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DRAGON BOATS FIRE UP CHARLES



HERALD PHOTO BY MICHAEL FEIN
OAR ELSE! Competitors give it their all during yesterday's Dragon Boat races on the Charles.

By JACLYN FITZGERALD

Boaters from across the country and throughout Canada made quite a splash yesterday at the Charles River in celebration of the 28th Annual Hong Kong Dragon Boat Festival. "It's one of the largest in the country and it's actually one of the first in the country and I think the fact that it's celebrating its 28th anniversary is a big deal," said Boston Children's Museum spokesman Rick Stockwood.

The Metro Dragons of New York paddled their way to victory in the overall competition, while the Dragon Boat Club of Boston got the local nod. The festival is held in honor of the late Qu Yuan, a political leader and China's first notable poet. It is celebrated annually on the fifth day of the fifth moon on the lunar calendar. Boaters competed in four categories and spectators enjoyed traditional Chinese and Japanese music, dance and food.

Chief rake three Lynnfi

By LAUREL J. SWEET

Lynnfield official Romano, 60, longtime fire, to ex-wife has been alle and triple-dipping till while under his In a strongly we Chief Romano, Thomas Mullen Romano's "extraordin potential as a poli school crossing g firefighter/EMT "di "troubling." Anne Romano, 51 proximately \$106,0 fiscal year allegedl candle at both ends. rivals the \$128,000 h ceived as head of p selectmen want to k really on the job, at one.

"We don't know, "The selectmen a there appears to be here and they want resolve it one way o

Allegations of voritism in this coz burg that the Lynn Selectmen will add hearing don't just chief's missus. Mic Anne Romano's sor ous relationship, is Mullen said the s General's Office h toring the Romai since January and r Commission, whic mately prosecute th his wife don't retire vestigating.

"I'd rather not ha in the paper," Roma lice for 30 years ar for 28, politely resp day when approach

In a reportedly r of her 2005 payroll outside accountant, pattern" emerged chief's wife was p for hours common shifts, Mullen said. she worked from a.m. as a dispatcher down to work 6 a.m ing with the amb EMT, she was pa working 6 to 8 a.m.

On April 13, 2005 in for an eight-hou shift, Anne Roman also answered a fi while simultaneoi ambulance covera hours, "Mrs. Roma fewer than three rolls," Mullen poin chief.

And in a 64-hour between March 16 Mullen said, "M claimed to have act total of 62.75 hours."