exclusively by people of any age and younger. These kids have been taking part in an instructional basketball league and clinic. The program was able to obtain sponsorship from Boston Register of Irene James Michael Connolly, city councillor Michael McCormack, Lenny’s in East Boston, and coaches Bob Ohlson and John Magardo. These sponsors contributed to purchasing shirts for the teams.

The league was split up into two age-groups, six- to nine-year-olds and ten- to fourteen-year-olds. Beginning of any age were placed in the younger group. The goals for the younger group included teaching them how to shoot the ball, lay-ups, and defense. The older group aimed to learn a new skill each week, and later in the season formed teams to play each other in a league format.

As the winter season progressed, so did the ball-player’s skills and ability. John Forbes, a league organizer, said, “I don’t think it’s an improvement with some of the kids from when they first started with us. Credit people who are fourteen years old in their own follow-up work, saying, ‘A lot of the kids practiced during the summer at the Point Gym what they had learned on Saturday.’”

With Connolly as the younger group of kids organized by Bob Ohlson became known as Connolly’s Celtics. When the coach felt the kids were ready, they played a team from Revere. This was the kids’ first chance at organized ball, and to put to use what they had learned at the b-ball clinic.

The older team was split up into four teams which played against each other. Magardo’s Mavericks were coached by John Magardo, McCormack’s 76ers by John Forbes, Ohlson’s Oilers by Joey Weddleton and Lenny’s Lakers by Mattyconstantine. Each kid received a team shirt.

The teams played each other over a period of eight weeks. In the semi-finals, the first-place team played against the fourth-place team and the second challenged the third. In the final game, which came down to the last seconds, Connolly’s Oilers beat Lenny’s Lakers 42-20. Richi DiBi-also ref the entire season.

The league has seen a lot about defense and offense. Laker coach Constantino said, “In the clinic, the kids polished up their skills in passing and shooting,” and added, “When they went into team play, they learned a more overall concept of basketball.”

Lakers player Jim Santori said about his winter at the clinic, “I learned a lot about defense and offense. I like playing basketball with my friends in a league and I hope they run it again next year.”

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cent of all sixth graders in the city are reading below grade level, Giarratani calls that figure an "indictment against the whole first six years." He added that as a result, the system is “catching people up that should never have fallen behind.”

Giarratani also questions the school department’s allocations of resources, referring to its Court Street headquarters as “Versailles Palace.” He criticizes the school department budget for putting “too much money into Court Street” and administrative overhead “while the school system is falling apart.”

“How much of that $224 million (budget) is getting down to children,” he asked, “and how much is staying at Court Street?”

He also accused the school department of misallocation of the parents and citizens of Boston, asserting, “Most people are in the same boat. I think they don’t know what’s going on in there.”

Giarratani, 34, is a graduate of Michaelangelo Middle School, Boston English High School, and Boston State College. Since then, he has taken graduate-level enrollment courses at Lesley College in Cambridge on a part-time basis. He attended parochial school throughout his childhood at St. Rita’s in Roxbury, now closed.

He has been an employee of the state Department of Mental Health for 11 years, and now works in the treasurer’s office at the Mass. Mental Health Center. While in direct patient care for six years, he was also on the executive council of the chapter of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME).

From this perspective, Giarratani criticizes Superintendent Robert R. Santori for “blaming the teacher’s union for every aspect” of the school system’s problems. “As a union person, I don’t like to hear that explained,” Giarratani has been active in community politics as well as the local politics of two parties. He describes himself as “a conservative Democrat until 1978, when he switched his official registration to the Republican side. Now a Republican ward coordinator in Charlestown, he says he plans to leave that post and operate as an independent from there.

“Since Reagan,” he said, “I’ve been disenchanted with the Repub-

ics. He did, however, support the Republican candidates of Art Nelson and Frank MacNamara as well as Reagan in each of their campaigns since 1978. He worked for former governor Edward J. King’s 1978 campaign in Charlestown “because Dunkin was an anti-state-stay-away.”

Giarratani takes pride in describing himself as one of the Charlestown 6 of the Teacher’s Union, referring to the 18 protesters arrested at the end of the tunnel demonstrations in November 1981, and the month-long occupation of the “People’s Firehouse” Engine 50 in Charlestown when it was taken over by the city in April 1981. He was also on the Charlestown Town Council Steering Committee, which organized public meetings on the public safety issues at the time of the municipal elections.

