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Santa Claus Pays Visit To One Thompson Square



SANTA CLAUS paid a visit to One Thompson Square on Dec. 5 to listen to long lists of Christmas requests, to pose for pictures with the children and give each a holiday bag of gifts and goodies. Over 200 children and their parents braved a torrential rain to enjoy the warmth of the holidays

at this party for all Charlestown children . . . At the left, sirens of the Boston Fire Department's Ladder 9 hailed the arrival of Santa Claus (a/k/a Michael Tognarelli) in Thompson Square . . . Second from left, with candy cane and toy in hand, Kaitrin Power makes a fast escape from

Santa into the arms of her grandfather Ken Hall . . . Second from right, enjoying the afternoon's festivities are Kay Whelan and Dorothy Scott . . . On the right, Charlestown Rose Julie Treanor tells Santa about the jewelry, Jaguar and designer clothes on her Christmas list.

Holiday Schedule . . .

The Christmas edition of **The Charlestown Patriot** will be in the stores on Wednesday, Dec. 22. The deadline for news and advertising for this issue is Monday, Dec. 20 at noon.

The staff of the **Patriot** will be on vacation from 5 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 23 until 9 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 3. The regular schedule of publication will resume on Jan. 6.

Happy Holidays to all!



All Are Welcome At The Medford Street Tree Lighting

The Christmas season will come to CharlesNewtown and Medford Street on Sunday, Dec. 12 with the arrival of Santa Claus and the lighting of the tree in the plaza in front of 89 Medford St. The ceremony will get underway at 5:30 p.m.

Santa is due to arrive at Medford Street by fire engine and will be greeted by a host of children of all ages.

Those attending are requested to bring an ornament to decorate the tree, but it is requested that none

be made of paper. Also, participants are asked to bring a can or two of non-perishable food to be donated to the Charlestown Ecumenical Food Pantry.

Following the ceremony, shuttle busses will be on Medford Street to transport

people to the Holiday Ships Lighting Festival in the Charlestown Navy Yard. There will be the lighting of the Christmas tree on board **USS Constitution** at 6 p.m. followed by a Christmas carol sing-a-long.

All are welcome.

Questions And Answers On The New Charles River Crossing Design

Since the Central Artery/Tunnel Project's announcement of a new design for the Charles River Crossing, many Charlestown residents have raised questions about the new design and its effect on Charlestown. Here are some of the questions Charlestown residents have asked, along with answers prepared by the staff at the Central Artery/Tunnel Project. Future issues of the **Patriot** will carry additional questions and answers on the new Charles River Crossing design.

1. Question: What are the differences between the new Charles River Crossing design and the previous design, Scheme Z?

Answer: The new Charles River Crossing design is more aesthetically pleasing than Scheme Z, and it moves traffic more efficiently. The new design features an attractive cable-stayed bridge that will serve as a memorable gateway to downtown Boston. A second, smaller bridge is at the same elevation as the larger bridge, unlike the three bridges of Scheme Z. The new design's three loop ramps, merging to two on a single level, are a considerable improvement over the six unsightly multi-level loop ramps of Scheme Z and amount to a 60 percent reduction in ramp surface area. The loop ramps are no more than 40-feet high and are set back a minimum of 120-feet from the riverbank, compared to the soaring ramps of Scheme Z, which reached as high as 105-feet and encroached directly on the river.

2. Question: If you are standing at City Square looking toward North Station when the project is completed, what would you see?

Answer: The landscape will be dramatically improved. The existing double-decked artery structure will be removed. A new elegant, single-level bridge will be located 100 to 200 feet further away from City Square and will slope from 30 to 60 feet as opposed to the existing 80-foot-high bridge. New green space and buffer zones along Rutherford Avenue from the existing Route 1 on/off ramps to the North Washington Street Bridge will provide an attractive foreground to the new bridge.

3. Question: What opportunities will be created for new parkland development along the Charles River and in Charlestown?

Answer: The new design creates open space and parkland along the river by moving the loop ramps a minimum of 120 feet from the north bank of the Charles River. This will allow for the development of parkland along the river-

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Bunker Hill Post A.L. Update

Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 13 at the post quarters, 23 Adams St.

The post will feature an Italian/Family Dinner Night at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 16 at the post quarters, 23 Adams St.

The cost is \$3 per person, and all are welcome.

Veterans who are interested in learning more about the American Legion are invited to the post meeting or they may call Post Commander Arthur Hurley at 242-2724 or Senior Vice Commander Paul Morceau at 242-4781.

Fisher College Honors Carey

Lee Ann E. Carey of Charlestown, a 1984 graduate of Hampden-Wilbraham Regional High School, recently received her Associate in Science degree with a major in Business Administration from Fisher College in Malden.

The graduation speaker was Judith Masucci, long-time Fisher faculty mem-

ber. Also addressing the graduating class was President Christian Fisher.

Carey graduated with highest honors by earning at least a 3.75 cumulative grade point average.

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CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

This Week At A Glance

Thursday, Dec. 9

- 3 p.m. — Court St. Jude No. 1123, C.D.A. Meeting, Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.
- 3:30 p.m. — Creative Dramatics for children 6 to 12, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 7 p.m. — Townie Santa Packing Night, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

Friday, Dec. 10

- 10 a.m. — Adult Discussion Group meeting and Preschool Story Hour, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Saturday, Dec. 11

- 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Charlestown Recycling Drop-off Center open, in the side parking lot adjacent to Johnnie's Foodmaster, Bunker Hill Mall
- 10 a.m. — "Breakfast with Santa," Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill St. — **SOLD OUT**

Sunday, Dec. 12

- Following 9 a.m. Mass — Holy Name Society Meeting, Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.
- 10:30 a.m. — Young Adults Meeting, St. Mary's Parish Hall, 48 Winthrop St.
- noon — Area A Boston Police Department vs. Charlestown Street Hockey Tournament, Charlestown Boys & Girls Club gym, High Street
- 3 to 6 p.m. — USS Constitution Museum Open House, Charlestown Navy Yard
- 5:30 p.m. — Tree Lighting Ceremony, outside Newtown Market, 89 Medford St.
- 6 p.m. — Ship Lighting Ceremony, on board USS Constitution, Pier 1, Charlestown Navy Yard
- 6:30 p.m. — CH.A.M.P.: Charlestown After Murder Program Meeting, St. Catherine Rectory, 49 Vine St.

Monday, Dec. 13

- 10:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. — Toddler Storytime with stories, songs, games, fingerplays and fun for children 2 and 3 and their parents, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 6 to 7:30 p.m. — Mothers Support Group, sponsored by CHAD, Kennedy Center, 27 Winthrop St.
- 7 p.m. — Townie Santa Packing Night, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.
- 7 p.m. — Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion Meeting, Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

Tuesday, Dec. 14

- 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. — Children's Films, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- noon to 1 p.m. — Ironsides Toastmasters Meeting, Mass. General Hospital East, 1st floor conference room, Building 149, 13th Street, Charlestown Navy Yard (use 8th Street entrance)
- noon — Brown Bag Bookies adult book discussion meeting featuring **Anywhere But Here** by Mona Simpson, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 5:30 p.m. — Healthy Charlestown Coalition Meeting, Bunker Hill Tenants Task Force Office, 76 Monument St.
- 7 p.m. — Charlestown Neighborhood Council Public Safety/Police Community Relations Meeting, Kent Community Center, 50 Bunker Hill St.
- 7:30 p.m. — Overeaters Anonymous, Gen. Warren Elderly Complex, rear of 110 Rutherford Ave.
- 7:30 p.m. — Annual Holiday Happening, presented by the BHCC Chorus, Bunker Hill Community College auditorium, New Rutherford Avenue

Wednesday, Dec. 15

- 5 to 7 p.m. — Sen. Thomas Birmingham Community Office Hours, first floor, One Thompson Square
- 6 to 7 p.m. — Rep. Richard A. Voke Office Hours, Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square (use Monument Avenue entrance)

Upcoming Events

Thursday, Dec. 16

- 9:30 to 11 a.m. — Woman's Recovery Group Meeting, Old Kent School, 23A Moulton St.
- 10 a.m. to noon — Holiday Bazaar, Edwards Middle School Auditorium, Walker Street
- 12:15 p.m. — Charlestown Kiwanis Club Meeting, Barrett's on Boston Harbour restaurant
- 3:30 p.m. — Creative Dramatics for children 6 to 12, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 7 p.m. — Townie Santa Packing Night, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.
- 7 p.m. — Italian/Family Dinner Night, sponsored by Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion, Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.
- 7 p.m. — Friends of City Square Park Meeting, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

Friday, Dec. 17

- 10 a.m. — Adult Discussion Group meeting and Preschool Story Hour, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 10 a.m. to noon — Holiday Bazaar, Edwards Middle School Auditorium, Walker Street
- 7 p.m. — Townie Santa Fruit Packing Night, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

Sunday, Dec. 19

- 11 a.m. — Townie Santa Delivery, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.
- 1:30 p.m. — Annual Christmas Concert, sponsored by the Charlestown Preservation Society, St. Mary's Church, 55 Warren St.
- 6:30 p.m. — CH.A.M.P.: Charlestown After Murder Program Meeting, St. Catherine Rectory, 49 Vine St.
- 7 p.m. — Town-wide Advent Communal Penance Service, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

Monday, Dec. 20

- 6 to 7:30 p.m. — Mothers Support Group, sponsored by CHAD, Kennedy Center, 27 Winthrop St.

Tuesday, Dec. 21

- 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. — Children's Films, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 7:30 p.m. — Overeaters Anonymous, Gen. Warren Elderly Complex, rear of 110 Rutherford Ave.

Wednesday, Dec. 22

- 3:30 p.m. — Let's Celebrate Christmas with stories, games, songs, crafts and surprises, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 6 to 7 p.m. — Rep. Richard A. Voke Office Hours, Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square (use Monument Avenue entrance)

Plan Ahead

Friday, Dec. 31

- 8 p.m. — New Year's Eve Party, St. Catherine's Parish Hall, Tufts Street

'Women Helping Women' At The Charlestown Branch Library

Anita MacKinnon, special events coordinator for the Women's Educational and Industrial Union, will talk about "Women Helping Women" at the weekly Adults' Discussion Group meeting at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St., from 10 to 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 10.

The W.E.I.U., with headquarters at 356 Boylston St., has been serving Bostonians for more than 100

years. MacKinnon will review the union's history and its present-day role in the community, including its gift shop which provides pleasure for holiday shoppers.

The program is free and open to the public. For further information, please contact the library at 242-1248.

Receive Honors

Sister Kristin Hokanson, SND, principal of Pope John XXIII Central High School in Everett, is pleased to announce that two Charlestown students achieved honors for the first marking period.

Paul Williams was named to the principal's list and Patricia Wadman received first honors. Both are seniors.

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Charlestown Loses A Legend

by Ken Johnson

On Dec. 1, Charlestown lost a landmark. Cornelius F. O'Brien died at the age of 95 after a difficult six-week hospital struggle.

Con was born on Sept. 16, 1898 in a house at the top of Bunker Hill Street. This was four years after the first radio broadcast, five years before the first auto and 30 years before the first television broadcast.

He attended grammar school across the street at St. Francis de Sales. He went on to the Boston High School of Commerce where his athletic talents started to bloom. Initially, he was a shot putter, until the New York games. It cost 50 cents to enter, but was free for hurdlers. He had little money, so he entered as a hurdler and came in third. To date, he still holds the record for the 60-yard hurdles which were changed to 50-yards the following year.

Con briefly served as a private in the Army where he was stationed at Boston College during the end of World War I.

Con was a renowned football player. He played on the highly praised 1919 and 1920 Boston College football teams. He was described as "one of the most powerful men ever to play for the maroon and gold. One of the best tackles to play anywhere." Football was a passion for Con. It was once said that "he would rather play football than eat."

He had a strong dedication to family. This led him to quit football at BC and get a job to support his widowed mother. This didn't stop him from playing football though. He continued to play on the semi-pro team the "Fitons"



CORNELIUS F. O'BRIEN and the pro team the "Boston Bulldogs."

Con was married in 1925 to the former Margaret E. Whelan and moved to Auburn Street where he lived for the next seven decades. The concern that he would get hurt and be unable to support his family ended his football career. Meanwhile, he had joined the Boston Police Department and began the climb to the rank of captain. He retired in 1966. He was highly respected for his work, character, integrity and dedication. He received numerous honors and often represented the city of Boston at city and state functions.

Con was a fixture in Charlestown. He was seen on most good days sitting in the sun in the park at the top of Bunker Hill Street. Here he loved to read and talk with whoever might be around. He would spin story after story from his nine-and-a-half decades of life.

It is hard to capture the spirit of this legend of a man. His life was both long and deeply rich. Those that knew him benefitted greatly. He had a wonderful laugh, warm smile and great sense of humor. He lived what could only be described as "the good life."

