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Informational Meeting On Constitution School

Members of the planning team for the Constitution School, a proposed new middle school (grades 5-8) located in the Charlestown Navy Yard, will hold an informational meeting for prospective parents, family members and other interested parties on Thursday, March 6, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., at the American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

Dudley Blodget, co-director of the planning team, left his post last November as dean of External Relations and Development at the Harvard School of Education to launch this project. He described the proposed Constitution School as a "co-educational, independent school with gender-segregated classes, a

special emphasis on character education and public service, a classical curriculum including foreign languages and Latin, academic excellence, low tuition and need-blind admissions."

Blodget indicated he was eager to open the school this September but must determine whether there is sufficient interest from prospective parents in Charlestown and other parts of Boston to give it a green light. During the first year, the school plans to enroll 30 fifth and 30 sixth graders. In the subsequent two years, a seventh and eighth grade will be added.

At its Feb. 4 meeting after listening to a presentation by the Constitution School planning team, the

Charlestown Neighborhood Council unanimously endorsed the concept and location of the school.

Other members of the planning team are Peter Ames, a Harvard College classmate of Blodget who has worked in senior positions at the Museum of Science and the New England Aquarium, and Rodney Rice, a Yale Divinity School graduate who holds a masters in education from Harvard and now works in social service. A 15-member advisory board has helped to plot the development of the school. Cmdr. Michael Beck, commanding officer of the *USS Constitution*, has advised the project as well.

For further information, call 756-0311.

Charlestown Clubhouse Represented At Founders Dinner

Representatives of the Charlestown Boys & Girls were guests at the recent Founders Award Dinner at the Sheraton Boston Hotel.

This event, which raised \$650,000 to support the operating expenses at the five clubhouses that make up the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston, honored three Boston television stations - WBZ-TV 4, WCVB-TV 5

and WHDH-TV 7. The presentation was made to the stations in appreciation for their public service campaigns, educational programming and generous promotional and financial support of countless youth service organizations throughout the city and New England.

As part of the evening's program, three members

from each of the five clubs were interviewed on the club and issues facing them today. Their answers were videotaped and televised during the dinner and on SportsNet.

Interviewed for the videotape representing the Charlestown Clubhouse were Aileen Gorman, Lauren-Kate O'Hearn and Chris Connors.



REPRESENTATIVES of the Charlestown Boys & Girls were guests at the recent Founders Award Dinner at the Sheraton Boston Hotel. Shown (l. to r.) Jerry Steimel, director, Charlestown Club; Barbara Minotti, intern from Switzerland; Kathy Bryson, board member; Jenny Atkinson, director of education and cultural enrichment, Charlestown Club; Lauren-Kate O'Hearn, Charlestown Club; Diane Gandolfo, Best Year in School and education director, Charlestown Club; Aileen Gorman, Charlestown Club; Michelle Gorman, parent; and John Killoran, program director, Charlestown Club. Missing from the photo are Chris Connors and board members Lois Gallagher and Richard Voke. (photo by Kathy Whitehouse)

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around the town

by Gloria S. Conway

★ Neighborhood Council Meetings . . . Development Committee On Parcel R-87

The Development Committee will meet at 7 p.m. tonight, Thursday, Feb. 27, at the Legion Hall, 23 Adams St. to discuss the three proposals for the development of Parcel R-87, located at Lowney, Tremont and Prospect streets.

Chairman Tom Cunha stated that the three development teams will return to the committee to respond to questions from the mem-

bers and residents. The Development Committee is scheduled to vote its recommendation of a developer of the parcel at this meeting.

Monthly Meeting

The next monthly meeting of the Neighborhood Council, chaired by Peter Looney, will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 4 at the K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Among the items on the agenda is a presentation by Dusty Rhodes of Conventures Inc. on the firm's

plans for the Bicentennial of the *USS Constitution* in July 1998; Dennis Quilty will speak on the proposed transfer of the liquor license for Tavern on the Water on Pier 6 in the Charlestown Navy Yard; and a representative from Boston Aging Concerns Young & Old United will update the CNC on the reconstruction of 258 Main St., the former site of J.J. McCarthy's.

Public Safety Meeting

Co-Chairmen John Dillon and Bill McCabe have announced that the next Public Safety/Police Community Relations meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 11 at the Kent Community Center, (continued on page 5)



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• **9 to 10:30 a.m.** - J.F. Kennedy Center's Goal Setting Group-Options Program, 55 Bunker Hill St. For more information, call Linda Hudson at 241-8866
• **10:30 a.m. to noon** - Women's Recovery Group session, Kennedy Center, Old Kent School, 23A Moulton St.

Fridays
• **7:30 p.m.** - Al-Anon meeting with help for families and friends of alcoholics, off lobby, Armed Services YMCA, 150 Second Ave., Charlestown Navy Yard

First and Third Sundays
• **6:30 p.m.** - Charlestown After Murder Program (CHAMP) meeting, St. Catherine's Rectory, 49 Vine St. All are welcome

Mondays
• **2 to 5 p.m.** - Mayor's Office Hours with Judy Evers, regional coordinator, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
• **5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** - Nicotine Anonymous support group meeting, Armed Services YMCA, 150 Second Ave., Charlestown Navy Yard

• **7 p.m.** - Narcotics Anonymous beginners meeting, 55 Bunker Hill St.

Mondays And Fridays
• **9 to 11 a.m.** - Charlestown Ecumenical Food Pantry open, Memorial Hall, 14 Green St.

Tuesdays
• **8 p.m.** - Al-Anon meeting with help for families and friends of alcoholics, Mary Colbert Apartments (side entrance), 20 Devens St.

Wednesdays
• **5 to 7 p.m.** - Charlestown Ecumenical Food Pantry open, Memorial Hall, 14 Green St.
• **7 p.m.** - Co-Dependents Anonymous (CODA) meeting, Bunker Hill Health Center, 73 High St.

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CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

this week at a glance

Thursday, Feb. 27

• **3:30 p.m.** - Creative dramatics, improvisation and imaginative games - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• **7 p.m.** - Charlestown Neighborhood Council Development Committee meeting on Parcel R-87 - American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

• **7:30 p.m.** - "An Evening of Romance and Mystery" with author Mary Kruger - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Friday, Feb. 28

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

Saturday, March 1

• **10 a.m. to 1 p.m.** - T-Ball and Wack-A-Ball Registration - St. Mary's Hall, 48 Winthrop St.

• **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** - Charlestown

Little League and Senior Little League registration - Charlestown Boys & Girls Club, 15 Green St.

• **2:30 p.m.** - Bunker Hill Museum's Irish Exhibit Committee meeting - American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

Sunday, March 2

• **1 to 3 p.m.** - Reception for artist Susan Livada - Artisan Cafe, Bunker Hill Mall

• **4 p.m.** - Brendan Bowyer and the Royal Irish Show Band - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Tuesday, March 4

• **10 to 11 a.m.** - Rep. Eugene O'Flaherty Office Hours - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• **10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.** - Children's Films - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• **4 to 6 p.m.** - Reception honor-

ing local artists and benefactors - Bunker Hill Community College Art Gallery, 250 Rutherford Ave.

• **7 p.m.** - Charlestown Neighborhood Council meeting - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

• **7:30 p.m.** - Daughters of Isabella No. 1 meeting - K. of C. Main Hall, 75 West School St.

