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NEW NEWS FORMAT...To cut costs while reaching all our family, the Children's Museum News and Gazette are being combined...PLUS an "Envelope" stuffed with special info on all our activities begins with this issue...look inside to read all about it....

MUSEUM WHARF UPDATE...Despite the sad news that the Museum of Transportation has closed at Museum Wharf, TCM will continue in its new waterfront home...details are in the enclosed Release....

STATE APPROPRIATION UPPED BY \$100,000...Thanks to friends in the Massachusetts Senate and House, we're able to increase services to schools and groups this year... Non-profit groups and schools in the state may visit free with a reservation...Make good use of this wonderful opportunity by calling 426-6500 for reservations soon....

MANY MAKE MUPPETS A SUCCESS...Thanks to the Museum Associates and staff who co-organized the Muppets exhibit, 125,000 visitors got a first-hand look at Kermit, Miss Piggy and 100 other Muppets last spring, tripling our attendance from the same period last year....Associates also contributed thousands of hours to the Muppets Shop which grossed \$66,000, helping TCM end the year in the black....

NEW EXHIBITS...Play with golfballs while learning physics in Raceways, explore illusion and reality in Mirrors, two new exhibits on the 3rd floor....Watch for the re-opening of a larger Playspace in early October....

FALL CHOCK-A-BLOCK WITH ACTIVITIES FOR PARENTS, TEACHERS, KIDS...Check your envelope for information on the RC Open House (Oct. 15), East Asian Resources Day (Oct. 23), a new series of workshops for Parents and Preschoolers, this year's Saturday Seminar Series, and our Friday Night and Sunday Performance Series which, according to Boston Magazine, offers the best in children's entertainment....And, remember, Friday Nights from 6-9PM are FREE to all....

RECENT GRANTS...NEW CORPORATE MEMBERS...include a Phase II gift of \$75,000 from the Permanent Charity Fund of Boston...\$65,000 for operating from the Mass Council...\$19,260 from the National Endowment for the Arts to plan the rest of the park...a \$10,000 matching challenge grant from the Blanchard Foundation for our Youth Work Experience Program....New Corporate Members include: Bolt Beranek and Newman, Boston Edison Employee's Club, Commercial Union, Coopers & Lybrand, Dynatech, Environmental Research & Technology, Exxon, F.W. Faxon and General Scanning...an enthusiastic thanks to these and others helping the Museum provide programs and services for everyone....

ANNUAL MEETING RESCHEDULED...NEW CORPORATION MEMBERS WELCOMED...New date for the annual meeting is 4PM on October 21...please mark your calendar...And welcome the new members elected in June: Joseph Breiteneicher, Andrew Ferrara, Edith Forrester, Patricia Givens, Andrew Petkun and Judah Schwartz....

1 MILLION PIECES OF LEGO ARRIVE NOV. 17...nowhere else on earth will have more Lego in one place...this new exhibit will let you build to your heart's content... more details next edition....