Why did he live so long? That question cannot be

answered simply. He had the strongest will to live that anyone could possess. His love of life was insatiable. Many around him felt him to be indestructible. He was tough, tougher than most men of today. It seems that he just came from different stock, from a different material. "They just don't make them like him anymore," was commonly heard around the town. He became the talk of the hospital for his determination,

will to live, humor, indomitable spirit and his ability to overcome adversity. He was an inspiration to all who knew him.

He is survived by his daughter Marjorie Johnson, her two children Kenneth Johnson and Mary Ann Sweeney, his daughter Isabel, 13 other grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. He will be deeply missed by family, friends and all who knew him.

McDermott To Sing At Christmas Concert



KEVIN McDERMOTT, Boston's reigning Irish tenor, is shown as he appeared to great acclaim at the recent re-enactment of the dedication of the Bunker Hill Monument. McDermott will be the featured soloist next week at St. Mary's Church for the Charlestown Preservation Society's free Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 19 at 1:30 p.m.

THE REAL ESTATE WEEKLY



By Carolyn Sideman, Monument Properties

IF YOUR HOUSE ISN'T PERFECT

Every house has some quirks, and some go a lot further than that. If you're placing a less than perfect house on the market, that's OK, but it's important that you and your Realtor give the buyers information on any "hidden defects" of which you're aware.

Most of the post-settlement litigation we see involves buyers suing sellers for not disclosing something. It might be a leaky roof, termite damage, plumbing or heating problems, or a wet basement. Most courts do not apply the old "let the buyer beware" rule to real estate transactions. Even if the buyers had a structural inspection and you sold the property in "as is" condition, you may not get off the hook. Sellers have an obligation to disclose defects, both those that should be obvious and other hidden defects. Courts have not been sympathetic to sellers. After all, they've lived in the house and are in a better position to know what works and what doesn't. This is one area where honesty is the only policy.

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NUTRITION NOTES

TOUGH TIMES? WIC WORKS!

As the weather gets colder and heating prices go up, many more people are finding it harder to make ends meet. WIC is a program designed to help certain people get nutritious food and have better nutritional health in tough times. WIC is the Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children which is funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Department of Public Health. The WIC Program at the MGH Bunker Hill Health Center serves over 470 residents of Charlestown and neighboring communities.

WIC provides special foods and nutrition education to pregnant women, new mothers, infants and children under 5. To be eligible, a person must have a low or middle income level and may need a referral from their doctor if they don't see a BHHC doctor or nurse already.

People on the WIC program are first seen by a nutritionist and then must be re-certified every six months. Risk factors like anemia (low iron blood) or poor eating habits are addressed and ways to correct the problem are recommended. Vouchers are then given which allow the person to purchase nutritious items like infant formula, milk, juice, beans, peanut butter, eggs, cheese and cereal. Also, advice on things like breast or formula feeding and feeding picky toddlers can provide welcome support for a young family or first-time mother.

You can get information on the WIC program by calling the WIC office at 242-5740. Since WIC is a program for low and middle income ranges, all pregnant women and newcomers to Charlestown with children under age 5 are encouraged to inquire.

Kristine Marchand, RD
 Nutrition

Edwards Middle School Holiday Bazaar

The Edwards Middle School Holiday Bazaar will be held Thursday, Dec. 16, and Friday, Dec. 17 from 10 a.m. to noon.

This year's bazaar promises to be the biggest and best ever. It will be held in the school auditorium which provides greater space for displays. The staff and students are busy making items and working to ensure that shoppers will find quality bargains.

There will be food tables,

and yes, the White Elephant table will reappear. Several items will be raffled. There will be something to please everyone.

All family and friends of the Edwards are invited to get those special "hand-made treasures" found only at bazaars. Mark your calendar and plan to do your last minute holiday shopping at the Edwards Middle School Holiday Bazaar.

Kennedy Center Conducting Christmas Toy Drive

The John F. Kennedy Family Service Center is undertaking a Christmas Toy Drive to help families in need.

Families seeking help at Christmas are asked to contact Community Advocate Colleen Justice at 241-8866 by Dec. 14. Justice reminds residents that the Center depends on donations and specific toys cannot be guaranteed.

Persons who would like to donate toys may leave them at the following locations by Dec. 15:

- The Kennedy Center, 27 Winthrop St.;
- The Kennedy Center Senior Lounge, 55 Bunker Hill St.;
- Boston Fire Department Engine 32 and Ladder Company 9 at Sullivan Square (use Medford Street entrance);
- Neworld Bank, Bunker Hill Mall;
- Gibson Realty, 6 Pleasant St.;
- The Golden Age Center, 382 Main St.;
- Charlestown Cooperative Bank, 201 Main St.; and
- The Charlestown Patriot, One Thompson Square.

Remember That . . .

SPECIAL PERSON

On Christmas Day

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The Charlestown Patriot

Your special message will appear in the Dec. 23rd edition of the **Patriot**. Let that special mother, dad, grandparent, sweetheart, friend, neighbor or child know you are thinking of them. The deadline for placing your message is Friday, Dec. 17 at 5 p.m.

For more information, call Jeanne or Carol at 241-9511.



Happy 17th Birthday
JAMIE NOELINE
 on December 12th
 Love . . . Mom, Dad & Kenneth

Happy 75th Birthday
MOM
 on December 10th

Love . . . Joan & Ed,
 Tommy & Diana, Peggy & Charlie,
 Jimmy & Sandy, Bernie & Susan

HAPPY 1st BIRTHDAY
TAYLOR FITZGERALD MAHONEY
 on Dec. 8th
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MAMA

Happy Birthday
NANA WHITE
 on December 10th
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 With love . . . **Cindy**
 December 2, 1993

Not For Nothin' . . . But Have You Heard . . .



• **Those Who Tuned Up On Their Ho, Ho, Ho . . .** last Sunday for the arrival of Santa at Thompson Square and those who were washed away by the rain, have another chance to welcome Santa this coming Sunday, Dec. 12th . . . The jolly old guy will be at 89 Medford St., in front of Newtown Market, at 5:30 p.m. to light the Christmas tree. All are invited to share in the festivities, and bring along an ornament (not paper, please) to decorate the tree and a donation of a can or two of non-perishable food for the Charlestown Ecumenical Food Pantry would be most appreciated . . . Following the tree-lighting ceremony, shuttle busses will be available to transport folks to the Charlestown Navy Yard for the 6 p.m. tree and ships lighting festival with a Christmas carol sing-a-long on board **USS Constitution** . . . All are welcome to share the spirit of the holidays with friends and neighbors!

• **Torrential Rain . . .** this past Sunday failed to dampen the holiday spirits of the over 200 children and their parents who came to Thompson Square to visit with Santa Claus . . . the Christmas tree was illuminated without ceremony, but the warmth of the hot chocolate and coffee; a visit, photograph and gifts from Santa; and the happy spirit of the holiday season at beautifully decorated One Thompson Square made up for the wetness of the day!

• **Trees And Wreaths . . .** are going fast at the annual sale to benefit the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club. Don't let the opportunity to select a beautiful Christmas tree and/or wreath pass you by — and at the same time your purchase will benefit programs at the club. The sale goes on each day but Monday outside the club's High Street building until all the trees are sold . . . Don't be left out!

• **Admission Will Be Free . . .** to the USS Constitution Museum in the Charlestown Navy Yard on Sunday, Dec. 12 between 3 and 6 p.m. . . . This is a great opportunity to visit the museum and find out what life was like on board America's most famous fighting ship. Do your holiday shopping at the Museum Store where you'll receive a special 10% discount on all purchases.

• **In This Sports-Oriented Town . . .** what could be more appropriate than the opening of a new store filled with T-shirts, hats, jackets, uniforms and equipment . . . The store is Elite Sports at 40 Main St. . . . It is open from Monday through Friday from 3 to 7 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. . . . Stop in and say "Hello" to Frank Stillman, store manager, and maybe do some Holiday shopping for the sport lovers on your list!

• **"Breakfast With Santa" . . .** at the Charlestown Working Theater this coming Saturday . . . is sold out!

• **Where Can We Get The Book? . . .** This has been asked by many a folk looking to purchase **Politics In the Purple Kingdom: The Derailment of Vatican II** by Charlestown resident George A. Schlichte . . . George tells us that it may be obtained, at the cost of \$9.95, at Matthew F. Sheehan Co. Inc. at 22 Chauncy St. and the Cathedral Bookstore, 28 Temple Place, both in Boston . . . or it may be purchased from the publisher at \$12.95 by writing to Sheeh & Ward, P.O. Box 419492, Kansas City, Mo. 64141, or call toll-free 1-800-333-7373.

• **Recycling Reminder . . .** This coming Saturday, Dec. 11 is the second Saturday of the month and is Recycling Day in Charlestown . . . Volunteers will be in the parking lot adjacent to Johnnie's Foodmaster between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. to direct you to the proper recycling stations.

• **It's Birthdays, Birthdays, Birthdays . . .** and area hot dog stands should be prepared tomorrow, Dec. 10th, as Tom Cunha plans a night on the town in celebration of his wife Marcia's birthday . . . also on the 10th will be the 75th birthday of Peg White . . . Milton Brasher-Cunningham's big day is Dec. 11th . . . Dec. 13th will be shared by Hon. Mary M. Brennan, retired presiding justice of the Charlestown District Court, Steve Thompson, Carolyn Wrenn Shannon and Terry Ring . . . and it will be party time at the Wilkins household as Chris celebrates on Dec. 14th and his sister Nan's big day is Dec. 15th . . . Happy day and happy year to you all!

• **Anniversary Wishes . . .** go out to Bill and Piedad (the state's Secretary of Education) Robertson as they mark their wedding anniversary on Dec. 15th.

• **Congratulations . . .** to Deborah Shea of Mystic Street who was named to the approbation list at Boston Latin School for the first marking period.

• **Street Hockey Moves Indoors . . .** to the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club at noon on Sunday, Dec. 12th as a team from Area A of the Boston Police Department challenges a Charlestown team in a street hockey tournament . . . Rain washed out last Sunday's planned event . . . so the teams go indoors this week . . . Spectators are welcome!



around the town

by Gloria S. Conway

★ Neighborhood Council Meetings . . .

Public Safety/Police

Community Relations Committee

Chairman Mel Stillman announces that the Public Safety/Police Community Relations Committee will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 14 at the Kent Community Center, 50 Bunker Hill St. A community service officer from Area A of the Boston Police Department will be present.

Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting of the council will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 4 at the K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

The council meetings are open to the public, and all are welcome to attend.

★ **City Square Park . . .** Ken Stone announces that the Friends of the City Square Park will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 16 at the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20

Devens St.

★ **Thompson Square Park . . .** Rosemary Kverek, president of the Charlestown Preservation Society, cancelled the groundbreaking for the Thompson Square Park due to the rain on Dec. 5. She stated that she will announce the new date as soon as it is arranged.

★ **Board Of Appeal Hearings . . .** Three hearings before the city of Boston Board of Appeal are slated for 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 14 in Room 801 at Boston City Hall.

Town Hill Associates is seeking a variance from the Boston Zoning Code to change the conditional use of 65-71 Main St., which includes Figs. They are asking to change the legal occupancy from retail catering, offices, four apartments and a restaurant to retail catering, offices, four apartments and a restaurant, including take-out food.

Michael Caruso is seeking variances in the Zoning Code to erect a three-family dwelling at 12 Franklin St. and Amelio Micheli is seeking variances in the Zoning Code to erect a three-family dwelling at 14 Franklin St.

In a letter dated Dec. 3 and distributed to residents in the Franklin Street neighborhood, real estate developer Bruce B. Daniel announced that he has purchased the land at 12-14-16 Franklin St. from Caruso and Micheli and called a neighborhood meeting for Dec. 8 to discuss his proposed plans with area residents.

★ **Tobin Bridge Traffic . . .** Ongoing maintenance repairs on the Tobin Bridge will require lane closures tonight, Thursday, Dec. 9. The center and left lanes on the upper level will be closed between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. over the big span. Traffic will be reduced to the right lane only. In addition, the center and right lanes of the lower level will be closed, restricting traffic to the left lane only between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m.

In order to complete the Tobin Bridge joint repair project, lane closures will be in effect on both the upper and lower levels on Friday, Dec. 10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Only one lane on each level will be available to drivers during this time period.

Bridge travelers will be restricted to the right lane only northbound on the upper level, and the left lane only southbound on the lower level in order for the workers to pour concrete onto the center and east lanes on both levels, weather permitting. If the weather is inclement on Friday, the work will be postponed to Saturday or Monday. Please be advised that there will be traffic delays, especially during the rush hours. Following completion of the work at 5 p.m., all lanes will be open to traffic.

★ **Snow Emergency Regulations . . .** Boston Public Works Commissioner Jo-

seph Casazza and Transportation Commissioner Rina Cutler would like to inform motorists of the city's 1993-94 Snow Emergency Regulations.