Wednesday, March 5

• **6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** - Income tax preparation by volunteers from Community Tax Aid - Charlestown Community Center, 255 Medford St. (call 635-5169 for income guidelines)

• **7 p.m.** - Demonstration of The French Press Coffee Maker - Artisan Cafe, Bunker Hill Mall

• **7:30 p.m.** - Country Store, sponsored by Court St. Jude #1123, CDA - Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

upcoming events

Thursday, March 6

• **3:30 p.m.** - Creative dramatics, improvisation and imaginative games - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• **7:30 p.m.** - Constitution School Informational Meeting - American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

Friday, March 7

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

• **8 p.m.** - 31st Annual Irish Night Dinner Dance - Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

Saturday, March 8

• **noon** - Charlestown Ward 2 Democratic Caucus - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

• **3 p.m.** - Bunker Hill Day Parade Committee meeting - American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

• **7 p.m.** - Gladys' Corned Beef Dinner and Dance, sponsored by the Daughters of Isabella #1 - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Sunday, March 9

• **2 p.m.** - Department of Mass. American Legion Oratorical Contest - Hull Room, Building 5, Charlestown Navy Yard

Monday, March 10

• **7 p.m.** - Adult English as a Second Language Conversation - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Tuesday, March 11

• **10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.** - Children's Films - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• **7 p.m.** - Charlestown Neighborhood Council Public Safety Committee meeting - Kent Community Center, 50 Bunker Hill St.

Wednesday, March 12

• **11 a.m.** - Toddler Storytime, stories and songs for children 2-years-old accompanied by an adult - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• **5 to 6 p.m.** - Rep. Eugene O'Flaherty Office Hours - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• **6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** - Income tax preparation by volunteers from Community Tax Aid - Charlestown Community Center, 255 Medford St. (call 635-5169 for income guidelines)

• **7 p.m.** - Espresso Lessons - Artisan Cafe, Bunker Hill Mall

plan ahead

K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Saturday, April 5

• **noon** - Meat Raffle to benefit Camp Bunker Hill - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

• **6:30 p.m.** - Lt. Michael P. Quinn, USMC Scholarship Dinner - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Saturday, April 12

• **7 p.m.** - Charlestown Community Appreciation Awards Banquet - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Sunday, April 13

• **10 a.m.** - Spring Extravaganza

to benefit St. Francis de Sales Parish - Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

Saturday, May 10

• **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** - Bunker Hill Antiques Market, sponsored by the Charlestown Preservation Society - grounds of Bunker Hill Community College, 250 New Rutherford Ave.

Saturday, June 14

• **10 a.m. to 4 p.m.** - Charlestown Garden Tour, sponsored by Community Gardens - beginning at the Community Garden

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On Dean's List At Framingham State

Prasanna Jacob of Charlestown has been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Framingham State College.

To be selected for the dean's list, a student must earn a quality point average of 3.25 or higher.

Jacob, a member of the class of 1997, is majoring in food and nutrition.

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Brendan Bowyer And The Royal Irish Showband To Appear At The K. Of C.

The Royal Irish Showband will be appearing at the Bunker Hill Council #62 Knights of Columbus Hall, 75 West School St. on Sunday, March 2 at 4 p.m. The band is comprised of five talented men, all natives of Ireland, plus a talented young lady, a beautiful Irish colleen. The men are outstanding soloists as well as a cohesive entertainment unit.

Presenting a unique sound representing the best, old and new, of two countries, the United States and their native Ireland, Brendan Bowyer and the Royal Irish Showband have

been acclaimed in both countries and in the British Isles as well.

They have appeared in Las Vegas for many years at various hotels, and performed in concert at Carnegie Hall. They are the recipients of the Carl-Alan Award in Great Britain, which is the equivalent of an "Oscar" for Best Band. During these past three decades, they have created a large and loyal following.

Brendan Bowyer of County Waterford, is original cadre, a founding member in Ireland when the band scored as The Big Eight. Brendan's Elvis im-

pression was Presley's favorite. The King made it over to the Stardust in Vegas often to catch Bowyer. Brendan's "Danny Boy" is world renowned.

D. J. Curtin of Tralee, County Kerry, is often referred to as Ireland's Tom Jones, but he is much more than that. As an instrumentalist, particularly on the tenor saxophone and tin whistle, he rates with the best. His renditions of "The Rose of Tralee" and "Noreen Bawn" are classics. D. J.'s versatility extends to today's pop hits.

Michael Keane of Dublin City, is a highly respected keyboard player in all fields including up-tempo authentic Irish songs and Country-Pop USA.

Norman Clifford, also of Dublin City, is a master of the keyboards, equally adept when doubling various reed instruments. As a vocalist, he sings solos and

also excels at harmony parts.

Martin Sweeney of County Leitrim, came over from Eire most recently. He is renowned in the old country as the drummer with the "Best Beat For Dancing Feet."

Aisling, (pronounced "Ash-ling") Bowyer, was born in Galway. She possesses a vocal talent and poise that belies her years. Her repertoire ranges from a heartfelt "Galway Bay" to a swinging contemporary reading of "Hot Stuff."

Proof positive of the multi-nation acceptance achieved by the Royal Irish Showband is the capacity attendance and enthusiastic reception accorded wherever they perform.

Tickets for Sunday's concert are \$15 and may be reserved by calling 242-0062 after 4 p.m. or purchased at the door on Sunday.

VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK



KEN CORROON & COREY FERREIRA

Ken Corroon, a Charlestown resident, tutors club member Corey Ferreira on a weekly basis. They spend time doing homework and reading and then they go to the games room to shoot a few baskets or play a game of pool.

Corey says, "We hang out, play games and have a good time. Thanks, Ken!"

It's A Boy! . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Rose are proud to announce the birth of their second child, Martin William, on Jan. 23. He weighed 9 pounds 3 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long.

The maternal grandparents are William "Spider" Walsh of Charlestown, and Grace Anne Walsh of South Boston.

The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Rich-

ard Rose of Charlestown.

The great-grandmothers are Grace A. Powers and Margaret Walsh, both of Charlestown.

Marty was welcomed home by his big sister Jillian, age 7 1/2.

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ST. CATHERINE'S NEWS

★ **Super Bingo** - Another Super Bingo will take place at St. Catherine's Hall on Tuesday, March 11. It will be \$50 for an 18-card package and will include 24 games: four - \$100, two - \$150, 12 - \$200, five - \$500, two shotgun games for \$50 each. Raffles and a door prize.

Tickets are on sale at the rectory until March 7. Cash only. No checks will be accepted. Come and bring a friend.

If less than 150 players attend, prizes will be adjusted accordingly.

★ **Congratulations** - to our junior high boys who participated in the all-day Sports Olympics on Feb. 19. Many thanks to Michael Stillman for coaching and to the Boston Police Youth Service.

★ **School Mass** - A Mass for all students and faculty of Charlestown Catholic Elementary School will be held at 9 a.m. on Monday, March 3.

★ **CYO Girls' Softball Coaches Meeting** - A meeting for all persons willing to coach the girls' softball teams will be held in the rectory on Tuesday, March 4 at 6 p.m. Softball season is rapidly approaching and the league is in need

of dedicated volunteers. The young people are looking forward to the spring season. Can you help? For further information, call Jack Schievink at 241-7767.

★ **Mass For CYO Basketball Teams** - On Sunday, March 9, there will be a Mass for the basketball teams. Refreshments will be available in the parish hall immediately following. Congratulations to all boys and girls teams who participated in another successful season.

★ **Penny Drive** - A penny drive is being conducted for CYO. This is an important fund raiser which helps support the many activities for our youth. If you have any pennies piled up in a drawer, a jar, a piggy bank, etc., we would be very happy to take them off your hands. You may drop them off at the rectory. By doing this, you are getting a head start on your spring cleaning and you are helping maintain our programs by defraying their cost.