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asked Father McLaughlin. The world-affairs class had prepared the school for the symposium by bringing a lecture to each individ-ual class during the three days before the symposium, to acquaint the other students with the issues and vocabulary of the nuclear arms debate.

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TANK FARMS: 5 YEARS WITHOUT INSPECTION

by PETER CASSIDY

In December of 1982, gasoline storage tanks in Newark, N.J., like the ones that line Chelsea Creek in East Boston, exploded and burned for days. Two weeks ago, a truck carrying liquefied natural gas (LNG) overturned on a residential street in nearby Everett, reminding East Boston residents that they are surrounded by these storage facilities, also known as tank farms, as well as transportation routes for these highly volatile materials.

But Division of Inspections records show that the last inspections of the Chelsea Street tank farms came in 1978. And according to State Fire Marshall Joseph O'Keefe, the state has no comprehensive fire code or regulations dealing specifically with tank farms and terminals.

Chief engineer John Olsen of the Department of Public Safety's Division of Inspection told the Community News that in the commonwealth no tank farms have been inspected by his division for three years, despite a state law requiring annual inspections of all "tanks in excess of 10,000 gallons capacity, for above ground storage of fluids other than water."

This specification refers to a wide range of substances, including gasoline, heating oils, and lubricating oils. The exceptions are LNG tanks, which have been under the auspices of the Department of Public Utilities since 1986.

Olsen claims that budget cuts have left his division virtually unable to perform its mandated yearly inspections.

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In January, the Boston City Council approved the shipyard's application to the federal government for a $1.5 million Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG), which has not yet been approved in Washington. If the grant is approved, Flynn's March 30 order would prevent the city from releasing the money until the investigation is complete and a community hearing is held.

During the same session, the council approved the shipyard's application to the Massachusetts Land Bank for $1.5 million.

Also pending is the yard's application to the state's Caribbean Development Corporation (CDC) that would channel half a million dollar through the East Boston Community Development Corporation (CDC). This money would carry conditions that the yard establish goals for hiring community residents.

Kenney estimated that of the yard's current 82 employees, 30 per cent are Boston residents and 20 per cent are East Boston residents.

He said the CDCPC grant would create "only an obligation that we can attainable. We can't hire from East Boston if we have no use for the particular abilities of individual workers. Only a certain number might (have) a given skill required at that time."

Kenney also denied union charges that the yard is paying up to $3 below prevailing union wages.

He said he had committed the yard to "paying prevailing wages by midyear," and that now they were "a lot lower than the prevailing wages and a buck lower than General Ship.

He also declared allegations that he has rehired former management personnel, who might be predisposed not to unionize, are "not true. There are seven guys who are former salaried employees of Bethlehem Ste. etc."
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FROM GOD’S HILL TO A VALLEY OF MERCY

by GUY UMANA

It was known as historical Breed’s Hill. Overlooking Boston, Chelsea, the Suffolk Downs track. Further out, Revere and its ocean. Here, this little girl was born. On the very top of that hill, Orient Avenue. The last house on the street, Orient Avenue became one of Boston’s show cases. Lawyers, educators, doctors, bankers. Three legislators, business men, Three Bridges to Cross, was filmed in that area. Frank Sinatra would visit friends in that area. The founding of the Don Orione that became world-renowned and would add to this God-made wonder.

Within these surroundings, Donna Lee Umana was born. She did not upon birth inherit a silver spoon. From her paternal side she carried the genius and determination that had contributed a monarch. Two first cousins are priests, a Franciscan and Redemptorist, a legislator and a judge. A great-grandmother and a grandmother that had brought out the best in the family. From her maternal side, a line of college students have made the family proud. Her mother, sturdy and relentless work. So now as leader would rebel. Channel 2 would be her next step. Lawrence Memorial Hospital was to be her next step. Strangely enough the Lawrence Memorial was her birthplace, dealing with people is her love. Her hospital association has carried her into many areas of interest for her district. Her work has spiraled her into mingling with a Medford group of professionals and volunteers involved with hospital business. So now as leader of Development and Public Relation program, she was once named “Mousie” (because of her quiet way of going around the house). Though she has to follow a hard act, of her brother Mario, who is a partner with an international Public Accounting Firm, and her sister Ann, Area Mental Health Director in the Danvers State Hospital, she does her own thing and does it well. She travels around in her somewhat aged but well-kept Audi. Fully happy that her life is her own. Her accomplishments are the result of her own efforts. So from the eight year old girl who stood at Central Square on a milk case passing out literature for her uncle’s political campaign. She is now well on her own, however, when asked about her brother and sister’s success, she replies easily and honestly, “They are very smart, but I have more control over my father.”