In the event that a snow emergency is declared in Boston this winter, it is important that vehicle owners be aware that the following regulation changes will go into effect:

1) On all major thoroughfares in Boston that are posted as Emergencies Arteries, parking is prohibited on both sides of the street.

2) On those streets that are not posted as Emergency Arteries, primarily residential streets, parking will be allowed on the odd side of the street only.

Vehicles parked in violation of these regulations will receive a \$30 ticket and the vehicle will be towed.

A snow emergency is called when impending weather conditions threaten to impair the city's transportation system and hinder the delivery of services that are vital to safety in the city. Generally a snow emergency is implemented if the harshness of the weather is likely to inhibit the movement of food and fuel supplies, or ambulances, fire and police vehicles.

Although motor vehicle owners may be inconvenienced by the parking prohibitions put into effect when a snow emergency is declared, the prohibitions are necessary to ensure that snow plows are able to get to the curb.

Plowing the curbside lane is critical to maintaining access for emergency vehicles. It also aids in maximizing snow removal which provides for as many parking spaces as possible after the emergency regulations are lifted.

★ **Street Reconstruction Update . . .** Any questions, concerns or complaints are being handled by Community Liaison Peter Looney at 722-4300, ext. 5674.

Brewery To Open In Charlestown

Charlestown's brewing industry returns for the first time in over 50 years when Atlantic Coast Brewing Ltd. opens in February.

The brewery will be located in a former shipping warehouse on the docks of the Mystic River and renovations for the brewery start this week.

Co-founders of Atlantic Coast Brewing, Alex Reve-

liotty and Chris Lohring, both from Boston, will offer Tremont Ale as their first product.

Tremont Ale is an interpretation of the "pale ale" style, made popular by Boston's English and Irish immigrants.

Atlantic Coast Brewing is Boston's third micro-brewery and the first since 1987. A micro-brewery produces

beer for distribution in pubs and retail stores, unlike "brew-pubs" that produce beer for consumption in an attached restaurant.

The dormant Charlestown brewing industry has been revived in a time when Boston's demand for locally produced beer has increased sharply. The gain in popularity of micro-breweries like Atlantic Coast, recalls a time in Boston history when every neighborhood had its own brewery. At the turn of the century, Charlestown was home to Van Nostrand Breweries, the largest bottled ale brewery in the country. Not since 1940, when the Commercial Brewing Company on Roland Street shut its doors, has Charlestown had its own brewery.

It's A Girl . . .

Joseph and Kelly Lahiff of Charlestown are proud to announce the birth of their first child, a girl, Taylor Mary on Dec. 2 at the New England Memorial Hospital in Stoneham. She weighed 7 pounds 15 ounces and was 20 inches long.

The maternal grandparents are Paul and Linda Howell of Charlestown.

The paternal grandparents are John and Eleanor Lahiff of Lexington.

The maternal great-grandmother is Dorothy Arsenault of Charlestown.

The paternal great-grandparents are Thomas and Frances Green of Somer-

ville.

Making the trip from Newfoundland to welcome Taylor, their first great-grandniece, are Sister Patricia King, Sister Frances King, Helen and Josephine Fahey.

Mrs. Lahiff is the former Kelly Howell.

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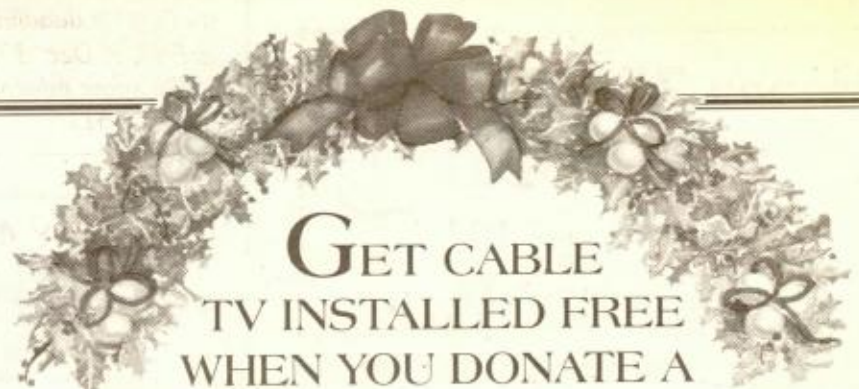
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Thanksgiving Day Dinner

Shared With Those Alone And Shut-in





The cold of Thanksgiving Day didn't hamper the cooks, helpers and drivers who worked to make this a special day for those guests who joined together at the Legion Hall on Adams Street and for shut-ins whose doors opened to the delivery of a hot dinner.

The planning and cooking of Bob Sweeney, his family and friends, combined with the financial support of Bunker Hill Post No. 26, The American Legion and its members, filled the hall with the aromas of the holiday meal and the warmth of old and new friendships.

Sweeney began this Thanksgiving tradition several years ago, opening the doors of his restaurant to those alone on Thanksgiving and delivering to area shut-ins. In 1991, he served a limited number of meals out of the kitchen of St. Catherine's Hall. Last year, a joint venture was born as the new Legion Hall has the kitchen facilities, dining space and the generous purse strings to co-sponsor and assist Sweeney with his dinner.

The preparations for the dinner began with Sweeney doing the shopping and a crew gathering the night before the holiday to peel, pare and stuff. A total of 60 pounds of potatoes, 1½ bushels of squash and two bushels of fresh

string beans were prepared for cooking. Along with the vegetables, eight turkeys — about 175 pounds — were readied for roasting. Tables were set with dishes of candy and plates of fresh fruit were added.

Thanksgiving Day dawned early and it was back to work for the kitchen crew, cooking the vegetables, slicing the turkey, making the gravy, packaging the rolls and cutting the pies. As noon approached, drivers began the task of delivering over 100 meals to Charlestown shut-ins. In addition, guests began to arrive at the hall and approximately 50 were served a full-course dinner.

Among those who worked on the event or contributed to its success were: Sweeney and his wife Carol and children Erin, Ryan and Sheena; Bunker Hill Post Commander Arthur Hurley, Senior Vice Commander Paul Morceau, Community Service Chairman Jim Conway, his wife Gloria and son Tim; Bernie Boylan, Jeanne Davis, Courtney Burke, Richard and Kaylee O'Brien, Peter Looney, Edna Kelly, Renie Murphy Walsh, Sandie Bock, Michele, Courtney, Casey and Chris Schievink, Wendy Hall, Dotty Grea-torex, Judy Moran, Peggy McNeil and Jason Melaugh. Also, Merit E. McIntyre, Debbie Foucault, Lawrence

Tracey, Judy Kelly, Bobby Powers, Dale Emery, Ray Pinkham, Tom O'Connor, Michelle Jackson, Mary Fahey, Joan Fahey, Gus Arabadjis, Mary Eaton, Doug MacDonald, Debbie MacDonald and Shaun MacDonald.

Donations to the dinner were made by Sweeney's mother Barbara, Ed and Maureen Giacchino, Marge O'Toole, Auntie and Edgar LeSage, Elaine Moore, Paul Cammarata, Tom O'Connor, Larry Tracey, Sue Ryan, Jim McLaughlin, Paul "Halfstew," Dale Emery, Pat Santosuosso, Pinky Sweeney and Frank Hudson.

According to Conway: "Bunker Hill Post will support Sweeney in this Thanksgiving Dinner project as long as he is willing to do it. He did a tremendous job in planning and carrying out the dinner and deliveries, and the holiday feast brought great joy as well as a delicious meal to many who would have otherwise been alone on Thanksgiving."

As one volunteer stated: "I have been involved in numerous volunteer efforts in the community over the years. The tireless work of this crew and their tremendous spirit made Thanksgiving something special — I'll be back next year!"


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A Brewery . . . A Sound Stage In Charlestown Tops CNC Agenda

A brewery for sure . . . a motion picture sound stage maybe . . . were the two new business ventures outlined at the Dec. 7 Charlestown Neighborhood Council (CNC) meeting. The members of the CNC greeted the plans with enthusiasm.

CNC Chairman Peter Looney told representatives of both ventures that the council has been, in the past, considered "anti-business." He went on to say

that the members are not anti-business but "are parochial, caring a great deal about this community and working to see that its residents get the most in jobs and opportunities from the businesses that come into the town."

In addition to Looney, CNC members present included Tom Cunha, Mel Stillman, Moe Gillen, Bob Scalli, John Dillon, Bill Galvin, Jim Conway, Jim Mansfield, Nancy Keyes, Kate McDonough, Judy

Brennan, Bill McCabe, Edna Kelly and Marty O'Brien.

Atlantic Coast Brewing
Chris Lohring and Alex Reveliotto, principals in Atlantic Coast Brewing Ltd., spoke about their plans for the new brewery to be located in the Charlestown Commerce Center at 50 Terminal St., noting that they want to become a part of the community.

Reveliotto described the operation as a micro-brew-

ery with an estimated production of 1,000 barrels in the first year that would represent \$200,000 in sales. There will be four employees at the start of operations in February, with plans to employ six by the end of 1994 and eventually 10 to 12. They stated that they would advertise locally as additional help was needed.

Construction is getting underway this week at the facility with new equipment to arrive on Dec. 13. Application for the necessary license through the ATF has been made and is expected to be approved in January.

Lohring called the brewery an environmentally sound manufacturing operation with a minimum of traffic impact. There is more than adequate on-site parking and once the brewery is in operation, delivery will be made to taverns and restaurants within the Route 128 area with one truck trip per day. They expressed hope that a Charlestown establishment would sign on to sell the beer.

The brewers are not planning to bottle the beer during the first year, and when it comes to that point in production, a distributor will be used to transport the beverages. One CNC member asked that when it comes to a bottle label being designed that Charlestown be used rather than Boston.

The brew that will be produced is named "Tremont Ale." A brochure distributed by Lohring explained that when settlers first arrived in Boston, they found a narrow peninsula with three steep hills. Observing these hills from his Charlestown settlement, John Winthrop gave Boston its first name, Trimountaine. When Winthrop left Charlestown to settle Trimountaine, the name was changed to Boston. The name Trimountaine still exists, however, in its shortened form, Tremont.

Lohring and Reveliotto pledged to support local organizations as their at-present limited budget will allow. In fact, their first endeavor will be a raffle to benefit "Townie Santa" to be held at their upcoming holiday party.

Looney thanked the two for seeking out the CNC and coming before the group to present their plans.

MOVIE

Milton Santiago, vice president of administration and finance at Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC), and Lydia Lally and Rick Rendon from the Rendon Group were present to update the CNC on the activity of the Massachusetts Organizations Vying for the Industry of Entertainment (MOVIE).

Rendon described MOVIE as the private sector promotional partner created to work with the Mass. Film Office to foster and increase the production of film, television and video

projects in the Greater Boston and surrounding area. It is comprised of business, labor, government, production trade and educational representatives with over 150 members. It is headed by George Cashman, president of Teamsters Local 25.

Rendon explained that an average movie brings \$5 to \$6 million into a local economy and estimated that the filming of "Blown Away" brought \$11 to \$12 million into the Boston area.

He went on to say that the problem of filming in the area is the weather, and when it rains or snows there is nowhere to go to film, thus the construction of a sound stage is under consideration.

Rendon stated that MOVIE has recently secured \$150,000 in state funding to study the potential economic benefit of developing and constructing a centrally located sound stage. The feasibility study has been underway since late last month, conducted by the Arthur D. Little company. In the course of study, the company will explore the possibility of siting a sound stage at BHCC. The location under consideration is the area of the college parking lot now occupied as the CANA Field Office, on land owned by the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA). The final recommendations and findings of the study will be available in early March.

In addition to attracting an increased number of on-location productions, MOVIE is developing an educational and job training program, and it has recently entered into a joint venture agreement with BHCC to explore and define a cooperative educational project through the potential development of a sound stage facility.

Rendon described the sound stage as a soundproof box with 30- to 50-foot ceilings, containing some 20,000 square feet. It was also noted that a parking garage would probably be necessary to accommodate present and future parking needs.

Brennan, who is the CNC delegate for Precinct 1 where the facility is being proposed, said that she will be interested in the design of the sound stage and where the parking facility would be located. She added that it would be nice to have an attractive buffer to the rail and roadways. She added that some parkland development has been on the drawing boards for an area adjacent to the site, and consideration might be made of that in designing a building.

Rendon explained that Cashman was the driving force behind this project and he committed that MOVIE will share information and seek the input of the CNC as the planning proceeds.

Public Safety

Looney reported on the lack of progress in attempting to set up a meeting with Mayor Tom Menino, the Police Commissioner and the Boston Public School Superintendent in addressing the continuing problems with students from Charlestown High School and their actions on the streets of Charlestown. He spoke of several recent incidents and the failure of the school administration to deal with the problems. Conway noted that the problems are extending to other areas of the town, namely the Bunker Hill Housing Development as well as up Bunker Hill Street.

Brennan stated that the school policies injure the students and people of all colors, adding that it is not a race issue, but a lack of control on the part of the Boston school system.

McCabe pointed out that there is one person who is the head of every department in the city, and this is the mayor. This is where the focus should be.