★ **Lenten Penance Service** - A penance service will be held on Monday, March 10 at 11 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. in the lower church.

All are welcome to attend.

Polvere Receives Award At Newton Country Day School

Lucianna Polvere of Charlestown, received the Newton Country Day Goal Award for her efforts to live the goals and criteria of Sacred Heart schools. She received the award for her commitment to "educate to a personal growth in an atmosphere of wise freedom."

Polvere is a junior at Newton Country Day, a Sacred Heart School, and is the daughter of Daniel Polvere and Ellen Pfeifer.

Founded in 1880, Newton Country Day is an independent girls' school, grades 5 through 12, in the Roman Catholic tradition.

'Becoming A Girl Scout' At The Charlestown Branch Library

Mary Karapetian, membership development executive of the Patriots' Trail Girl Scout Council, will discuss "Becoming A Girl Scout" at the weekly adult discussion group meeting at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St., at 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 28.

Karapetian will discuss the scouting programs for girls from the age of 5 to 17, and will outline the structure of scouting which

allows members to democratically decide issues within the troop.

She will explain how the scout experience places emphasis on the adult-child partnership, with the leaders preparing girls to make decisions to become healthy adults.

The program is free and open to the public.

For more information, call the library at 242-1248.

An Evening Of Romance And Mystery At The Charlestown Library

Learn how a book gets published on Thursday, Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m., at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St., as author Mary Kruger shares insider secrets from her own experience.

Join Kruger for "An Evening of Romance and Mystery: De-mystifying the Writing Process." She will take you through the writing process as it evolves from the spark of an idea, to the manuscript stage, across the editors' desk and eventually on to the bookstore shelves.

A resident of New Bedford, Kruger had her first book published in 1989 and has written 11 more since. Her fascination with the Gilded age of the late nineteenth century led to *Death on the Cliff Walk* and *No Honeymoon for Death*. As Mary Kingsley, she is also the author of numerous historical romance novels.

The public is cordially invited to attend this program and the reception following, which is sponsored by the Friends of the Charlestown Branch Library.

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◆ **Get Your Tickets** . . . for the two Irish Nights that are coming up next week . . . and no tickets will be sold at the door, so reserve yours now! . . . St. Francis de Sales will celebrate its 31st annual Irish Night with a corned beef & cabbage dinner and dancing starting at 8 p.m. on Friday, March 7 at the Bishop Lawton Hall. Tickets are \$15 each and may be purchased at the rectory by March 4 . . . Saturday night, March 8 will be Gladys' Corned Beef Dinner, sponsored by the Daughters of Isabella #1 at the K. of C. Hall. Tickets are \$20 each and may be reserved by March 2 by calling 241-9343. Don't be left out in the cold without your corned beef!

◆ **Birthday Wishes** . . . go out to Patsy Keigney who celebrates her birthday today, Feb. 27th . . . Susan McClellan, Carol Picardi Upton and Pat Johnson all share a March 2nd birthday . . . Buddy Whelan will party for sure on March 4th . . . and John Johnson will be a quarter-of-a-century old on March 5th. Have a happy day!

◆ **Happy Belated Birthday** . . . to Bunny Kane who celebrated her very special day on Feb. 8th!

◆ **Wedding Anniversary Wishes** . . . go out to William and Rose Lowney, who will celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary . . . They are the lucky winners of a two-night stay at the Bostonian Hotel, a \$100 gift certificate to the restaurant and two Bruins tickets - all courtesy of Fleet Bank. Congratulations!

◆ **Thanks For Supporting** . . . the Irish Exhibit Fund Raiser last weekend at McGann's Pub . . . There are more exhibits being planned for the soon-to-be reopened Bunker Hill Museum, such as on the Battle of Bunker Hill and help is needed for these features . . . Give Arthur Hurley a call at 242-2724.

◆ **Herstory Walk** . . . In honor of Women's History Month, the city of Boston Parks and Recreation Department Park Rangers will offer tours which will focus on the contributions of Bostonian women from the Colonial, Revolutionary, and modern periods, including Maria Stewart, Mary Dyer, Julia Ward Howe and "Mother Goose." The tours will be on Saturday, March 1st at 1 p.m.; Sunday March 9th at 2 p.m.; and Saturday, March 22nd at 1 p.m. and will begin at the Boston Common Visitor Information Center . . . On Sunday, March 2nd you are also invited to "Glide or Stride through Franklin Park" - Glide if there's snow or stride if there's not - Enjoy either a cross-country ski or walking tour of Franklin Park, depending on the weather, and find out why Franklin Park is called the "jewel of the Emerald Necklace" park system . . . Also on Sunday, March 2nd, celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a walk through Irish immigrant history in the Emerald Necklace parks and focus on the statues and landmarks in the downtown parks which relate to Irish heritage . . . If you'd like more info., call 635-7383.


◆ **Health & Fitness Expo** . . . The American Heart Association will present its annual Health & Fitness Expo on Sunday, March 9th from 7:45 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the World Trade Center. It will feature over three dozen U. S. and international health and fitness professionals who will be teaching courses and giving lectures on heart-healthy lifestyles and staying fit. Proceeds from this event go toward lifesaving research and education. For more information, contact Penny Lopez at 1-800-662-1701, ext. 3138.

◆ **The Metro Boston Amateur Softball Association** . . . will be holding a New Umpires Test on Monday, March 10th, at the Troubadour, 95 Elm St., West Newton at 7 p.m. If interested, call 665-9745.

◆ **Matignon High School** . . . will host its second annual Gala Irish Night on Saturday, March 22nd from 6:30 to 11 p.m. . . . The event will be held in the school cafeteria and will feature a corned beef and cabbage dinner, dancing to the music of the Chris Devlin Showband, Irish Step Dancing performances, raffles and a cash bar . . . Ticket sales are limited and reservations are required . . . For ticket info., call the Alumni/Development Office at 492-1176 or Marie Cloherty Baird at 628-6857.

◆ **Is A New Career On The Horizon?** . . . Seems as though Charlestown's own Bill McCabe has taken to the airways for a promo on WRKO's storm center . . . Would this be the start of something new, Bill? . . . Watch out, Howie!

◆ **Thought For The Week** . . . We cannot hold a torch to light another's path without brightening our own. - Ben Sweetland



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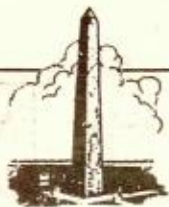
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around the town

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All CNC meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

★ Democrats To Caucus . . . Registered Democrats in Ward 2, Charlestown will be holding a caucus on Saturday, March 8 at noon to elect delegates to the 1997 Mass. Democratic Convention.

Ward 2, Charlestown will be electing 12 delegates and 4 alternates, equally divided between men and women, to send to the convention. The apportioned number of delegates has been allocated on the basis of a formula giving equal weight to the Democratic Party registration and the average vote for Democratic candidates in the last general elections for governor and president for which figures were available at the time delegate tabulations were prepared.

Donna O'Brien and Sheila Brown will call the caucus at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 75 West School St. The caucus is open to all registered Democrats, persons ineligible to register and media representatives. The only persons eligible to participate in any portion of the caucus are those who are registered Democrats in the ward or town as of February 19, 1997. There will be no absentee or proxy voting.

Candidates for delegate and alternate must also be present, voting and give his or her written consent to be nominated and that nomination must be seconded by two persons present at the local caucus.

All ballots will be written and secret. Those candidates receiving the greatest number of votes on the first ballot will be elected.

Each candidate will be allowed to make a two-minute speech and to distribute material on their behalf.

Slate-making is allowed, but no special preference shall be given to slates. There is no quorum requirements for the caucus.