In time to come, and my time will come, Donna Lee Umana, you must judge me as a man with all the weakness of a human being but also as a father who wished and hoped for the best and loves you dearly. Throughout all those school years, the prophetic words of Claire Mortimer, one of your school teachers at the Cheverus School have been a comfort to me. She had said you were one of her best students. So from a life that started on a hill, you are now in a valley of mercy. The Lawrence Memorial Hospital.

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RENEWING THE FACE OF THE MUNDANE WORLD

(Readers with news from Jeffries Point or the Mt. Carmel area can call Eleanor Welch at 567-1042.)

by ELEANOR K. WELCH

"A libelous" fill the air. The Christian and Jewish faiths celebrate religious holy days. Today is Easter. The hopeful haunting response, "and thou shalt renew the face of the earth" is an optimistic chant that bolsters us spiritually and physically. Easter in the liturgical calendar coincides with Spring, occurring on the first Sunday following the full moon that is allowed to celebrate Easter, the words become, Easter, spiritually and physically. Easter in school days. The longer one in the rubrical Easter observance.

"In the Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love." I add, and a dyed-in-the-wool housekeeper's concern turns to house-cleaning. When Tennyson expressed his thought he spoke from a nineteenth century perspective. In this period of the twentieth century there is no prescribed season for a young man's fancy, or young lady's either, if you're even a casual observer. So it is also true of the housekeeper or homemaker.

Observe TV commercials. One lady dumps a bottle of liquid cleaner somewhere. Voila! Spring cleaning has been completed at any season. Gone from the screen is the lady with her head in the oven, scratching to the point of exhaustion. That was realistic. Whatever happened to aprons? Are they now considered a badge of servitude? Nary a one is seen. "Chico" has replaced them with skin-fitting jeans. The becomingly-coiffed hairdo, the impeccably manicured nails, thevelte body, contributes to the smooth manner the "ad" lady expertly handles a bottle of cleanser that obliterates the menial task of bathroom cleaning -- for a month. Such is the power of advertising. It's a fantasy world.

More mothers find it futile to complain about slaving over a hot stove. A micro-wave oven is the means to relieve the burden. When the housekeeper-mother becomes the partial provider, working outside the home, she is doing double duty. She no longer has time to watch for a sunny clear day to air the blankets, treat the woolens, or prepare a garden. She lives in a mechanized world.

I am reminded occasionally of a question my mother, in her wisdom, asked: "If the time comes when everything will be accomplished by pressing a button, there will be complaints about who will press the button." When there is a deafness of dishes in our house sometimes, the answer is, "I forgot to turn on the dishwasher." I hold true of the washer-dryer.

My mother lived in the lamp-light, gas-light era. I am enjoying the technological age. She was as a wash-on-Monday, iron-on-Tuesday lady. I am an any-day'll-do expert. She was born the year of the Great Boston Fire - 1872. I was born... who cares? She rebelled in the decades she lived, as I do my own. A legacy she left - "No, no, don't throw it away, enjoy it." Also a 12-room house in which to stash it. Boy, do I ever!

One request, if I may. If anyone knows what is about to happen to discarded fire-alarm boxes, please tell me. It would make my day and remaining years.

TRUANCY...

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ancy before a student turns 16 and may legally drop out of school.

J. McGrane of the B&ES and the East Boston Social Center (who acted as a liaison between the school, the Social, the Center, and the DSS) said "The program is a golden opportunity because it provides

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HEIGHTS NOTES
BY MS. TEX

THE OLD NEW
FOUR-LETTER WORD

(Readers with news from Orient Heights, Harborview, Baywater, can call 669-1167)

by MAXINE TASSINARI TREXERA

W

e seem to have a new four-letter word sweeping the state. Rape. The men involved in a gang rape of a woman want a change of venue because they feel they can't get a fair trial. As in the recent stories of gang rapes in New Bedford and in Charlestown, I am not going to say "alleged" gang rapes. As far as I'm concerned there is no such thing.

Don't you feel bad for the poor dears, they don't think they'll get a fair trial. Do they think they deserver one? Did they give their victim a fair chance?

That and much about the New Bedford incident is that the men were still in that bar when their victim returned with the police. If they had robed the damn place they would have run away in a hurry. They had to know someone they would have disappeared. Didn't they think they done anything wrong? If they didn't do it, why are they still there? Did they think the police would write down on the hand and say "Boys will be boys, that wasn't nice, don't do it again"?