Development Committee

Development Committee Chairman Cunha read a letter from Jack Bresnahan, president of the Kiwanis Club of Charlestown, seeking a meeting to discuss the using of CANA Parcel 1 near City Square as the site for a carnival in June 1994.

Cunha said that he is continuing to pursue the BRA for a map of available sliver parcels and to set up a meeting to provide information on how abutters can secure these parcels.

Also, Cunha asked the CNC to push the BRA to develop a Request For Proposal (RFP) relative to Parcel R-87 on Tremont Street. He noted that this is one of the last large BRA parcels and a new RFP is necessary to move development forward as the site has changed somewhat due to land-taking for roadway construction and the CNC voted that a letter go out.

Cunha said that he would request that a representative of the BRA come before the CNC to update the members on the authority's activity, particularly in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

Environmental Committee

Brennan reported on an Environmental Committee meeting of Nov. 29 with Massport officials George Johnson, director of engineering; Norm Faramelli, director of transportation and environmental engineering; Jim Donegan, engineering project manager; Dorothy Steele, community liaison; and Kevin Cutz, media relations, relative to the Tobin Bridge painting project.

Brennan reported that there had been continuous monitoring for 24 hours per day from a stationary monitor located approximately 30 feet from the bridge for

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Christmas Tree Sale Underway To Benefit The Boys & Girls Club



CHRISTMAS TREES and wreaths went on sale last Saturday outside the High Street building of the Charlestown Boys & Girls Clubs. Members of the board of the club took the first shift as salespersons, and all proceeds will benefit programs at the local club-

house. The sale continues this week with Keystone Club members selling Tuesday through Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. and board members returning on Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Shown (l. to r.) Jack Whelan, Judy Brennan and Rob Ferris.



MEMBERS of the Keystone Club take their turn selling trees and wreaths outside the High Street building of the Boys & Girls

Club. Shown (l. to r.) Steve Linnane, Erin McDonough and Matt Ezekiel.



ROSIE RYAN purchases her Christmas wreath at the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club. The proceeds from sale of the beautiful

selection of trees and wreaths go to the programs at the club.

A Breeding Ground For Memories

by Charlie McGonagle

I suppose it would be next to impossible to work in the same field for the better part of three decades without remembering some things more vividly than others. Although most remembrances over this period of time might be humorous, others may not be. Take time to share a few of mine with me.

I entered Charlestown High School in September of 1964 as an extremely nervous student teacher. I do not think I was more than a couple of years older than many of the students, and though it was my own choice to be at CHS, I could not help but wonder if I had done the right thing. One of the classes to which I was assigned was business law, and it was in this class where my supervisor from Salem State College first came to visit.

Prior to her visit, I had begun to establish a fairly good rapport with the students in the class, and they seemed as determined as I to make the supervisor's stop a successful one. For the entire class, they sat quietly and behaved as they had never behaved before. I remember feeling very proud of that group of kids until my supervisor criticized the lack of participation in the class. "They were TOO QUIET and unresponsive," she explained.

The next day the class wanted to know how things had gone, and I told them my supervisor's remarks. A few moments of silence followed before one of them came up with what I considered a truly remarkable idea.

"The next time your supervisor comes to this class," he said, "everybody will raise their hand in response to every question you ask, but those who do not know the answer will keep their fists closed. Only those who know the answers will open their raised hands."

The ploy worked beautifully. My supervisor was extremely impressed with the newfound class participation, so much so that a few years later she invited me to speak to a group of students at Salem State. The topic was Successful Teaching Techniques in the Urban High School. Hell, what she didn't know would never hurt her. What I did know was that I was dealing with a very special group of kids.

After becoming a permanent teacher at CHS in 1966, several things happened which remain vividly etched in my mind.



CHARLESTOWN HIGH SCHOOL students of the mid-1970s deep in their studies in a classroom overlooking the Bunker Hill Monument grounds.

The locker rule at CHS allowed the students to go to their lockers before school, during lunch and after school only. It was a rule which was constantly ignored and extremely difficult to enforce. After all, books were an essential part of class. Not obeying the rule, however, led to traffic jams in the corridors, and this usually resulted in students being late for class.

One morning the then headmaster, Arthur Sullivan, proclaimed on the intercom that all violators of the locker rule would be reprimanded by faculty members, and that excessive violations might lead to further difficulties. Most faculty members interpreted this to mean that violators should be spoken to and reminded of the rule. Case closed. One faculty member, however, took the headmaster's warning much more seriously and shuffled the first offender he encountered that morning off to the office. "I only went to my locker," the student protested as he was led away by the conscientious faculty member. Much shouting passed back and forth between the two with the faculty member threatening major punishment if the protest continued.

In the meantime, from somewhere outside the building, BBs were finding their way through the windows of a third floor classroom. The teacher informed the office of this potentially dangerous occurrence and he was told to move his students to another area. The headmaster immediately notified the police.

Within a short period of time, a police officer arrived at the school and entered the office. Sitting in one of the chairs was the violator of the locker rule, but for one reason or another, the police officer thought he was the BB shooter. Of course, the locker rule violator knew nothing of the BB incident. Approaching the student, the police officer began to berate the young man with things like, "What's wrong with you? Don't you realize how serious this could be?"

The kid sat stunned for a minute or two before leaping to his feet and screaming quite loudly, "That Mr. ——— is crazy. All I did was go to my locker!"

And then there was the time I was sent to cover a classroom for a teacher who had not yet arrived for the day. Any teacher knows that the worst job in the school is covering for a colleague. The students know that the covering teacher is not responsible for grades, and will take liberties he or she would not ordinarily take.

I had some work to do and I sat at the teacher's desk to begin. Each time I put my head down, however, somebody began whistling. Each time I looked up, the whist-

ling stopped. It was as though my nodding up and down controlled the whistling. Actually, it was beginning to get a bit comical, but as the teacher, I did not want to appear to be amused with what was happening.

After a few more minutes, I decided that the culprit was one of the boys sitting at the rear of the classroom. In my mind I absolved all the females in the class from any wrongdoing. Next I invited all the males to my homeroom after school where we would discuss the matter in more detail. To my absolute surprise, they all showed up. I had taken a tape recorder with me, and when all were seated, I turned on the recorder and invited them to whistle the *Bridge on the River Kwai*.

They began to think what was happening was quite funny, and they soon learned that it was impossible to whistle and laugh at the same time. After half an hour or so, they realized that I was not going to leave until they were able to complete the tune, and the laughter subsided.

Finally it was done. They had whistled the entire *Bridge on the River Kwai*, and they rose from their seats to leave.

"Not so fast," I informed them. "Just as you made me listen earlier today, you will listen now." I turned on the tape recorder, and they listened.

Nobody liked to stay after school, (remember when that was such a terrible punishment?) but I think we had a good time that day.

The story did not end there. The next morning upon entering CHS, I was greeted by a group of students, most from the after school group, who had formed a corridor to the stairway leading to the second floor. Everything was quiet until I found myself marching through that human corridor as it quite clearly and loudly whistled the *Bridge on the River Kwai*.

The old CHS was the breeding grounds of many of my happy memories. Space does not allow me to go on at this point, but perhaps sometime in the future we'll continue.

Hartmann On Committee For Police Commissioner Search

Mayor Thomas M. Menino has named five people to his search committee to replace Boston Police Commissioner William Bratton who has tendered his resignation after accepting the position as commissioner of the New York City Police Department.

The chairman of the committee is Wayne A. Budd, and members are Francis X. Hartman of Charlestown, Jean DuBois of Roslindale, Rev. Bruce Wall of Dorchester and Consuelo Thornell of Dorchester.

Hartmann is director of the program in Criminal Justice Policy and Manage-

ment at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. He is a member of the faculty at Harvard and has served on the boards of the Crime and Justice Foundation and the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence. He has also been a consultant to the National

Center for Community Policing, the Connecticut Crime Commission, the Ford Foundation and various police departments.

Menino said he expects to have a list of candidates for the position of commissioner in the next few weeks.

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My Thanks

I would like to thank the American Legion, Bob and Carol Sweeney, Beverly Gibbons and all who helped and delivered the dinner for all the elderly.

The dinner was very nice and made a nice Thanksgiving for all the shut-ins.

Thank you again,
Dot Munroe

Thank You All

My sincere thanks to all the friends and neighbors on Lexington Street who made the gas lamp decorating possible. Your generous support was so overwhelming that we were able to make a donation to Townie Santa.

Happy Holidays To All,
Lillian MacAlpine

Mass. Biotechnology Council Announces Second Scholars Program

The Massachusetts Biotechnology Council (MBC) announced the beginning of the nomination process for its second annual Biotechnology Scholars Program. The MBC will award \$1,000 scholarships to 20 high school seniors who have demonstrated an interest in science and who are continuing their science education at a four-year college upon graduation. In addition to the monetary award, the MBC will identify a paid job at a biotechnology company for each scholarship recipient during the summer of 1994. Nomination forms have been sent to principals and guidance counselors at eligible high schools across the state.

Students must live in one of the 25 cities and towns that have biotechnology companies located within their borders to be eligible for scholarships, and includes Charlestown.

The scholarships are

Entrance Exam

Don Bosco Technical High School in Boston will conduct the Archdiocesan entrance exam on Saturday, Dec. 11 at 8:30 a.m.

Marks for the exam will be sent to the school of the students' choice.

Don Bosco is the only Catholic college-prep high school in Massachusetts which also offers training in the technologies of construction, computers/electronics, drafting and design, electricity and science tech.

The make-up day will be Saturday, Dec. 18 at 8:30 a.m.

awarded on the basis of academic record, participation in school and community activities and a demonstrated interest in science, as well as work experience and unusual personal or family circumstances. Financial need is not a determining factor. The scholarship program and selection process is managed independently by the Citizen's Scholarship Foundation of America Inc.

The scholarships will be awarded in April 1994 for the 1994-95 school year.

Charlestown Supporters Attend Malone Fund Raiser



GERARD F. MALONE, a Democrat from Boston, is building a political organization in preparation for his campaign for the office of Suffolk County District Attorney. On Nov. 30, Malone greeted more than 300 supporters at a major fund-raising event at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel. Supporters from Charlestown included (l. to r.) Ed McGuin-

ness, Malone, John Crowley and Bill Sutton. Malone served for eight years in the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office as the Chief District Court Prosecutor. His extensive trial experience includes prosecutions in the Charlestown District Court. He is currently a partner in the law firm of Hogan, Roache and Malone. (political release)

Thanks For The Overwhelming Support

Dear Gloria:

I would like to thank the following for their overwhelming support for the Christmas event on Sunday, Dec. 5: Joe Celata and Janus Realty, The Charlestown Patriot, Store 24, Charlestown Against Drugs (CHAD), 99 Restaurant, Charlestown Liquors, The Kennedy Center, D.J. Leo Harrington, the Edward "Gus" Whelan family, George Cashman and Teamsters Local 25, Liberty Bell, Dunkin' Donuts, Stephen Collins and CANA, Bunker Hill Community College, Bunker Hill Council 62, Knights of Columbus, The Friends of the Charlestown District Court, St. James Servicing, The Coffee Shop and Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion.

Over 200 youngsters had their pictures taken with Santa. They were treated to hot cocoa, juice, cookies, donuts and candy, and each child was given a large bag of "goodies"

to take home. Because of the generosity of the sponsors, everything was free.

I would also like to thank the members of the committee for their part in making this event a huge success. Members joining myself in organizing this endeavor included: Ken Hall and daughters Kim and Wendy, Michael Tognarelli, Kay Whelan, Peter Looney, Marty O'Brien, Jeanne Davis, Kathy O'Hearn, Lauren-Kate O'Hearn, Kathleen O'Hearn, Ruthellen Chardavoyne, Kathy Giordano, Jim Mansfield, Virginia Melanson, Mel Stillman, Nancy Keyes, Terry Ring, Gloria Conway, Jim Conway, Dorothy Conway, Carol Connors, Stephen Collins, Tom Cunha, Richard O'Brien, Kaylee O'Brien, Julie Treanor, Bob Wallace, Elaine McCarthy, Mary MacInnes, Linda Howell, Francis Kirk and all others who gave a helping hand.

Sincerely,
Judy Evers

An Open Letter Regarding The Christmas Walk

To the Members of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council and the Charlestown community:

This letter is being written to clarify much of the incorrect information circulating regarding the Charlestown Christmas Walk and the reason for it not being held in 1993.

The Charlestown Christmas Walk was started seven years ago in order to give all of the children of Charlestown a free day of entertainment and to bring the entire neighborhood together for an afternoon of fun and friendship. We felt that the Nutcracker Players, horse-drawn carriages, free pictures with Santa, street performers and ice sculptures were a wonderful present from the community to the chil-

A Word Of Thanks

St. Catherine's Bazaar was a great success this year and the credit goes to all those who worked and supported this endeavor.

We wish to thank all those who donated their time, their talents, their energy and the many gifts and prizes we received.