There will be no admission or expense charge at the caucus, although donations may be solicited.

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age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, philosophical persuasion or economic status in the conduct of the caucus is strictly prohibited.

★ CHARlestown Against Drugs . . . CHARlestown Against Drugs (CHAD) will meet at 5:30 p.m. tonight, Thursday, Feb. 27 at the J.F. Kennedy Center, 27 Winthrop St. Interested persons are welcome.

★ Irish Exhibit Committee . . . The Irish Exhibit Committee of the Charlestown Historical Society's Bunker Hill Museum will meet at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 1 at the American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

Volunteers are needed to do research, assemble exhibit material and assist with the building of the exhibit.

★ Bunker Hill Day Parade Committee Meeting . . . The Bunker Hill Day Parade Committee will meet at 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 8 at the American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

Persons who would be willing to help with the parade, set for Sunday, June 15, and the others aspects of the celebration are welcome to attend.

★ Board Of Appeal Hearings . . . Petitions will be brought before the city of Boston Board of Appeal at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 18 in Room 801 at Boston City Hall:

- Frederick Roberts (by JP's Pizza, Sub & Pasta) is seeking to change the legal occupancy of 219-225 Bunker Hill St. from dental office and shoe repair to dental office, shoe repair and restaurant, including take-out food. (BZC-18654)

- Nancy Lee Monaco is seeking to erect a one-family dwelling at 37 Parker St. (BZC-18661)

- William Evers is seeking to change the legal occupancy of 24R St. Martin St. from a one-family to a two-family dwelling, installing a basement apartment. (BZC-18747)

Persons with questions or concerns may call the board at 635-4775.

★ School Committee Seeks Public Input In Shaping FY98 Budget . . . The Boston School Committee is seeking dialogue with the public as it crafts an FY98 budget that must serve a growing student enrollment, support the goals of the schools' five-year reform plan, and meet other increased costs within the city's targeted allocation of \$490 million.

Hearings will take place on Tuesday, March 11 at 7 p.m. at West Roxbury High School, 1205 VFW Parkway, West Roxbury, and on Thursday, March 13 at 7 p.m. at the Campbell Resource Center, 1216 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester.

The school committee is required to forward a budget to the mayor at the end of March. The first draft of the FY98 budget presented by the superintendent to the school committee totals \$497 million, about \$7 million over the city target.

★ Four-Part Series On MIAs and POWs . . . A four-part series about MIAs and POWs in the Vietnam and Korean wars will be cablecast on Tuesdays at 6 p.m. on BNN-TV, cable channel 23, beginning on March 4.

Participating in the documentary are families of servicemen missing in action in the Vietnam War, former prisoners of war, and veterans who served on active duty in both theaters.

The series has been produced by Lita Booth of Jamaica Plain. Her project has been underway for three years. She has used captured Viet Cong footage of American prisoners of war, conducted extensive

interviews with families and veteran and recorded Congressional hearings on MIAs and POWs for a historical view of the issues.

The project had its origins in 1993 when Vietnam War veteran John Kuhn of South Boston asked for a BNN-TV video in memory of men missing in action and prisoners of war. He founded an organization called "Home Soon" to bring to public attention the need to continue pressure on the U.S. Government to find out what happened to these servicemen in Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos and North Korea.

The schedule of programs at 6 p.m. on channel 23 are:

March 4 and April 1 - "Betrayed," a look at events of World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

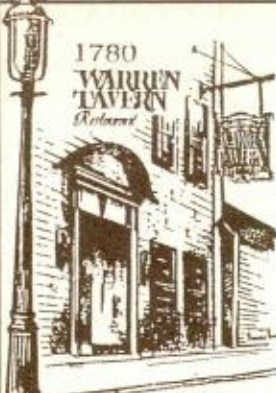
March 11 and April 8 - "Left Behind," the abandonment of American soldiers.

March 18 and April 15 - "Nightmare in Korea," the undocumented war.


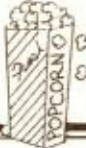
March 25 and April 22 - "Wounds Of The Heart," the spiritual and moral injuries of war, trauma and what is being done to help.

★ Mayor's Youth Summit . . . The annual Mayor's Youth Summit will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 5 at Boston Latin School. Boston youth ages 12-18 are invited to attend.

The Youth Summit is free, but the young people must register by March 21. The Charlestown Community Centers have registration forms, or call Boston Community Centers at 635-4920.




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News From Charlestown Catholic Elementary School

Recently, many students at Charlestown Catholic were recognized with scholarship awards. The Charlestown Catholic Spirit and Cooperation awards were presented to two students in each classroom during Catholic Schools Week.

This award, given in memory of Geraldine McGowan Burns, was presented to students who display a consistent spirit of cooperation. In order to recognize more students, the award has not been given to the same boy or girl in its three-year history.

This year's recipients were:

Grade 8 - John Lillis, Kerri Locke

Grade 7 - Kathleen Lacey, Andrew Brennan

Grade 6A - Kerry Eddy, Ryan Travis

Grade 6B - Derek Garceau, McKenzie Ridings

Grade 5A - Hillary Rudder, Hillary Tamburello

Grade 5B - Christine Quinn, Harold Sullivan

Grade 4 - Nolan Burns, Kevin Smith

Grade 3A - Justine Yandle, Casey Schievink

Grade 3B - Kathleen Sullivan, Christine Russell

Grade 2A - John Castrucci, Shawn Walles

Grade 2B - Dolores Boyle, Meaghan Borden

Grade 1 - Kaitrin Krol, Kerin Scales

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Later in the week, the Dunny Cup Scholarship was presented to one student from each grade. In grades 3 to 8, the students were asked to write a paragraph/essay on "How I Can Make Charlestown a Better



STUDENTS at Charlestown Catholic Elementary School recently were recipients of scholarship. TOP ROW: At the left, are the recipients of the Dunny Cup Scholarship. Shown front row (l. to r.) Shannon Devlin, grade 3; Danielle Whalen, grade 4; and Joseph Twomey, grade 1. Back row (l. to r.) Debra Lee Eatherton, grade 8; Ryan Get-

chell, grade 7; Tina Centola, grade 6 and Caitlin Greco, grade 5. . . . Students were awarded the Geraldine McGowan Burns Scholarship. On the right are McKenzie Ridings, Kerry Eddy, Ryan Travis and Derek, Garceau, grade 6. SECOND ROW: At the left are Harold Sullivan, Christine Quinn, Hillary Tamburello and Hillary Rudder,

grade 5 . . . On the right are Shawn Walles, John Castrucci, Meaghan Borden and Dolores Boyle, grade 2. BOTTOM ROW: On the left are John Lillis and Kerri Locke, grade 8, and Kathleen Lacey and Andrew Brennan, grade 7 . . . At the right are Justine Yandle, Kathleen Sullivan, Casey Schievink and Christine Russell, grade 3.

Place." Boys and girls in grades 1 and 2 pictured the same topic in a drawing. The essays/drawings were judged anonymously by a

committee. What a wonderful way to develop community pride and responsibility! Children, parents and

the school community are grateful to the organizers of the Dunny Cup for this scholarship.

The winners of the Dun-

ny Cup Scholarship are:

Grade 1 - Joseph Twomey

Grade 2 - Diana Kelly

Grade 3 - Shannon Devlin

Grade 4 - Danielle Whalen

Grade 5 - Caitlin Greco

Grade 6 - Tina Centola

Grade 7 - Ryan Getchell

Grade 8 - Debra Lee Eatherton

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BHCC To Host Artists' Reception

Bunker Hill Community College will host a reception to honor local artists and benefactors for their contributions of art work to the college. The reception will take place in the college's Art Gallery, located on the second floor of the B Building, 250 New Rutherford Ave., on Tuesday, March 4, between 4 and 6 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

These donated paintings and sculptures were made available through a collaborative effort between the city of Boston Cultural Affairs Office, The Art

Connection and representatives from BHCC.

