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▶ CHILDREN'S MUSEUM COMPLETES PURCHASE OF MUSEUM WHARF...All documents and transfer of funds have been completed on the Children's Museum purchase of the Museum of Transportation's share of the building...MOT was paid for the cash they had invested in Museum Wharf and Children's Museum has assumed full responsibility for the Industrial Revenue Bonds that underwrite part of the renovation costs on the historic warehouse... Permanent project financing has been underwritten by the Newworld and Mutual Banks...Short term financing of the buy out has been provided by the Brookline Trust and Shawmut Banks... .

▶ PHASE II CAMPAIGN TOPS 50%...MORE THAN \$600,000 RAISED SINCE JULY... A total of \$2,604,000 has been raised toward the \$5 million Phase II goal to date...Foundations lead in support with \$1,124,000 contributed... .

▶ CORPORATE CONTRIBUTIONS TO PHASE II UP...GenRad, New England Telephone, Bank of Boston and an anonymous corporation have all increased their Phase I capital contributions to \$25,000 toward the Phase II goal which includes the costs of the buy out...The Shawmut Bank has contributed \$10,000 toward other Phase II capital costs... .

▶ AND CORPORATIONS ARE ADDING MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT...New Corporate Members include the Travelers, Little,Brown, Honeywell, Haartz Auto Fabric, Unitrode, Teledyne and Data Utilities...8 corporations recently renewed, including MacIntyre, Fay & Thayer, Prudential, GenRad, Bank of Boston and Itek... .

▶ HEARST FOUNDATION MAKES \$10,000 GRANT...The William Randolph Hearst Foundation grant helps match a challenge from the Blanchard Foundation to provide work and training in the Museum for adolescents having problems with schools or courts... .

▶ NEW TRUSTEES, MEMBERS OF THE CORPORATION ELECTED AT ANNUAL MEETING ...A special welcome to Yori Oda and Chester Pierce who moved from the Corporation to the Board of Trustees...Also to Vickey Barletta, Andrew Ferrara, Edith Forrester, Anne Gamble, Patricia Givens and Leonard Rudofsky who were elected to the Corporation... .

▶ KITS GO WEST...The Hitchcock Center for the Environment in Amherst is now circulating 20 different Museum kits to schools and community groups in the Pioneer Valley...More than 130 area educators and families were on hand at the Center to be the first to try out our resources now available in western Massachusetts... .

▶ JAPANESE NEW YEAR, BLACK HISTORY MONTH, VACATION WEEK SPECIALS, PURIM AND NATIVE AMERICAN DAY...are just a few of the very special events coming up through March...Check enclosed calendars for details... .

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