A special thank for all who came to the bazaar and supported the occasion with such generosity.

To each one who helped in any way, we sincerely appreciate your help.

The Christmas Bazaar Committee

dren.

Coordinating this event requires at least six months of volunteer work by the Christmas Walk Committee and a budget of nearly \$10,000 which needs to be raised each year, usually from scratch. We held meetings every Monday evening and listed those meetings in the Patriot urging all members of the community to attend. No one ever showed at the meetings except our committee members.

In August of 1993, after seven years as chairman of this event, I informed my committee that due to lack of neighborhood support, that I had to step down as chairman and at that time offered the chairmanship to anyone on the committee who wished to accept it. No one took me up on the offer. At that time, I also wrote an open letter to The Charlestown Patriot asking anyone in the community willing to take on the responsibility of the walk to please step forward and listed my telephone number. As of this date, only one person has come forward and that person has decided that it was too late to produce the walk correctly this year.

Many, many people have called saying that they felt the loss of the walk was enormous, both to the community and to Charlestown Against Drugs (CHAD). We agree and hope that the tradition will continue next year in someone else's capable hands for the entire community and in the spirit in which it was created.

Sincerely,
Carol Adolph, chairman
Charlestown Christmas Walk

My Thanks

Dear Gloria,

I would like to thank my friends at the Senior Lounge and the nutrition site at Rutherford Avenue, plus Court St. Jude, Catholic Daughters, for their cards during my recent hospitalization. They cheered me up.

Also I want to thank Father Coyne and Father Canniff for their visits.

Sincerely,
Margaret (Peg) Broderick

Thank You So Much

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kevin Sheehan, Jackie Sullivan and Tommy Allen for assisting me with the fire engine toy box and doll house. If it weren't for you nice people, I could not have done it by myself.

The winner of the doll house was Dot Rubella. The winner of the fire engine toy box still needs to be contacted.

Sincerely,
Chickie Donovan LaPage

Should Make Effort To Retrieve Christ And Christmas

To The Editor:

How sad it is that the birthday of Jesus has been taken over by the secularism and materialism of our age and our country! To many American children, Christmas has become a department store event. The parents bring the "kids" to the store to meet santa. Christmas has become santa's big day and not the birthday of the Savior. Parents pay \$5 and little Jimmy or Janie sit on the lap of the ersatz santa for a photo and litany of "what I want for Christmas." How many parents give equal time to the Lord by bringing their children to church to visit the creche?

I fear that too many have lost Christmas to commercialism by default. We have not taken strong enough action to spiritualize Christmas by making adequate preparation in the home by prayer and perhaps an Advent Wreath.

We should all make a concerted effort to retrieve Christ and Christmas from the moguls of mercantilism who are interested, not in Christ, but only in making an extra dollar.

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A Brewery . . . A Sound Stage In Charlestown Tops CNC Agenda

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a period of 90 days. Also, portable monitors were used to follow plumes of dust to measure the amount of dust and lead content for an extended period of time. Both monitoring systems recorded levels well below the safe lead level of 1.5 parts per million.

Officials reported that testing was done around the truck used to house the containment area and, although dust levels were recorded, no lead was found. The highest lead levels recorded were potentially due to truck emissions. Workers who were doing the actual grinding wore respirators and white OSHA-approved protective garments. The lead levels in the blood of contract workers were taken every 30 days.

Soil testing for lead levels was done in eight locations in the Lowney Way and Hayes Square area. No air monitoring or soil testing was done in the Navy Yard. The results at all locations were well below the minimum acceptable standard.

There were three areas of concern expressed in the contract performance: the community, the workers and commuters. The system that was in use was a mechanical-tool encapsulating system whereby lead is peeled off rather than blasted or pulverized, significantly reducing the lead dust. The paint which is not removed is covered or encapsulated by an epoxy applied to the surface which prevents peeling.

The containment area established around the work site is to prevent lead chips from falling loose and facilitates its proper disposal. Massport officials related that the torn tarp seen on the television report was not part of the containment structure, but a weather protection for workers. It was noted that a resident engineer was at the work site continuously to monitor the contract performance.

Work was stopped and the contractor suspended in the fall for, according to

Brennan, reasons not made clear but which did include issues relative to contract/OSHA violations. She added that a re-evaluation of the project must be conducted before it can be determined whether the previous contractor will be allowed to rebid.

Brennan related that work on the bridge was divided into nine phases and 70 percent of the work on phase one was completed when the project was stopped. The use of vacuum-connected hand tools is being evaluated and Massport will design its own performance standards for the remainder of the project. A community meeting will be held in the spring to announce the details of the next contract.

Brennan pointed out that there was a wide discrepancy between community expectations and actual contract performance. The committee has recommended that stationary and portable air quality monitors be used and air quality and soil testing should include Navy Yard sites. Also, all test results should be forwarded to the CNC as soon as they are available. In addition, they asked that the community be informed of all plans for future contract performance, including internal controls, and that an environmental engineer be assigned to the project along with the project engineer to ensure contract performance and communication.

Mitigation Committee

Gillen reported on the Nov. 30 meeting of the Mitigation Committee to review the landscaping plans for a buffer zone along Medford Street. He stated that Massport has expanded its budget for the project to \$200,000 with the Mass. Water Resources Authority responsible for \$30,000 of that cost.

Conway explained that he made the motion to accept the latest plan by Massport at the committee meeting so it could be put out for bid and construction could begin before another planting

season went by. He added that Massport has taken many of the community's recommendations and incorporated them into the plan.

It was also noted by Gillen that Massport has agreed to landscape the Terminal Street end of its property. Gillen recommended the CNC approve the plan with the promise by Massport that there would be ongoing input from the council. The members voted approval with the exception of Galvin and Dillon.

BHA Meeting

Galvin reported on a meeting that he, Dillon and City Councillor-Elect Diane Modica had this week will representatives of the Boston Housing Authority (BHA) relative to the Bunker Hill Housing Development. They reviewed the present residential make-up which he reported as 35 percent minority and talked about working toward prioritizing units for Charlestown people.

Other areas of discussion, he related, focused on the Alternative Feed plan proposed to HUD by the BHA; a "thinning out" of the density in urban devel-

opments to raise the quality of life and to decrease some of the social problems, which has been done in other areas of the city; and a change in the definition of handicapped which allows persons with drug addiction or mental problems into elderly developments, regardless of the person's age.

Galvin said they asked the BHA officials for a large amount of specific information on the local development and on BHA mandates. He said the BHA people were "generous with their time, but promised nothing."

Other Business

Conway commended Judy Evers and her committee for the outstanding Christmas Party at One Thompson Square last Sunday, pulled together in a short period of time to benefit Charlestown youngsters.

A letter from Charlestown Christmas Walk Chairman Carol Adolph had been circulated to the CNC members. Looney told the gathering that the CNC doesn't take the blame for the fact that there is no

Christmas Walk this year, adding that he would like to see it come back and maybe work can be done for next year. Mansfield stated that he will call for a meeting in January to plan a Christmas event for next year and will welcome help.

Cunha asked for a motion to send a letter to the MBTA requesting that a shelter be installed at the Main and Pleasant Street bus stop. He pointed out that the majority of those using the bus between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. are elderly and, until recently, many used the adjacent doorway in inclement weather to await the bus. He

said that a business tenant at that location recently told the elderly that they had no right to be in the doorway. The CNC voted to forward a letter of request for the shelter to the MBTA.

Conway announced that a member of the CNC, Marty O'Brien Sr., would be the Chief Marshal of the 1994 Bunker Hill Day Parade and asked for the CNC to support him in this endeavor.

The next meeting of the CNC will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 4 at the K. of C. Hall. Among the items on the agenda will be the election of officers.

MONEY MATTERS by Nicholas C. Pino

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Children's Films

The Film Program for Children will be presented at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St. on Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

The features will be "Christmas Cracker," a Christmas fantasy in three acts; the animals discover the Christmas spirit in "How the Animals Discovered Christmas;" and a troll visits the barnyard animals

every evening in "The Tomten."

Fat Albert and his friends help a homeless family in "The Christmas Story," shown only at 3:30 p.m.

Suggested good books to read are **The Christmas Wish** by Angela McAllister, **The Day Before Christmas** by Eve Bunting and **The Wild Christmas Reindeer** by Jan Brett.

Let's Celebrate . . . Christmas

Let's Celebrate . . . Christmas, a program of stories, games, songs, crafts and surprises with a Christmas theme, will be featured at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St. from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 22.

This event is for children 5 to 10 and their parents. To reserve a place, please call

242-1248.

Good holiday books to read include: **Beni's First Chanukah** by Jane Breskin Zalben, **The Christmas Witch** by Steven Kellogg, **Diane Goode's Christmas Magic: Poems and Carols** by Deborah M. Chocolate and **My Very Own Christmas: A Book of Cooking and Crafts** by Robin West.

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TOWNIE SPORTS LINE

BOB D'S BEAT

by

Bob DeCristoforo

■ **Good News . . .** Word from Somalia is that Airman 1st Class Mike Flammini, USAF, will be returning to the states this month and will be home for a visit soon. Mike tells us that he met up with John Johnson, who is also stationed in Somalia.

■ **Back To School Success . . .** Congratulations to Mary Carroll and the Back-To-School staff at Monument Street on a fine program. The excitement and the enthusiasm of your students is quite evident as we begin a new year. Back-To-School is a program more Charlestown families might

want to take a look at.

■ **Pro Line . . .** Paul "Devil" Mahoney will be happy to hear that Keith Tkachuk, captain of the Winnipeg Jets, goal total is at 16.

Speaking of pros, John Blue, the Bruins goaltender, hopes to see many teams in St. Catherine's all day street hockey tournament. The \$25 entry fee will be donated to Easter Seals.

■ **Super Saturday . . .** It's hard to believe that 13 years ago many of us boarded buses for a trip to Middleboro High School to watch our local Columbus High kids participate in the very first Division 5 Superbowl versus Nantucket. How proud we were that day and the memories of a very memorable year remain with us.

No different will be the memories of Saturday's Superbowl participants, and it was good to see some of the teams we noted during the year take home the championships.

It was certainly a super Saturday for the Boston City League as West Roxbury tipped Greater Lawrence 30-26, and Boston English defeated Nantucket 16-7 for the Division 5 titles, and even our friends at Boston Latin would applaud the superb effort of Dual County opponent Westford Academy, who tipped Winthrop High 27-20 in overtime for the Division 3B crown. There are a few Townies wearing the Blue and Gold of Arlington Catholic. The Cougars nipped Newburyport 27-20 for the Division 4B championship, making Mike Sullivan quite proud.

To all the teams who took part, congratulations on a job well done and to that 1980 Columbus team, thanks for the memories.

■ **Friendship League . . .** Yes, the city-wide Friendship Street Hockey League is still in operation and after a three-week layoff, even I didn't know what to expect from our Charlestown squad, but the boys came through in fine fashion, belting Brighton 7-2.

Greg Staples and Shane Fisher did most of the talking with their goals. Greg had a hat trick and Shane had a pair in a very sweet win. Jamie Carroll moved into the nets and did a terrific job. Goal of the Game award goes to Brian Wadman, who scored a beauty off a face-up stunning everyone, including himself.

Andrew Ray, Steve Livingston and Jimmy Yandle took the week off.

■ **Light-A-Life . . .** The Bunker Hill Teen Center Light-A-Life project is going strong, thanks to the kindness of the many good people of Charlestown. This Saturday, we will be helping out the Parks and Recreation Department selling buttons at the Boston Garden during both a Bruins and Celtic game. This is all part of our "We Care" program.

■ **High School Notebook . . .** Good to hear that there will be some Charlestown faces on the Charlestown High basketball teams this year. Among them are Kelly Gilgunn, Andrew Ray and Chris Brennan.

Charlestown pucksters will be taking part in a high school jamboree this weekend in Everett.

Steve Livingston has joined the basketball program at St. Clement's.

■ **Tidbits . . .**

- Birthday best to Andrew Ray.
- Paul Martell wants to know how Frankie "2 Chicks" McPherson is doing?
- Congratulations to Jimmy Yandle!
- Paul Myers was sighted in Southie Saturday.

Smile!

CHAD Bowling League Update

by John Dillon

The Bunker Hill Real Estate team maintained sole possession of first place, beating Mama Maria's for a 6-2 victory this past Saturday in the CHarlestown Against Drugs (CHAD) Junior Bowling League. Mike Crowley was top bowler for Bunker Hill Real

Estate with a nice 230. Sean Reilly was top bowler for Mama Maria's with a 217.

The Kennedy Center team is moving up fast with an 8-0 drubbing of the American Legion team. Top bowler for the Kennedy Center team was Jim Kisanane with a 220. Taylor Hal-

ley was top bowler for the American Legion team with 241.

The Crickets team took it on the chin with an 8-0 defeat at the hands of the Nucci team. Chris Headle was top bowler for the Nucci team with a fantastic 269. The Crickets team had its best day of the year with every members of the team bowling over 200, but their handicap was so high, they lost all eight points.