The Art Connection is a non-profit organization that facilitates the distribution of existing art works to public, non-profit institutions with limited resources available to acquire original art. Located on Tremont Street, Boston, The Art Connection aims to increase the flow of art from the artist to those who would not otherwise have the opportunity to view it, enjoy the communication, the connection and the understanding that art can provide. The original works of art donated to

BHCC include paintings in oil, acrylic, water color, and mixed media selections, and a sculptured piece.

Artists being honored for their generosity are: Susan Gale, Suzanne Hodes, Kasia Kupied-Weglinski-Czerpak, Edie Pepper, and sculptor Nina Holton. Also being honored for the donation of a work of art by painter O'Neil Ingrahm is benefactor Sally Hurlbut.

For more information on the reception or to schedule a tour of the Art Gallery, call Mark Rondo at 228-2415.

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Charlestown Courthouse - A Priority For The Senate President

The Senate's bond authorization to fund the construction and renovation of courthouses across the Commonwealth includes language introduced by Senate President Tom Birmingham making the Charlestown Courthouse project a priority. "The legislation addresses state-wide needs to provide safe, fair and equal justice under the law," he said, "and with the additional Senate language, the need to improve the Charlestown courthouse is highlighted."

John McCullough, a Charlestown attorney and chairman of the board of the Charlestown Historical

Courthouse Trust, and Marty O'Brien, a trustee on this board, met with the Senate President to emphasize that the courthouse, like many places in Charlestown, has significant historical value. It is known as the "Birthplace of the American Judicial System" because it hosted the first meeting of Gov. Winthrop and the Court of Assistants in 1630.

"We appreciate the Senate President's effort to work with the community to preserve the courthouse," said McCullough, who hopes this adds momentum to the Trust's goal of restoring the art work in

the courthouse. "There are paintings of historic and artistic significance in the courthouse," explains McCullough. "These were given to the people of Charlestown, some of them in the 1850s, and we should ensure they are enjoyed by future generations." The collection includes a painting by Pope of Daniel Webster at the dedication of the Bunker Hill Monument.

"Courthouses are more than bricks and mortar, especially Charlestown's. These buildings evidence the value that we place on administering justice in the Commonwealth," said Birmingham. "The senate has

passed numerous bills designed to make the Commonwealth a safer place to live and work. This bill supports those laws."

The differences between the House and the Senate Courthouse bills are being resolved. "It is vital that the priorities of this area are part of the legislation," said Birmingham who will work to include the Charlestown project in the legislation submitted to the governor.

Charlestown residents interested in learning more about the Charlestown Historical Trust should contact John McCullough at 241-8332.

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES HAPPENINGS

Lenten Services

The Mass schedule during Lent is Monday through Saturday morning at 7:30 a.m. in the Chapel. The Stations of the Cross and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will be held in the church every Friday evening at 7 p.m.

First Penance

The second grade children in the parish, both parochial and public school students, will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Sunday, March 2 at the 9 a.m. Mass.

Irish Night Dinner Dance

The 31st annual Irish Night Dinner Dance takes place on Friday, March 7 at 8 p.m. in the Bishop Lawton Hall. The Irish Night is in honor of Marty O'Brien in recognition of his service to the Parish of St. Francis de Sales and the community. A corned beef dinner by Joseph's Caterers will be served and music will be provided by a DJ.

Tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased from Chairperson Essie Martin, Alice Ringer, Peggy Lynch, Florence Tognarelli, the ushers at Mass and at the rectory. All tickets must be purchased by Tuesday, March 4. No tickets will be sold at the door.

Novena of Grace

Each night from Monday, March 17 through Thursday, March 20 at 7 p.m., Father Patrick Healy, O.M.I., a native of Charlestown, will conduct a special Lenten Mass and Novena of Grace at St. Francis de Sales Church. Mark your calendars for this Lenten devotion.

Firefighters Mass & Communion Breakfast

The annual Firefighters Mass and Communion Breakfast will be held at 9 a.m. on Sunday, April 6 at St. Francis de Sales Church. Father Patrick Healy, O.M.I., will be the Homilist at

the Mass. The breakfast will be held after the Mass in the Bishop Lawton Hall. Tickets are available from the ushers at Mass and at the rectory.

Spring Extravaganza

The Parish of St. Francis de Sales is sponsoring a Spring Extravaganza on Sunday, April 13 at 10 a.m. in the Bishop Lawton Hall. The Extravaganza Raffle will consist of 25 beautiful, expensive prizes, such as a Madonna and Child Hummel, a two-day/one-night trip for two to the Irish Village, a two-day/one night trip for two to the Foxwoods Resort Hotel, a Candlewick Quilt, etc.

Tickets are \$1 for a chance on the 25 magnificent prizes and are available from Guild members, the ushers at Mass and at the rectory. This is the one MAJOR fund raiser for the parish, taking the place of the Christmas Bazaar.

Charlestown Gym Hockey

Player of the week for Feb. 22 goes to everyone who played. All of you did a great job!

The schedule for Saturday, March 1 is:

9 a.m. - Bunker Hill Florist vs. Main Street Furniture
10 a.m. - The Horseshoe vs. Bunker Hill Insurance
11 a.m. - Dunny's Pals vs. Bryan's Pals
noon - The winner of the 10 a.m. game vs. the winner of the 11 a.m. game
1 p.m. - The winner of the 9 a.m. game vs. the winner of the noon game.

On Honor Roll At Arlington Catholic

Four Charlestown residents have been named to the honor roll at Arlington Catholic High School for the second marking period.

Receiving first honors was Edward Schroth; second honors, Ashley Cunha; and honors, Candace Griffin and Caitlin Callahan.

On Dean's List At UMass-Amherst

Francis C. Manganelli of Prospect Street, Charlestown has been named to the dean's list at UMass-Amherst, for the 1996 fall semester.

In order to qualify for the dean's list, a student must receive a 3.5 grade point average or better on a four-point scale.



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March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16

April 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21

The groups run for 5 consecutive weeks and are held at the MGH Charlestown HealthCare Center, 73 High St., in Charlestown, in the 2nd floor conference room and are FREE of charge.

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'Early Intervention And Childhood Development' At The Library

Molly Molloy and Maria Papa, service coordinators of the Harbor Area Early Childhood Services, will be the guest speakers at the weekly adult discussion group meeting at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St., at 10 a.m. on Friday, March 7.

The Harbor Area Early Childhood Services Agency serves families with young children, from birth

to age 3. Malloy and Papa will discuss developmental milestones for the early years, and also point out warning signs to watch for in the growth of the very young child. They will also talk about eligibility requirements for their program.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call the library at 242-1248.

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Charlestown's Best Kept Secret

by Marie Coady

Some say its impossible to keep a secret in Charlestown. They'll swear there's nothing that takes place on its one square mile of real estate that they don't already know or will find out soon enough. But there is one secret that's been kept for over two hundred years. It's the secret of Benjamin Chamberlain.

I can't say that Benjamin has been in plain sight all these years, but he certainly has made himself known to many over the last two centuries. So why then do so few know his story? After all, I know it, and I was raised in Charlestown. I didn't try to keep his secret. In fact, I told everyone who would listen about Benjamin, but no one thought it was important. So he continued to languish in obscurity.

