



This Week

NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR MWRA EMPLOYEES

Mayor Menino has appointed two people with outstanding experience, qualifications and integrity. Both members have exceptional backgrounds and credentials.

MWRA ANNOUNCES TWO NEW BOARD APPOINTEES

The MWRA and Boston Mayor Thomas M. Menino, recently announced the appointment of two new members to the MWRA Board of Directors, Vincent G. Mannering and Michael E. Benullo.

Mr. Mannering has been serving as Executive Director of the Boston Water and Sewer Commission since January. He formerly represented West Roxbury and Roslindale in the House of Representatives and also served as an Assistant District Attorney for Suffolk County.

Mr. Benullo is presently the President of the New England Business Managers/Business Agents Association and Vice President of the New England Pipe Trades Association. In 1991 Mr.

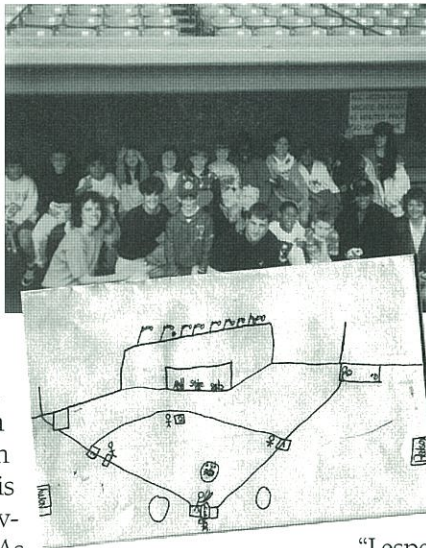
Benullo was appointed to the US Association National Steam fitter/Pipe fitter Apprentice Committee and was elected Vice President of the Massachusetts AFL/CIO.

"The MWRA is very pleased that Mayor Menino has appointed two people with outstanding experience, qualifications and integrity. Both new members have exceptional backgrounds and credentials," said Executive Director **Doug MacDonald**. "We are all confident that the Board of Directors, which guides all Authority policy, will benefit greatly by the appointment of Mr. Benullo and Mr. Mannering."

TEAMWORK HELPS SECOND GRADERS TOUR FIELD OF DREAMS

Authority employees **Ellen Crotty** of Procurement, and **Kristin Patneau** and **John Szarek** of Sewerage have been working with students at Charlestown's Harvard-Kent School in a program called AquaSMARTS. AquaSMARTS, which is sponsored by Boston Public Schools, The New England Aquarium, the Boston Partners in Education and local businesses, pairs students with volunteer mentors who work in classrooms and on field trips. It is geared specifically toward improving math and science skills. "As mentors, we see our volunteer efforts as a way of giving something back to the community," said Ellen. "We have noticed vast improvements with the children and they really enjoy the special projects we do."

Ellen said that she and her fellow employees wanted to plan something grand for their final field trip with the kids, but the Kent School didn't have the funds. And unlike private sector employees, the MWRA mentors could not ask for corporate sponsorship for the event either. With



two strikes against them, but determined to score for the kids, John, Ellen and Kristin teamed together and pitched in their own money for a tour of Fenway Park. They also obtained permission for the use of the Authority's bus. The kids stood before the green monster, sat in the Red Sox dugout, toured the Fenway press box and afterwards, flooded the MWRA with cards and letters thanking everyone who helped them take their dream tour.

"I especially liked the letters that said I was a great bus driver!" said **Al James**, Administrative Services, who helped get the kids to Fenway Park.

Special thanks to Harvard-Kent teacher, Rhonda Knox, the MWRA mentors, and to **Billy Abbott** and **Al James** of Administrative Services for all their help making this trip a hit.

If you would like more information about the AquaSMARTS program or are interested in being a mentor for the 1996 school year, contact **Claudia Smith Reid**, x1162 or **Diana Ubinas**, x1183.