Jenny's Pizza is on a roll, taking all eight points from the B&B Oil team. Michelle Marino was top bowler for Jenny's Pizza, while the B&B Oil team called in sick.

The Charlestown Patriot team continues to impress with an 8-0 shutout of the Cappucci team. Chris Boutwell was top bowler for the Patriot team with a nice 190. John Harrington was second with 186. The top bowler for the Cappucci team was Jennifer Williams

with 175.

Bowlers of the week are Chris Headle, 269, Taylor Halley, 241, Mike Crowley, 230, Michelle Marino, 229 and Kevin McCusker, 224.

This week, there is a team of the week and it's the Crickets team. This is the first time every member of a team has bowled over 200: Matt Paley, 217, John Paul Aubrey, 203, Mike Shackford, 218 and Kevin McCusker, 224. Great bowling, guys!

The league gets underway at 11:30 a.m. sharp on Saturday. See you there!

Standings

	W	L
B.H. Real Estate	42	14
Kennedy Center	40	16
Nucci	34	22
Jenny's Pizza	34	22
Crickets	30	26
Chas'n. Patriot	28	28
Mama Maria's	28	28
American Legion	22	34
Cappucci	14	42
B&B Oil	8	48

CYO Gym Hockey

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Dec. 4

- **B & H Cleaning:** Michael Buckley and Stephen Carr
- **Bryan's Pals:** Julie Grzeleyk and Matthew Lakeman
- **Bunker Hill Florist:** Michael Kowalczyk and Keith Morrison
- **Charlestown Home Furniture:** Nicole McNeil and Seamus Lynch
- **Kerrigan's:** Kelsey Barrett and Riordan Cannata
- **Mama Maria's:** Paul and Ryan Collins
- **Moe's Variety:** Patrick Rose and Brittany Wilkins
- **Peg & Al's:** Mark Ainsley and Sharelle Bower

- **The Blow Up:** Chuckie Cuilla and Ryan Foley
- **The Horseshoe:** Bye
- **T.J.'s Kids:** Marissa Sherman and Billy MacDermid

Standings

	W	L	T
Moe's Variety	7	0	1
B&H Cleaning	6	2	1
The Horseshoe	6	2	0
Bryan's Pals	5	2	1
B.H. Florist	5	2	1
Chas'n. Home Furniture	5	3	0
T.J.'s Kids	4	4	0
Peg & Al's	2	6	0
Mama Maria's	2	7	0
Kerrigans	1	7	0
The Blow Up	0	8	0

Free Public Observatory Night

The Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics invites the public to attend a free program on astronomy on the third Thursday of every month throughout the year, featuring a non-technical lecture, a short film or video and telescopic observing, weather permitting.

On Thursday, Dec. 16, Stephen O'Meara of Sky & Telescope Magazine, will

present the lecture "Crystal Starlight: A Journey Through the Winter Skies."

The program begins at 8 p.m. and doors open at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free and no tickets or reservations are necessary. Seating is limited and filled on a first-come, first-served basis. All age groups are welcome, however, the lecture is geared toward adult and high school-aged audiences.

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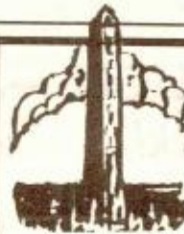
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C.Y.O. & St. Catherine NEWS

by Father Ron Coyne

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We focus our drive on the four Sundays of Advent (now to Dec. 18). If you would like to help our cause, please drop your pennies off at the rectory, 49 Vine St., or call Father Coyne at 242-1750 and we will be happy to pick them up at your home.

• **CYO Ski Trip** — We are planning our annual CYO three-day ski trip to Sunday River from Friday, Jan. 14 to Sunday, Jan. 16. We can take one bus full of teens, ages 13 to 19. The cost is \$180 per person and includes two nights lodging, three meals, lift tickets for two days, and the rental of skis, boots and poles. If you have your own skis, the cost is only \$165. All teen-agers from Charlestown are welcome. We have about 15 spots remaining. Please leave a deposit of \$50 at the rectory.

• **New Year's Eve Party** — We invite all of our neighbors and friends to celebrate New Year's Eve close to home with us at St. Catherine's Parish Hall. Our annual gala celebration will take place on Friday, Dec. 31. The doors will open at 8 p.m., with dancing from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Music will be provided by D.J. Leo Harrington. There will be a Chinese food buffet, favors and a cash bar. The cost is \$20 per person, and you must be 21 and over to be admitted. For tickets or more information, contact chairpersons Sally Woods at 242-1035, Ruth Gorman at 241-9250 or the rectory at 242-1750. Tables of 10 may be reserved.

• **Children's Roller-Skating Christmas Party** — Last month, we had 211 children, teen-agers and adults on our first roller-skating party of the school year. Our second trip will be on Wednesday, Dec. 29, during school vacation. Busses will leave St. Catherine's Church at 9:15 a.m. and return at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person, which includes skate rental, admission and transportation. You may bring your own rollerblades or rollerskates. Tickets will be on sale beginning Sunday, Dec. 12 at St. Catherine's Rectory or at Charlestown Catholic Elementary School.

• **Bruins Goalie John Blue To Referee CYO Ball Hockey Tournament** — St. Catherine's CYO will sponsor a teen-age ball hockey tournament for boys 14 through 18 on Monday, Dec. 20 from 3 to 9 p.m. This double-elimination tournament is open to all Charlestown residents and their friends. You may enter a team of 6 to 8 boys and each team will be asked to pay a \$25 fee which will be donated to Easter Seals, a charity for the handicapped.

Bruins goalie John Blue, who has a special interest in young people, will be present as a guest referee.

To register a team, please leave the names of the team captain and players and \$25 at St. Catherine's rectory or call Father Coyne at 242-1750.

• **High School Boys Olympics** — St. Catherine's CYO would like to enter a team in the annual High School Boys Olympics to be held at Tufts University on Sunday, Jan. 9. There will be 10 parishes competing in basketball, volleyball, track, football and water basketball. Last year, we finished in second place. Any boy interested in being on our CYO team, please call Father Coyne at 242-1750. We will leave at noon and return around 6 p.m.

• **St. Catherine's Color Guard Contest** — Charlestown High School will be the site for an Eastern Mass. Color Guard contest, sponsored by St. Catherine's "Townies" and "Little Townies," on Saturday evening, Jan. 22, beginning at 5 p.m. Over 30 color guards will compete in six divisions for trophies and recognition.

New England boasts some of the best color guards in the country and we are privileged to march in the Eastern Mass. Circuit. Please mark the date on your calendar to witness a spectacle like you have never seen. All local merchants have been asked to contribute to our program book, and we are truly appreciative of their support.

• **CYO Basketball** — This year, we have entered four teams in the CYO Basketball League. Each week, we will feature one of these teams. We are grateful to all of those young people who chose to represent Charlestown in the CYO league.

Our Bantam girls team players are: Jolie Burke, Kairsten Burke, Katelyn Considine, Nicole Flynn, Kerri Locke, Kelleigh Mahan, Michelle McLaughlin, Jacqui Neff, Charlene O'Brien, Bonnie O'Leary, Katie Prince and Courtney Wrenn. They won their first game of the regular season, beating St. Margaret's of Dorchester 10-6.

News From The Charlestown Boys & Girls Club 15 GREEN ST.



242-1775

• CHRISTMAS TREES AND WREATHS

The Boys & Girls Club are still selling trees and wreaths. This has become one of our most important fund raisers with all proceeds going to support the programs at the Charlestown Club. The tree stand is located in front of our High Street building and is open the following hours: Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Tuesday through Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. Please note that the stand is not open on Monday. Members of the Keystone Club will be joined by the club's Board of Directors in selling the trees.

• CLUB HOURS — SATURDAY, DEC. 11

The club will close at 4 p.m. this Saturday, Dec. 11. Parents and members should plan accordingly.

• CHRISTMAS PARTY

On Saturday, Dec. 18 from noon to 3 p.m. there will be a Christmas Party for boys and girls ages 6 to 10. The party will include ornament making, cookie decorating, games, music and possibly a visit from St. Nick.

• LOST AND FOUND

Parents and members should come by the club and check our lost and found boxes. We have a variety of garments that will be donated to Goodwill if they are not claimed.

• ENTERTAINMENT '94

Entertainment '94 books are being sold by our Keystone leadership group. The cost of the book is \$30 and they contain coupons and discounts to various fine dining, travel and entertainment establishments in Greater Boston, R.I. and southern N.H. The books are a great value. For more info, contact Danny in The Teen Center.

• JUST A REMINDER

Arts & Crafts is held every Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m.

Aerobics are every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 7 p.m.

• PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Basketball Leagues — The basketball league for both 6- to 9-year-olds and 10- to 14-year-olds are underway. There is still plenty of room for the 6- to 9-year-olds. If you are interested in signing up your child, please have him or her come to the club on Friday at 3 p.m. The fee is \$5 and will include a shirt. The league will consist of drills, lectures and games. If the fee is a problem, please speak to Joe.

The club will begin a recreational boy's basketball league for all boys ages 14 to 19. The leagues will take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested can sign up tonight, Thursday, Dec. 9, with Joe, Derek or Danny.

Swim Team — Due to plumbing problems, the swim meet scheduled against Lowell last week was cancelled. The team will face a very strong Nashua team tomorrow in Nashua.

Girls Hockey Team Undefeated — Our girls hockey team continue to dominate in the New England Area Program League with a 9-0 thrashing of Waltham. The girls brought their record to a perfect 6-0 and will enter the playoffs as overwhelming favorites. Members of this year's team are Colleen Walsh, goalie; Shannon McLaughlin, Kelly Gilgunn, Jennifer Ray, Nicole Matson, Kim Weafer, Courtney McLaughlin, Katie O'Leary, Rachel Britton, Erin McDonough and Christine Locke.

• EDUCATIONAL/CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

— Our Interpretive Dance Show will be held on Friday, Dec. 17. Don't miss it!

Congratulations to Michael Kowalczyk, Keith Morrison and Brian Morrison who were the King's Quest Tournament winners in the computer room. Watch for more tournaments!

Science classes have been cancelled for today.

Drop by the library on Friday to learn about Human Rights and Amnesty International.

Wednesday, Dec. 15 is the Holidays Around The Country Celebration in the library.

• TEEN CENTER NEWS

Teen Ed Room — The Teen Education room is open every day for homework help, tutoring, SAT prep application and financial aid assistance and much more. Everyone should take full advantage of all the programs and information available. Whether your future plans include college or not, there is plenty of information to help you in planning a career. Please contact Maureen, Jenny or Danny for details.

Make sure you talk to Maureen about college applications if you are a senior. Many deadlines are coming up in the next few weeks. Also, feel free to ask us for letters of recommendation if you need them.

Christmas Party — The Teen Center will be hosting a teen Christmas Party on Thursday, Dec. 23 from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. There will be food, music and lots of holiday cheer. Boys and girls ages 13 and over are welcome to join in the festivities.

Friday Night Club — This Friday, Dec. 10, we will travel to the movies for the opening night of "Wayne's World II." You must be up at The Teen Center by 8:30 p.m. Please sign up ahead of time so that we can purchase the tickets in advance.

For Girls Only — On Monday, Dec. 13, the monthly meeting will held. The topic is self-defense and will be presented by Model Mugging. The meeting will take place at 5:30 p.m. at The Teen Center, and all girls over the age of 13 are invited.

9-Ball Champ!!! — Last Saturday, Ian Urquhart soundly defeated crafty veteran John Killoran to capture his third 9-ball title of the year.

9-ball tournaments are held every Saturday at 1 p.m.

Ping-pong tournaments are held every Wednesday at 6 p.m.

Weekly winners are eligible to compete for a monthly championship prize.

• GAMESROOM

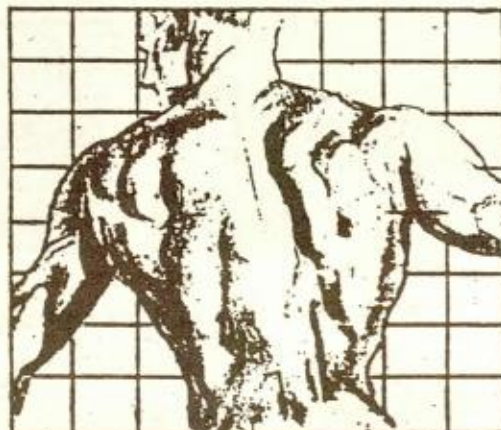
To all Torch Club members are asked to see Mark about the dance and the Board meeting as soon as possible. Thanks!

This week is tournament week in the gamesroom. Stop in and compete in daily tournaments in pool, table hockey, ping-pong and other games. Prizes and certificates for the champions.

There will be a Holiday Dance from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 12 in the gamesroom for boys and girls ages 6 to 12. Admission is \$1. Tonic and snacks will be provided. All proceeds will benefit the Torch Club. See the gamesroom staff to help with the decorating.