Well, now is the time for Benjamin to move into the spotlight and tell his own story. But since he's been long dead, he's chosen me to do it for him.

Benjamin Chamberlain came to Charlestown for the first and last time on June 17, 1775. He marched over Charlestown Neck with Reed's New Hampshire Regiment, Marcy's Company, dodging cannon and grapeshot to take his place alongside his compatriots at the rail fence erected to protect Col. William Prescott's flank and keep the British from making their way from the Mystic River to the redoubt on Breed's Hill.

When it was time to retreat, Benjamin was

wounded and carried from the field. Eight short days later, he died.

Someone made the decision to bury Benjamin on the battle site, never dreaming his grave would someday be surrounded by towering brick buildings. But as time passed and memory faded, Benjamin Chamberlain became wedged between two of those towering, brick houses. His resting place became the dark, damp, shadowy world of imagination.

Of course, no one can be sure Benjamin is still interred there. It could be, as Frothingham said in his *History of Charlestown*, that his was one of the bodies builders found while digging the foundations for the houses around Breed's Hill. Those remains were identified by the tattered garments and regimental buttons still attached to their bones. It's thought that most of these remains were reinterred at the Granary. But what if he is still there, waiting to be discovered?

That's what my uncle told me when he used to try to scare me with his stories of the Man with the Big Shoes. According to him, Benjamin rose on the night of the full moon and stomped up and down the narrow, blind alley between my house and next door, looking for a way out. To add credence to his macabre tale, he would tie a pair of old boots to a rope and hang them out the window above mine, banging them against the wire cage that covered my bedroom



Here lies Buried ye Body of Mr. Benjamin Chamberlain

window. It was just outside that bedroom window that Benjamin's tombstone lay, constantly reminding me to free him from obscurity.

As a result, there was no fear, just curiosity. Not only did I want to know who Benjamin was, I wanted to help him find his way into the light.

I was too little to do anything then and no one seemed interested in my tale. We are all sophisticated. We weren't like the tourists who were dazzled by the history of our home turf. We feigned disinterest as the tour buses belted its tales of valiant heroes and great battles. So the secret of Benjamin held fast.

Who is Benjamin Chamberlain, and where is his tombstone?

First, I'll tell you who I think he is. According to my research, Benjamin was born in Dudley, Mass. in 1737. His father died in 1742, and when he turned fourteen in 1751, he took a

well. In researching the house where Benjamin's tombstone lies, one of its first owners was a C. F. Newell.

Eureka! I've found it, you say. Except that upon further research, C. F. Newell was recorded in Hunnewell's *History of Charlestown*, as a successful businessman who took the name of Newell because his original Greek name was not conducive to doing business with his Yankee neighbors.

Where does this mysterious tombstone lie?

It is hidden behind the eight-foot wooden fence between 60 and 70 Winthrop St. Saddest of all, it is no longer intact. Since I saw it last in 1972, it has been broken into three sections and one of the sections is missing. That missing piece could be buried beneath the layer of concrete that now covers a surface that was once entirely brick.

Some experts think it may have sunk in the mud that became exposed as the brick layer eroded from rain damage and age. All that remains is the cherubic face of an angel whose wings flare out beside its head. Beneath are the words:

Here lies Buried ye Body of Mr. Benjamin Chamberlain

That short inscription is why the Larkins, who bought the property a few years ago, were not aware of the stone's history. According to Kim Larkin, she thought it was the tombstone of a former owner,

dating back to the eighteen hundreds, until I arrived to take a picture for my memory book.

Seeing the stone in such a sad state, tugged at something deep inside and led me to my research to find and free Benjamin once and for all. But I need help. I remember the stone reading:

Here lies Buried ye Body of Mr. Benjamin Chamberlain Died June 25, 1775 Felled on this Site June 17, 1775

But of course I can't prove it and that's what's necessary to have the stone restored and recognized.

Somewhere there must be a picture of the stone in its original state. It could be in the possession of one of its former owners. When I last saw the tombstone intact in 1972, a family named Sablock owned the property. I understand their daughter Mary Sablock Doherty continued to live in the house with her husband Daniel and their three children, Mary, Frances and Daniel. They have since moved away.

If anyone knows of their whereabouts or the existence of a picture of that tombstone in its original condition, could you please contact me at 935-3020. Maybe together we can shed some light on the mystery of Benjamin Chamberlain.

From now on, if anyone asks you if there's anything new in Charlestown, you can tell them the newest thing is something very old.

K. Of C. Hosts 200 Children And Their Families At Special Holiday Party



MEMBERS OF BUNKER HILL COUNCIL #62, Knights of Columbus made it possible for 200 children and their families to have a very special holiday season. Carolyn Shannon (left), Charlestown resident and manager of Boston Community Centers' Youth Connection Program, is pictured above with Rick Walsh, Grand Knight of the Bunker Hill Council #62, Knights of Columbus, and Evelyn Riesenbergh, executive director of Boston Community Centers. The Boston Youth Connection program sponsored a Multi-Cultural Feast for homeless women and their children. When the event became larger than expected, Walsh provided the facility for the feast on short notice and helped Shannon and her staff prepare. His hospitality made the event possible. The Multi-Cultural Feast served women and children from nine area shelters and offered them an evening of food and fun away from the shelter.

Malden Historical Society To Hold Antique Show

Like antiques? Save Saturday, March 1, the date of the Malden Historical Society's Annual Antique Show which will be held at the Centre United Methodist Church in Malden, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Dealers from throughout New England will be on hand to display and sell a varied selection of antiques and collectibles.

Items on display and for sale will include books, china and porcelain, prints and paintings, postcards, jewelry, vintage linens, glassware and much more.

This is the 11th year that the Malden Historical Society has sponsored the show which is held annually as a fund raiser to benefit the society's ongoing archiving project.

Centre Methodist Church, 7 Washington St., corner of Pleasant and Washington streets, is a short walk from the Malden Center Orange Line MBTA station. The church is handicapped accessible and validated parking is available. Admission is \$2.50 and food and beverages will be sold.

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POP WARNER CORNER



The Board of Directors of the Charlestown Pop Warner Football League would like to thank the entire community for their overwhelming response in supporting our efforts to continue hosting Pop Warner football at Charlestown High School. As this issue has yet to be resolved with league officials, they appear to be wavering as a result of the support we received throughout the community and from local elected officials.

As the next league meeting has been postponed until April, we are now hopeful that Pop Warner football will continue to be hosted in this town. We will acknowledge the many friends of Charlestown Pop Warner after the April meeting when this issue is scheduled to be discussed.

Registration

Mark your calendars now as registration for the upcoming 1997 season will be held on Friday, May 9, from 5 to 7 p.m., and Saturday, May 10, from noon to 3 p.m., at the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club, 15 Green St. This will be the first registration for all football players and cheerleaders who want to catch the spirit of the blue and white. The registration fee is \$50 for the first family member and \$10 for each additional family member.

Coaching Opportunities

The Charlestown Pop Warner program has football coaching positions available for the 1997 season. This is also a very good opportunity for present and former high school football players, who are interested in gaining some coaching experience and be

actively involved in the community.

Anyone interested in coaching should inform us in writing at the following address: Charlestown Pop Warner, 334A Main St., Charlestown, MA 02129.

Fund Raising

We also will be contacting all local businesses in the very near future to get involved in our fund-raising effort to participate in a sponsors program which will be distributed at home games this fall - God willing! This fund-raising effort, if successful, will hopefully allow us to eliminate the annual "canning drive" at the Bunker Hill Mall.

Catch the blue and white spirit as we are back on the radar screen! Boog-a-loo as our cheerleaders say ... see you next month.