As for the kids in Charlestown, were they trying to prove they are just as "macho" as the animals in New Bedford, or were they just little copycats? Whatever they thought they were being, it wasn't men.

Now because rape is a crime against woman, there will be a lot of people saying things against the victim. "If she wasn't that kind of woman, it would never have happened." What kind of woman? How come nobody ever says "If that person didn't own a store, he/she wouldn't have got robbed," or "they wouldn't have made the other angry, he/she wouldn't have been murdered." If you don't own a car, it won't get stolen either. There is absolutely no, repeat, NO justification for rape. Don't even think "she asked for it".

Read my lips: TO SAY A WOMAN "ASKED" TO BE RAPED GRANTS THE RAPIST WITH THE RATIONAL MIND OF A HUMAN BEING. A RAPIST IS NOT A HUMAN BEING, A RAPIST IS AN ANIMAL.

Did the little girl in Jamaica Plain "ask" for it? We all agree, that was an animal because a child was involved. Too bad, we all can't see that. There is no way, anyone can say that Rape has nothing to do with sex, rape is a violent crime. Of course, not too long ago, a man who raped a five-year-old girl was acquitted because the judge decided that the woman was promiscuous. If you ask me, that judge was insane, but he still sitted as a juror deciding the fate of other victims. That's what happens when judgments are given away to political friends.

Actually the case in Jamaica Plain opens up a different line of thinking. How come it took so long? Why did the hospital file a suit against the police? The law regarding the role of the Department of Social Services is not clear, they can't assign fault of the police in. In all probability, if the social worker had gone before a judge, the judge would have asked if the mother were guilty - no, then, "send the child home."

Seems to me that some of these laws have to be changed. The Department of Social Services is not perfect, but it can't be held responsible for the laws it has to obey.

Then again, if the law is changed, what about people's right to privacy?

Some agencies say the law that says a child belongs to its parents should be changed. I don't know about that.

Then it occurs to me that when little Chad Green was sick, the hospital, the courts and anyone else who could, jumped all over those parents. It didn't seem to make any difference to the hospital then, they beatified the law immediately. What is the difference? Chad Green's parents didn't want him to suffer, that hospital said they didn't have the right to decide that. The little girl in Jamaica Plain's mother didn't run to press charges and the hospital said that was okay???

What??? Anyway, I'm not one in favor of capital punishment, there are many things that should happen to the rapist of a four-year-old child and all the others before they are strung up in public so we can all cheer them on.

AGAIN

Evidently the Lord Mayor of Boston is planning to run for re-election. Why else would he be giving the machine with pay raises? Some of those raise were as much as $6500 a year. There are a lot of people who don't earn that much, let alone get a raise that big.

It would be interesting to know how the present members of the City Council and those who want to be elected to the City Council feel about the Lord's recent trick.

Maybe that's why people don't get so outraged over rape. The Mayor has been raping the City for years and we keep letting him do it. Say it again. Boston needs a new mayor.

Congratulations to Joanne Forest who graduated from Ritters Florist School last week. Joanne received her B.F.D. from the Harborview Parlor, Harbourview Community School and will be employed by Governor's Gardens. The Men's Club of Harborview Parlor will give Happy Birthday to Alice Sauer.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

There is a time when you have to explain to your children why they're born, and it's a marvelous thing if you know the reason by the time your children are 6. Hazel Scott Ciao.

JAZZ IN EASTE

The East Boston Harvard Summer School, 312 Border St., East Boston will have several musical groups that will provide a variety of entertainment and hopefully make the Boston area a musical center. The musical evening will highlight many of your favorite groups, both old and new. Tickets are available at the East Boston Community House (all proceeds will benefit the community school and its programs). For more information, call 647-4000.

MORE RACQUETBALL TIME

The East Boston Harvard Community School, 312 Border St., East Boston has racquetball court time available. The courts must be reserved; however, courts are free. The Harvard summer facility also has a large gym, indoor heated swimming pool, and a universal weight machine. Take advantage now! For more information call 567-4880 between 2 and 10 p.m.

Also, pool hours at the gym are Tues., Wed., 7-8 p.m. Family membership rates for one year from the date of issue are Children (under the age of 13), $1, Teens (13-18), $2, Adults (19 and over), $3, Family $5, non-East Boston residents $7.50.

(What's Happening is edited each issue by Frank Conte.)
The purpose of the hearing is to obtain information regarding the summer jobs program or any other APAC program, however, please call 567-8857.