Interested in guitar lessons? You must be 10 years of age or older. See Mark in the gamesroom.

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Charlestown Boys & Girls Club Chef's Club Prepares A Special Parents' Brunch

The Charlestown Boys & Girls Club Chef's Club recently held its annual Parents' Brunch. It was a great success as the Chef's Club served Brunch to over 25 parents and family members.

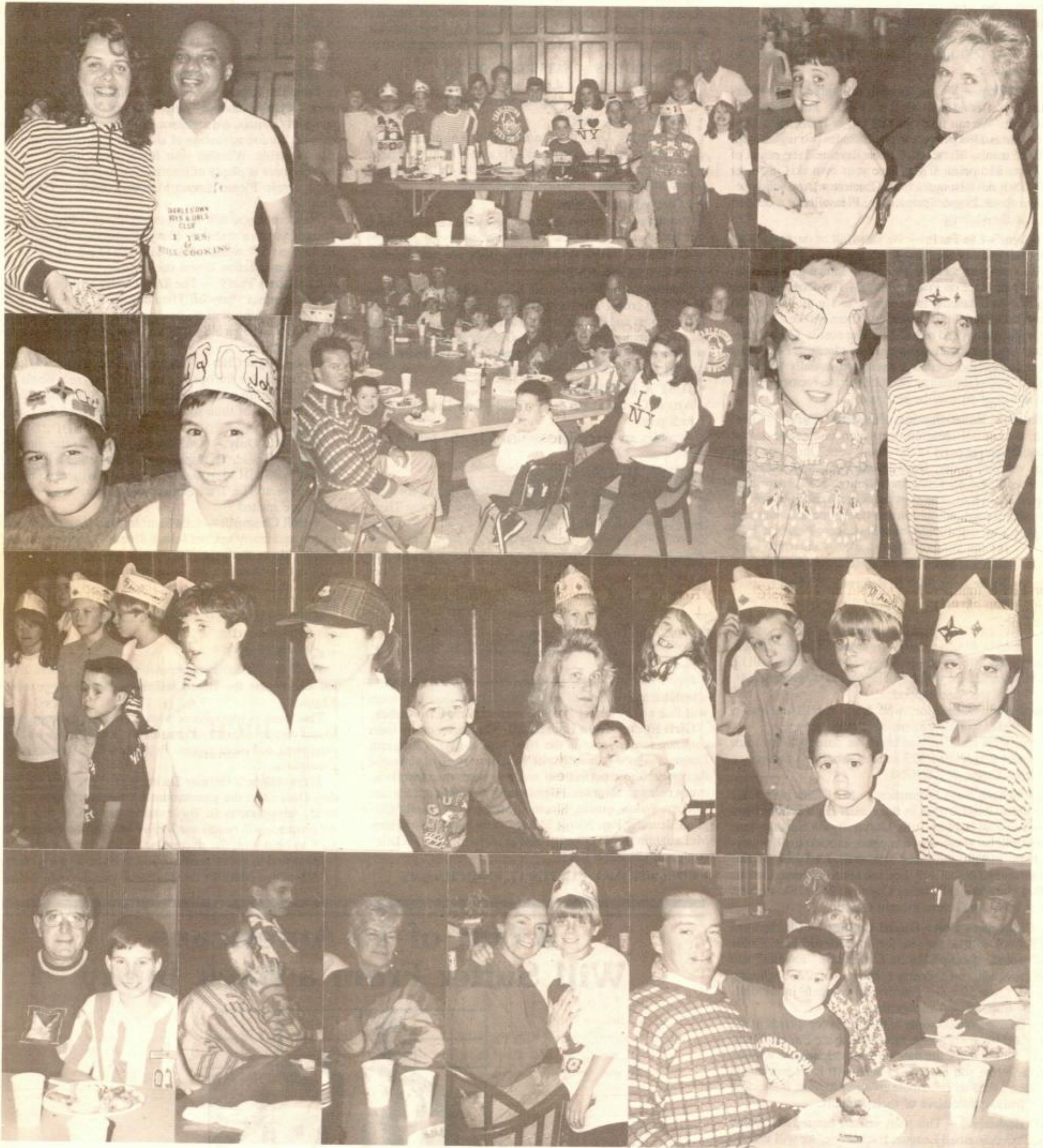
The Chef's Club cooked eggs, ham, sausage, homefries

and a delicious coffee cake.

Among the chefs was a great team consisting of Instructor Howie Bunkley and Chef Club members Kevin Smith, John Burns, Elizabeth Stangel, Kelleigh Mahan, Shauna O'Neil, Steven O'Neil, Matthew Monaco, Michael Leo-

nard, Derek Garceau, John Fabiano, Colin Swales, Andrew and Lesley Southern, Jolie Burke and Thai Tu.

Needless to say, with their wonderful job everyone left with a full stomach and a warm heart!



Cities And Towns Opting Into Birmingham MWRA Relief Plan

Cities and towns across the state are beginning to opt into a plan proposed by Sen. Thomas F. Birmingham

to provide Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) rate relief to homeowners in the form

of property tax deductions.

"I'm hopeful that most communities in the MWRA district will decide it is in their interest to opt into the program," said Birmingham. "We have given so much to pay for the federally mandated Harbor cleanup. It would be fitting to get a few dollars back from the federal government in the

form of a tax deduction."

The new law would allow ratepayers to receive a tax deduction for a portion of their water and sewer costs. But first, the community's governing body must vote to opt into the plan. In Boston, the city council must adopt it, with Mayor Tom Menino's and the Boston Water and Sewer Commission's approval.

The proposal would allow communities to shift debt service costs including those for the harbor cleanup from water and sewer bills to property tax bills. These costs would then be deductible on federal income taxes for any homeowner who itemizes. Because low-income seniors who own homes are not likely to itemize, they would be eligi-

ble for a tax abatement.

Birmingham included his rate relief plan in the budget he crafted as chair of the Senate Ways and Means Committee. The plan was adopted as part of the state's final budget for this year. The state's Department of Revenue recently notified cities and towns that they are now eligible to opt into the program.

Young Catholic Adults To Meet

All young adults from Charlestown are invited to attend an informal gathering on Sunday, Dec. 12 at St. Mary's Hall, 48 Winthrop St. from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m.

Father Casey of St. Mary's invites all young adults ages 21 and over to join him for coffee and donuts, and a discussion about further meetings and activities. All are welcome!

SENIOR UPDATE

THE J.F. KENNEDY CENTER'S SENIOR LOUNGE

55 Bunker Hill St. (BHA Building)
OPEN MONDAY-FRIDAY: 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

★ EVENTS OF THE WEEK ★

Friday, Dec. 10

- 10 a.m. - Seniorobics, YMCA, Charlestown Navy Yard
- 11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge (\$1 donation requested)
- 12:45 p.m. - Bingo, Senior Lounge (\$1.15)

Monday, Dec. 13

- 10 a.m. - Seniorobics, YMCA, Charlestown Navy Yard
- 11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge (\$1 donation requested)
- 12:45 p.m. - Bingo, Senior Lounge (\$1.15)
- 4 p.m. - Beans & Bingo, Senior Lounge

Tuesday, Dec. 14

- 10 a.m. - Swim Program, YMCA, Charlestown Navy Yard
- 10 a.m. - Crochet, Beading and Crafts, Senior Lounge
- 11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge (\$1 donation requested)

Wednesday, Dec. 15

- 9:30 a.m. - Stop & Shop Bus, Anchorage Apartments
- 10 a.m. - Beading, Senior Lounge
- 11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge (\$1 donation requested)
- 12:45 p.m. - Bingo, Senior Lounge (\$1.15)

Thursday, Dec. 16

- 9:30 a.m. - Stop and Shop bus, Constitution, Co-op, Senior Lounge and Golden Age
- 10 a.m. - Crocheting, Crafts and Sunshine Club, Senior Lounge
- 11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge (\$1 donation requested)

For **FREE** transportation to/from all Lounge activities, call: Phyllis Bryant, Bobbie DeCarlo or Fran Nardone.

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1993 Can Share — You Can Still Help

As the holidays approach, it's heartbreaking to envision that some families, families with children, will not have enough food to put on the table. Hunger does not discriminate. People from all walks of life are faced with the struggles of making ends meet, and we can help.

The Boston Postal District, all 021 area post offices, has joined the Mayor's Advisory Commission on Hunger. As a major source of contributions for the past three years, the Postal Service is determined

to deliver more this year to those families who truly need help.

With an extended deadline set for Dec. 24, all are invited to visit the lobby of the Charlestown Post Office at Thompson Square with a generous donation, a donation guaranteed to make a difference this holiday season.

For those who have already made donations, thank you. For those who can give more, your donations are greatly appreciated.

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Holy Spirit, you who made me see everything and showed me the way to reach my ideal. You who gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget the wrong that is done to me and you who are in all instances of my life with me, I, in this short dialogue, want to thank you for everything and confirm once more that I never want to be separated from you no matter how great the material desire may be. I want to be with you and my loved ones in your perpetual glory. Amen. Thank you for your love towards me and my loved ones. Persons must pray the prayer 3 consecutive days without asking your wish. After the 3rd day your wish may be granted no matter how difficult it may be. Then promise to publish this dialogue as soon as this favor is granted.
J.D.C.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

(never known to fail)
O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me here you are my mother. O Holy Mary, Mother Of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to secure me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourced to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days and then you must publish it and it will be granted to you.
Diane M.

PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

Most holy apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron of hopeless cases, of things most despaired of. Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use I implore you, of that particular privilege given to you to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly — (Here make your request) and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever. I promise, O blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen. Thank you for prayers answered.
R.O.

Golden Age Senior Center

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Main Office - 255 Medford St. - 635-5169

ACTIVITIES

- **Quilting** — Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., contact Jean Reilly.
- **Arts & Crafts** — Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., contact Jean Reilly.
- **Flower Arrangements** — Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., contact Jean Reilly.
- **Ceramics** — Monday and Thursday from noon to 3 p.m., contact Pat Venezia.
- **Beano** — Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 12:30 p.m., contact Sheila Walsh.
- **Lunch** — Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at noon, contact Sheila Walsh.
- **Knit & Crochet** — Friday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., contact Jean Reilly.
- **Liquid Embroidery** — Monday from 10 a.m. to noon, contact Reed White.

UPCOMING TRIPS

See Sheila for details and reservations on . . .

- **Atlantic City** — Bally's Park Place in Atlantic City is the destination of a trip on Jan. 30 and 31 and Feb. 1. The cost is \$119 per person with \$30 in bonuses. There will be full on-board refreshments.

Brown Bag Bookies To Meet

Brown Bag Bookies, the adult book discussion group of the Charlestown Branch Library, will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 14 at noon at the library, 179 Main St.

The book under discussion will be **Anywhere But Here** by Mona Simpson. Louise Erdrich writes: "Mona Simpson's vexing, vulnerable characters cleave

to us. Her gift is to embody for the reader material ambition so pure it becomes transcendent, in the unforgettable Adele, and in the wracking bewilderment and connivery of her striking daughter, Ann."

Participants are invited to bring their lunches, and new members are always welcome.



Healthy Charlestown Coalition

The Healthy Charlestown Coalition will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 14 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Bunker Hill Tenants Task Force Office, 76 Monument St. The coalition invites all residents and people who work in Charlestown to attend and express their thoughts and ideas on how we, as a community, can improve life in Charlestown.

At the last HCC meeting on Nov. 16, the Community Assessment Report was presented and reviewed. This report has since been submitted to Healthy Boston. The coalition's next step is to take the information from this report and work out plans to deal with the priorities the community has set. At this next meeting, we will discuss how we will carry out this planning stage.

A light supper will be served, and child care is available upon request. To reserve a space for your child(ren), please call Joanne Massaro at 241-3756. We hope you can join us.

BUS TO STOP & SHOP

A bus to Stop & Shop picks up at the Golden Age Center on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

HOUSING, EDUCATION & INFORMATION SERVICE

Housing, education and information service is available to seniors every Wednesday between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. at the Golden Age Center. Applications and help completing them is available.

For more information, contact Beverly Gibbons at 635-5176 or 635-5175.

Advent Communal Penance Service

St. Francis de Sales, St. Mary's and St. Catherine's parishes will sponsor a town-wide Advent Communal Penance Service on Sunday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m. at St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St. Priests from all three Charlestown parishes will be available for individual confession.

Please join us on Sunday evening, Dec. 19 as we reconcile ourselves with God and prepare ourselves for the coming celebration of the birthday of Jesus.

Refreshments will be served following the Penance Service in the Bishop Lawton Hall (lower church). Parking will be available in the schoolyard.

BHCC Presents 'Holiday Happening'

The Bunker Hill Community College (BHCC) chorus will present its annual Holiday Happening on Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium, A-300. It is free and open to the public.

This is one of the many activities in the year-long celebration of the college's 20th anniversary.