BB&N Auction Fever Soars

Gina Freeman of Charlestown is serving on the Buckingham Browne & Nichols Auction '97 Committee. This year's auction is to be held on Friday, March 7 at the Royal Sonesta Hotel in Cambridge.

Auction co-chairs Francine Crawford of Boston

and Nina Stutz of Cambridge have a wide range of auction items, ranging from dinners for two at some of the trendiest restaurants to a unique vacation package in Seattle, Washington, that includes a boat tour of the waterfront property of Microsoft's Bill Gates.

Summer and ski home rentals, original art work, health club memberships, Celtics, Red Sox and Bruins tickets are some of the exciting items to bid on. One of the more novel items is an architecturally distinctive bird house, tree house, or dog house de-

signed by the architect who helped design BB&N's new athletic facility.

The auction is open to the public and reservations are required. The silent auction begins at 6 p.m. and the live auction is at 8:45 p.m. For ticket information, call 547-6100.

Celebrate Boston's Business Heritage!

Mayor Thomas M. Menino has announced a new initiative called "Celebrating Boston's Business Heritage!" Boston Main Streets, the Boston Preservation Alliance and the Boston Chamber of Neighborhood Commerce, along with other project sponsors, are asking people who live and work in Boston's neighborhoods to help gather information to honor businesses that have been in Boston for 25 or more years and support business development in Boston through the history of business.

Menino said, "Like our cultural, educational and political institutions, thriving businesses have played a critical role in Boston's long and honored history. We are saluting those businesses for what they have

contributed to the city over time, and support them in their efforts to continue to grow in Boston's active commercial environment."

"Preservation Begins at Home" is the theme of the week-long celebration co-sponsored by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Boston Main Streets. Preservation Begins at Home is a call to activism, an opportunity to highlight preservation's role in enhancing the appearance and livability of your own community and lay the foundation for an even greater role in the future," says Richard Moe, president of the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Promotion of long-standing businesses can provide an economic boost for Boston's businesses,

their customers and area residents. After preliminary research, the Boston Preservation Alliance and Boston Main Streets estimate that more than 200 existing Boston businesses, ranging from "mom and pop" stores to major corporations, are 100 years or older.

The Boston Business Heritage Project has prepared a survey which is being mailed to businesses, and is requesting more referrals so that more surveys can be mailed out. Research and survey work will culminate at a celebration and in the distribution of a publication in May, during "National Historic Preservation Week."

Long-standing businesses will: 1) Secure a listing in a publication that will be distributed to thousands of

residents, businesses and organizations; 2) Receive a decal sticker and companion logo to post and use as marketing materials; 3) Acquire targeted marketing ideas from Boston Main Streets on how their business can put this recognition to work; 4) Obtain invitations to the Preservation Week celebration; and 5) Be eligible for special achievement awards.

The city of Boston Business Heritage Project needs referrals for individual businesses that are 25, 50, 75 and 100-years old or more from local business owners, historians or others.

Please contact Boston Main Streets at 635-MAIN or the Boston Preservation Alliance at 367-2458 with this information as soon as possible.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR SEVENTH ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARDS RECIPIENTS

The Charlestown Community Appreciation Awards Committee, sponsored by the Charlestown Neighborhood Council, will hold its seventh annual Community Appreciation Awards Banquet on Saturday, April 12 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. After a very successful event last year, the committee is hoping that the community will once again respond to a call for nominations in the seven award categories.

The purpose of the awards ceremony is to recognize those who have helped enrich the quality of life in Charlestown, but have done so in such an unassuming manner that their deeds have gone unheralded and, in most cases, unknown to the general population. Seven award categories have been established to encompass all aspects of the community. Residents, non-residents, business persons and employees are urged to take the time to nominate a person, business or organization deserving of recognition.

Persons, businesses and organizations that have previously received recognition for their deeds and members of the committee and the Neighborhood Council are not eligible to receive an award.

Award recipients will be chosen by the committee from nominations received from the community. Persons who sent nominations in the past are requested to resubmit their choices for these awards. If potential recipients would be eligible for consideration in more than one category, submit an entry for each award. The number of entries received does not make that candidate more eligible for consideration. Rather, the quality and description of the good deeds performed, improve chances of being selected.

AWARD CATEGORIES

- **Youth** - A Charlestown resident who is 18 years of age or younger as of Jan. 1, 1997 whose deeds have gone unheralded.
- **Elderly** - A Charlestown resident who is 55 years of age or older as of Jan. 1, 1997 whose deeds have gone unheralded.
- **Organization** - An incorporated non-profit, Charlestown-based group that primarily serves Charlestown and whose goals are geared toward the betterment of the community.
- **Business** - A Charlestown-based business that supports and enhances the quality of life in the Charlestown community.
- **Public Servant** - A person who performs service within his/her job capacity, but goes beyond that job description in service to the betterment of the Charlestown community. (Example: an employee of the federal, state, county, city or an authority/government agency or community agency who may or may not be a resident of Charlestown.)
- **New Resident** - A person who has taken up residency in Charlestown within the last 10 years and whose deeds have contributed to the quality of Charlestown life.
- **Unsung Hero** - A Charlestown resident whose deed/deeds were performed within the community and have gone publicly unrecognized. These deeds cannot be performed as part of his/her job performance. There is no age restriction for this recipient. The deed/deeds would result in the enhancement of the quality of life in Charlestown.

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All nominations should be sent to:

Community Appreciation Awards Committee
P. O. Box 397
Charlestown, Mass. 02129

Deadline for the submission of nominations is **Friday, March 14 at 5 p.m.** All nominations must be signed and include a telephone number for confirmation purposes.

COMMUNITY APPRECIATION AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Award Category: _____
Nominee Name: _____
Address: _____

Telephone: _____
Length of Residency (if applicable): _____
Place of Business/Employment (if applicable): _____

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★ EDUCATION/ CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

Einstein Alert - Congratulations to the "Best Year" students whose hard work and effort was rewarded by being chosen science fair finalists at the Clarence R. Edwards Middle School. Hats off to Fallon Leonard, Bart Rosher, Kelleigh Harrington, Kelly Burke, Meaghan Burke, Scott Gilbert, Pedro Santana, Jason Sousa, Michael Doe and Katie DiFava. Keep up the good work!

★ TEEN CENTER

Vacation Update: Ski Trip - On Feb. 15, nine teens took to the slopes of Wachusett Mountain and had a great time. The skiers were John Grzelcyk, Andrew Grzelcyk, Sean Rea, Aileen Gorman, Mike Wilkins, Ryan Mainey, Joe Hurley, Mark Hanscom and Nolan Burns. P.S. Aileen: How was the tree in the side of your head?