EDUCATION

SPRING INTO SPRING
The East Boston Community School, 312 Border St., and its satellite, the Orient Heights Recreation Center, 86 Boardman St. are currently holding registration for their Spring workshops. They offer services in Adult Education, Vocational Training, Athletics, Day Care, Elder Care, and more. For more information call: After-school reading, G.E.D. preparation classes, theater, dance, exercise classes, cooking, typing, music instruction, swimming classes, as well as a complete athletic program. Registration will begin on April 4 and run through April 22, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Take advantage of the well-equipped facilities and many classes, and sign up for the Spring brochure.

MEMORY SERVES
Families of elderly with memory and judgment problems are invited to participate in a ten-week educational program to be held in the third floor conference room on the East Boston Neighborhood Health Center on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 p.m. The group will provide information about Alzheimer’s Disease, the leading cause of memory disorders in the elderly. Speakers over the course of ten weeks will include a neurologist, psychologist, and attorney. Their group will begin in March and will be led by Geriatric social workers affiliated with the East Boston/Winthrop Counseling Center, 79 Paris St., East Boston. The fee is $2 per session. For further information call Eileen McGinnigal at 569-3189 or Jane Eckert at 721-7114.

G.E.D.
The East Boston Community School is holding Graduate Equivalency Diploma (G.E.D.) testing on April 19, 20 and 21 from 6:30 p.m. - 9:15 p.m. Registration is $5 for the complete testing. If you wish to help with employment or promotion in your current or past job, or may help with college education, please call 567-6800 between 2 and 10 p.m.

KINDERGARTENERS WANTED
School officials in East Boston are looking for five-year-olds to attend the kindergartens of the public school system during the school year. Kindergarten enrollment is for children born in 1978 or earlier. If you have a child (or children) who is an eligible participant, please call 567-6800. For further information call 567-6800 between 2 and 10 p.m.

FOUR POULIES
According to the East Boston Fair share the Fair has begun. Company wants every phone to be a pay phone, wants to implement access charges from $50 to $100 each year, wants to install huge rate increases, charge $1 for each local call, and raise pay phones to a quarter. This means according to Fair that the phone company wants everyone to double your phone bill. In an effort to protect your phone from being a pay phone, East Boston Fair share will phone each home in the area and issue the following public meeting at the East Boston Social Center in Central Square. The meeting will be held on Monday, April 10 at 2 p.m. A representative from New England Telephone has been invited to attend. For more information or a ride to the meeting please call 569-8950.

JOINT MEET WITH BEAT IN F.B.
East Boston residents will be given the opportunity to express their views at a community loud-out on April 13 at 7:00 p.m. during the Jobs with Peace march at the Arborway Community School. Main speakers for the evening will be Fred Salcuni, Mass. secretary of Transportation, and Anna DeFronzo, long-time community resident. Representative of the city’s community agency will also give short talks on how the Reagan budget has affected their services. Co-sponsored by East Boston Ecumenical Community Council, East Boston Fair Share, Harbor Me and District 8 of the Boston Public Schools, the community, spoke on the need for a federal loud-out and sent a testimony to a congressional hearing on the part of the military budget on jobs and the economy on April 16. For more information, please call St. Francis at 569-1193.

JOBS WITH PEACE
On Sat., April 10 Jobs With Peace will be sponsoring a loud-out meeting at Faneuil Hall from 1-4 p.m. on the effects of military spending in the area. The group will be joined by scan chautauqua. Congregate Barney Frank, Nick Maeacow, and Joe Markel will comment on the loud-out and take testimony from representatives of government and of community, labor, religious and so- cial organizations. The public is invited to come and speak out on this issue. For more information call Jobs With Peace at 451-3389.

APAC SUMMER JOBS
Applications for East Boston APAC’s Summer Youth Employment Program (STEEP) are being distributed at the East Boston District Court House, 17 Meridian St., Wednesdays through Fri., during the hours of 2:30 p.m. and 4 p.m. Youngsters 14 to 18 young people who meet certain federal income guidelines are urged to apply for summer job positions. Of course, limited office space at APAC’s temporary location, the APAC was forced to distribute applications from the East Boston District Court House. Anyone regarding the summer job programs or any other APAC program, however, please call 567-8857.

Inman Square, Cambridge. Tickets are only $5 each and can be purchased at the Community News office, 11 Meridian St., or at the door. Call 567-7884 to reserve in advance.