The chorus will be joined

ed by faculty and staff members in a program ranging from 1950s bebop to African-American spirituals to opera arias and a holiday sing-a-long.

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Office Hours By Appointment



Birmingham Office Hours Dec. 15

Sen. Thomas F. Birmingham will hold community office hours in Charlestown on Wednesday, Dec. 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. on the first floor at One Thompson Square.

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Sealed General Bids for MPA PROJECT NO. 1.632G RESIDENTIAL SOUND INSULATION PROGRAM, PHASE 45, WINTHROP, MASSACHUSETTS will be received by the Massachusetts Port Authority at the Office of Mr. George P. Johnson, Director of Engineering, 4th Floor, Room 4510, Transportation Building, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, Massachusetts 02116, until 11:00 A.M. local time on WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1994 immediately after which, in a designated room, the proposal will be opened and read publicly.

Sealed filed sub-bids for the same project will be received at the same office until 11:00 a.m. local time on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1993, immediately after which, in a designated room, the filed sub-bids will be opened and read publicly.

NOTE: PRE-BID CONFERENCE WILL BE HELD AT THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT (ABOVE ADDRESS) AT 1:00 P.M. ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1993.

The work includes: ALL LABOR, MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT NECESSARY FOR MAKING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ACOUSTICAL PERFORMANCE OF NINETY-NINE (99) RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS. SOUNDPROOFING MEASURES INCLUDE NEW VINYL COMPOSITE ACOUSTICAL REPLACEMENT WINDOWS, NEW WOOD REPLACEMENT WINDOWS, ADDITION OF ALUMINUM STORM WINDOWS, ACOUSTICAL TILE CEILINGS, EXTERIOR PRIME AND STORM DOOR REPLACEMENT, CAULKING, WEATHERSTRIPPING, AND MODIFICATIONS TO CERTAIN ROOMS.

Bid Documents will be made available beginning MONDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1993.

In order to be eligible and responsible to bid on this project, General Bidders must submit with their bid a current Certificate of Eligibility issued by the Division of Capital Planning and Operations and an Update Statement. The General Bidder must be certified in the category of GENERAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION or DOORS AND WINDOWS. The estimated project cost is \$1,900,000.00.

Bid Documents may be obtained at the office of the Director of Engineering of the Authority, together with any addenda or amendments which the Authority may issue. A charge of \$25 PAYABLE BY CHECK ONLY, will be made for these Documents, which charge will be refunded upon their return in good condition, within forty-five (45) days after receipt of the General Bids.

Bidding procedures and award of the contract and sub-contracts shall be in accordance with the provisions of Sections 44A through 44H inclusive, Chapter 149 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

A proposal guaranty shall be submitted with each General Bid consisting of a bid deposit for five (5) percent of the value of the bid; when sub-bids are required, each must be accompanied by a deposit equal to five (5) percent of the sub-bid amount, in the form of a bid bond, or cash, or a certified check, or a treasurer's or a cashier's check issued by a responsible bank or trust company, payable to the Massachusetts Port Authority in the name of which the Contract for the work is to be executed. The bid deposit shall be (a) in a form satisfactory to the Authority, (b) with a surety company qualified to do business in the Commonwealth and satisfactory to the Authority, and (c) conditioned upon the faithful performance by the principal of the agreements contained in the bid.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish a performance bond and a labor and materials payment bond, each in an amount equal to 100% of the Contract price. The surety shall be a surety company or securities satisfactory to the Authority. Attention is called to the minimum rate of wages to be paid on the work as determined under the provisions of Chapter 149, Massachusetts General Laws, Section 26 to 27G, inclusive, as amended. The Contractor will be required to pay minimum wages in accordance with the schedules listed in Division II, Special Provisions of the Specifications, which wage rates have been predetermined by the U.S. Secretary of Labor and/or the Commissioner of Labor and Industries of Massachusetts, whichever is greater.

The successful Bidder will be required to purchase and maintain Bodily Injury Liability Insurance and Property Damage Liability Insurance for a combined single limit of \$1,000,000.00. Said policy shall be on an occurrence basis and the Authority shall be included as an Additional Insured. See Division I, Article 46 and Division II, Special Provisions for complete details.

Return of bid deposits will be in accordance with the provisions of the above cited General Laws.

Filed sub-bids will be required and taken on the following classes of work:

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The Authority reserves the right to reject any sub-bid of any sub-trade where permitted by Section 44E of the above-referenced General Laws. The right is also reserved to waive any informality in or to reject any or all proposals and General Bids.

This Contract is subject to a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation provision requiring that not less than 13% of the Contract be performed by disadvantaged business enterprise contractors. With respect to this provision, bidders are urged to familiarize themselves thoroughly with the Bidding Documents. Strict compliance with the pertinent procedures will be required for a bidder to be deemed responsive and eligible.

This Contract is also subject to Affirmative Action requirements of the Massachusetts Port Authority contained in the Non-Discrimination and Affirmative Action article of Division I, General Requirements and Covenants, and to the Secretary of Labor's Requirement for Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Opportunity and the Standard Federal Equal Opportunity Construction Contract Specifications (Executive Order 11246).

The General Contractor is required to submit a Certification of Non-Segregated Facilities prior to award of the Contract, and to notify prospective subcontractors of the requirement for such certification where the subcontract exceeds \$10,000.

A Contractor having 50 or more employees and his subcontractors having 50 or more employees who may be awarded a subcontract of \$50,000 or more will within 120 days from the contract commencement, be required to develop a written affirmative action compliance program for each of its establishments.

Compliance Reports. Within 30 days of the award of this Contract the Contractor shall file a compliance report (Standard Form SF 100) if:

- (a) The Contractor has not submitted a complete compliance report within 12 months preceding the date of award, and
- (b) The Contractor is within the definition of "employer" in paragraph 2e (3) of the instructions included in SF 100.

The Contractor shall require the subcontractor, on any first tier sub-contracts irrespective of the dollar amount, to file SF 100 within 30 days after the award of the subcontracts if the above two conditions apply. SF 100 will be furnished upon request. SF 100 is normally furnished Contractors annually, based on a mailing list currently maintained by the Joint Reporting Committee. In the event a Contractor has not received the form, he may obtain it by writing to the following address:

Joint Reporting Committee
1800 G Street
Washington, D.C. 20506

Complete information and authorization to view the site may be obtained from the Office of the Director of Engineering at the Massachusetts Port Authority. The right is reserved to waive any informality in or reject any or all proposals.

MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY
Stephen P. Tocco
Executive Director

POLICE LINE

From the desk of
Deputy Superintendent Robert E. Hayden Jr.
Area A, Boston Police Department
Monday, Nov. 29

At 1:45 p.m., Officers Witherspoon and Tyler observed an automobile containing three individuals being driven erratically on Bunker Hill Street. The vehicle was later parked on Concord Street where the occupants got out and entered a store. The vehicle was found to be stolen, and the three occupants were identified and placed under arrest.

During the evening, an attempt was made to steal an automobile parked on First Avenue.

Tuesday, Nov. 30

An automobile parked on Main Street was broken into, and an attempt was made to steal it.

A stolen automobile was recovered in the vicinity of 400 Rutherford Ave.

Wednesday, Dec. 1

At 6:30 p.m., Officers MacPherson and Caulfield observed a 17-year-old resident at Main and Walker streets who was found to have a small bag containing cocaine. He was placed under arrest for selling drugs within a school zone.

Thursday, Dec. 2

A stolen automobile was recovered on Sackville Street.

Friday, Dec. 3

During the evening, two automobiles parked at Monument Square were vandalized.

Saturday, Dec. 4

At 12:15 a.m., officers responded to an apartment on Mystic Street where an altercation had occurred resulting in a female resident being stabbed. The suspect, a 29-year-old female resident, was placed under arrest for assault and battery.

A stolen automobile was recovered on Carney Court.

An automobile parked in a lot on Third Avenue was broken into, and personal items were stolen.

For additional information
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Legal Notice CITY OF BOSTON

To the Public Safety Commission, Committee on Licenses, Building Department, Boston, November 24, 1993.

APPLICATION

For the lawful use of the herein-described building and other structure, application is hereby made for a permit to maintain a private garage for sixty-eight vehicles, and also for a license to use the land on which such building or structure is/are or is/are to be situated for the KEEPING — STORAGE of 1,360 gallons of gasoline in the tanks of motor vehicles. Location of land: 34-42 Warren Street, Charlestown, MA, Ward 2. Owner of land: Norfolk Holdings Corp. Address: 40 Court Street, Boston, MA 02108. Dimensions of land: Ft. front 128 3/4, Ft. deep 148 3/4, Area sq. ft. 13,167. Manner of keeping: 1,360 gallons of gasoline in the tanks of vehicles. Norfolk Holdings Corp. By its attorney Bernard F. Shadrawy Jr., Shadrawy & Rabinovitz, 15 Broad Street, Boston, MA 02109. City of Boston, In Public Safety Commission, November 24, 1993. In the foregoing petition, it is hereby ORDERED, that notice be given by the petitioner to all persons interested that this Committee will on Thursday the 16th day of December at 9:30 o'clock, A.M., consider the expediency of granting the prayer of said petition when any person objecting thereto may appear and be heard; said notice to be given by the publication of a copy of said petition with this order of notice thereon in The Charlestown Patriot and by mailing by prepaid registered mail, not less than 7 days prior to such hearing, a copy to every owner of record of each parcel of land abutting on the parcel of land on which the building proposed to be erected for, or maintained as, a garage is to be or is situated. Hearing to be held in 4th floor meeting room, 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, Boston, MA 02118. THOMAS McNICHOLAS, Chairman, MARTIN E. PIERCE JR., RINA CUTLER, Committee on Licenses. A true copy. Attest: WILLIAM W. KEDDY, Secretary. Dec. 2, 9, 16.

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★ PLEASE GIVE A HELPING HAND ★

While monetary contributions are necessary to the success of Townie Santa, another vital aspect of the program is the willing hands offered by volunteers in packing the boxes and wrapping the gifts. The packing and wrapping is underway, and volunteers are needed. Come to the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St. at 7 p.m. on:

- Thursday, Dec. 9 (tonight) — packing
- Monday, Dec. 13 — packing
- Thursday, Dec. 16 — packing
- Friday, Dec. 17 — fruit packing

and, of course, Sunday, Dec. 19 at 11 a.m. for delivery of the Townie Santa packages.

★ DROP YOUR COINS IN THE CANISTERS ★

Townie Santa canisters are on the counters of many of our local stores. Empty your pockets of that loose change — it will be used wisely and well.

★ WATCH THE CHRISTMAS TREE GROW ★

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Questions And Answers On The New Charles River Crossing Design

(continued from page one)

bank from the North Washington Street Bridge to the existing Charles River Esplanade, which currently begins at the Museum of Science.

As part of the new river crossing design, Paul Revere Landing Park North will be improved and expanded by four acres. Design of the park will begin in January 1994, with construction scheduled to begin in the fall of 1994 and be completed by the spring of 1995. The park will be developed jointly by the Metropolitan District Commission and the Massachusetts Highway Department.

4. Question: Is there an off-ramp planned at Bunker Hill Community College?

Answer: No. The Central Artery/Tunnel Project listened to the concerns of Charlestown citizens, businesses and officials of Bunker Hill Community College and relocated the off-ramp to Sullivan Square. The commonwealth is committed to work with the city of Boston and the community to improve Sullivan Square. For instance, the overpass is badly in need of repairs to ensure safe and efficient traffic flow, and discussions are under way to address this problem.

5. Question: How can we ensure that the community receives regular communication regarding Charles River Crossing issues?

Answer: The Central Artery/Tunnel Project has a full-time representative to the Charlestown community. The pro-

ject is considering a number of additional steps to enhance communications between the project and the Charlestown community, including monthly evening office hours in Charlestown with appropriate project staff, weekly updates in **The Charlestown Patriot** and quarterly community meetings. If you have an idea on how to improve communications with the project, please call Stephen Collins at 457-5502.

The Central Artery/Tunnel Project will continue to answer your questions on the Charles River Crossing in **The Charlestown Patriot**. If you have questions or concerns that you would like to see addressed, please call the Central Artery/Tunnel Project's full-time representative Stephen Collins at the above number.

Suffolk University Honors Shatz For 20 Years Of Service

John D. Shatz of Charlestown, director of the Suffolk University Legal Assistance Bureau, was honored for 20 years of service to the Beacon Hill University.

Shatz was presented with a certificate at the annual deans' reception held recently at the Museum of Fine Arts. He also received

a Suffolk captain's chair.

Over 500 Suffolk employees and guests attended the reception that paid tribute to 40 faculty and staff members who have 10 or more years of service with the university, the largest group to be honored since the reception was instituted decades ago.

Gibbons Honored For Service



CHARLESTOWN resident Eileen Gibbons of New England Rehabilitation Hospital was recognized by Gerald Borgal, CEO, at a recent annual awards banquet for her dedicated service to the hospital.

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