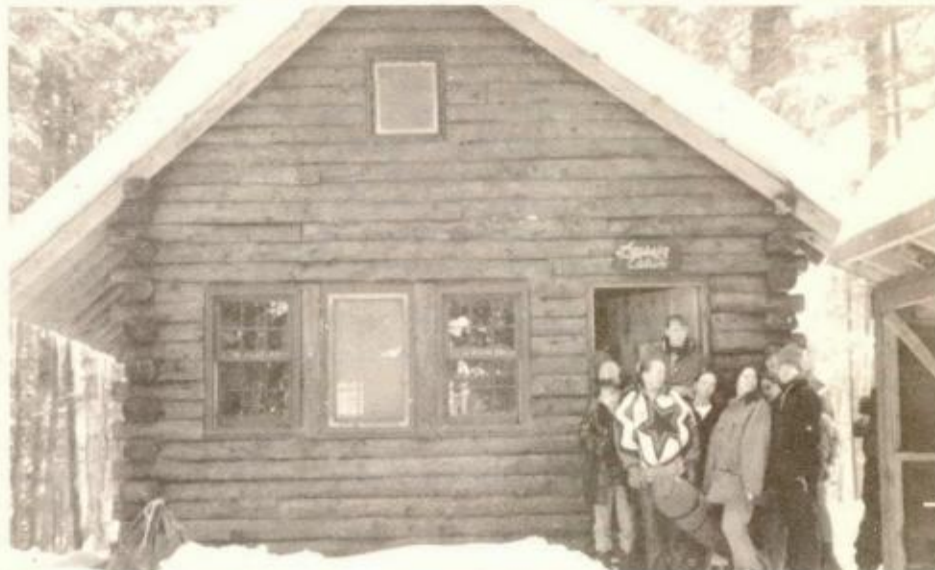
Movies - On Feb. 20, seven teens went to see the new "Star Wars" in Somerville. It got the thumbs-up by the teens. Moviegoers were Andrew Grzelcyk, Ryan Mainey,

Ryan Connolly, Mike Wilkins, Timmy Brennan, Joe Wilkins and Joe Awbrey.

Keystone Club - The Keystoneers will have their final peer mediation session at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday. It was a great six weeks and they look forward to using their mediation skills at club events.

Tournaments - Tournaments will take place on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 7 p.m. Come and challenge the title!

Girls Only Winter Retreat: Presidents' Weekend - Eight adventurous, hardy girls braved the White Mountain winter weather conditions and stayed in a cabin without electricity, running water, indoor plumbing and only sporadic heat supplied by a woodstove. The focus of the weekend was stress-management and relaxation, and despite the rough conditions, they were pretty successful. The girls, Kim Leonard, Fallon Leonard, Jaclyn Gans, Allison Sargent, Tammy Scitono, Amanda Whareham, Jennifer Neal, Leslie Southern and chaperone Michaela Kearvey, got a taste of what winter's supposed to be like and how to survive without



A WINTER RETREAT in the White Mountains was enjoyed by members of the club. Roughing it had mixed reactions from Kim Leonard, Fallon Leonary, Jaclyn Gans, Allison Sargent, Tammy Scitono, Amanda Whareham, Jennifer Neal and Leslie Southern and chaperone Michaela Kearvey.

all the comforts we take for granted every on Monday, Feb. 17, it was due to their day. So if Charlestown ran out of hot water return to civilization.

Hoyos Attends MIAA Leadership Training Session

Nancy Hoyos, a teacher and physical education instructor at Charlestown High School, recently attended a five-day leadership training session held at the Mass. Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA) in Milford.

The MIAA is the governing and service body for high school athletics in Mass. The MIAA established a Chemical Health Leadership Program in 1985 as a result of the unanimous adoption of recommendations by a Blue Ribbon Committee established by the MIAA Board of Directors.

The MIAA is proud to

have been recipient of the National Federation Helen Durbin Memorial Award. This national award, presented by the National Federation of High School Associations, is presented to the member high school association for demonstrating the most outstanding and exemplary effort to influence school-age youth toward more health lifestyles free from alcohol, drugs and other tobacco products.

Leadership training is one of the services offered by the MIAA. This training is facilitated by consultants from the National Federation of State High

School Associations' Target Program. Information provided during the five-day session will equip participants with tools and information needed to return to school and implement a chemical health program. These include conducting training events for the school staff, conducting pre-season meetings with parents, and understanding the nature of the resources available throughout the state.

Hoyos is also coach of the Charlestown High School girls junior varsity basketball team and the assistant coach of the girls varsity basketball team.

Charlestown Little League News

Registration

Registration for the three divisions of the Charlestown Little League - minor, major and senior - will be from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 1 at the Boys & Girls Club, 15 Green St.

This will be the final registration for the Senior League, for young people ages 13 to 15.

In order to register, senior leaguers must be accompanied by an adult and bring with them a birth certificate and a \$75 fee, \$25 of which will be refunded at the end of the season when uniforms are returned. The fee is \$50 for an additional family member.

The registration fee is \$30 and \$5 for each additional family member for the major and minor

leagues. A birth certificate is also required.

Little League Banquet

The board of directors would like to thank Nancy Keyes of the Bunker Hill Community College, Bill Zimmuch of the Marriott Corporation, and Paula Rose and Mazzie Jones for their help in organizing the banquet.

We would also like to congratulate four outstanding players: Ray Ortiz, MVP of the league; Michelle Kane, recipient of the Alice Curtin Award as the best female player; Neil Mahoney, recipient of the Peter McGill Trophy as the unsung hero; and Brian Dacey, recipient of the Bill McKeon Trophy for sportsmanship.

Last year's players who were not present at the

banquet can pick up their trophies at registration. **Reminder: All minor and major league players from last year must register.**

Thanks

The board would like to thank Ken and Tony of the Oak Hill Nursing Home for the furniture. We thank the Manganelli family, Lester Boyce, the Daughters of Isabella #1, Tess Francesco and Father Ron Coyne for their generous donations.

Volunteers

Help is needed to get the league started. Anything you can do will help, whether it's donating money, coaching, fund-raising, helping in cleaning up. Please call Wayne at 241-4952 or Eddie at 242-3956.

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◆ **Gym Closed On Feb. 28** - The gym will be closed on Friday, Feb. 28 to accommodate the Charlestown High basketball team. CHS is hosting a state tournament game beginning at 7 p.m. Spectators are welcome. Please note that the pool will remain open from 3 to 6 p.m.

◆ **Teen Connection News** - The Teen Connection traveled to North Conway during February vacation to spend the weekend skiing at Cranmore Mountain Lodge. The unusually warm weather made for great conditions as the kids took to the slopes for skiing and snowboarding. Those making the trip were Mimi Wrenn, Anthony Matson, Barbie Gillis, Jillian Gillis, Jon Jones, Shawna Dole, Patrick Lacey, Frankie McPherson, Catie O'Brien, Colleen Carroll, Caitlin Callahan, James Grea-torex and Jimmy White. Also, special thanks to Kathleen Noonan for coming along and chaperoning the trip. A great time was had by all.

◆ **Girls Center News** - The Girls Center kids had a busy week as well. On Tuesday the girls took a trip to Putnam Pantry for lunch and ice cream. On Wednesday they traveled to Amesbury for a day of snow-boarding at the Amesbury Sports Park.

They wrapped up the week by going bowling on Thursday and a trip to the movies on Friday.

Thanks again to the Bunker Hill Associates whose recent donation made it possible to rent a van for the week to transport the kids to these various activities. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

◆ **Swimming Lessons** - The Community Center will be offering swim lessons for children ages 5 and older beginning on Monday, March 10. There will be two groups - one on Monday and Wednesday, and the other on Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 7 p.m. and will run for six weeks. There will be a fee of \$5 for Community Center members and \$10 for non-members. Registration will take place March 3 through 7 from 3 to 7 p.m. Spaces are limited. For additional information, contact Michelle Gibbons at 635-5169.

◆ **Girls Ball Hockey Tournament** - Any girl interested in taking part in an open division ball hockey tournament should contact Michelle Gorman at the Kent Community Center at 635-5177. This tournament will only take place if there is a good response. Time and dates will be announced at a later date.

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♣ **Townies At The Fleet . . .** One of the things I enjoyed most about being the athletic director at Christopher Columbus was setting up special, very memorable events for the Columbus teams. This year I had the opportunity of bringing that "Columbus Spirit" to Charlestown High, and to the hockey team. A School-to-Career field trip was set up where our players had the opportunity to meet Roman Rustia, building engineer and maintenance manager, and Jim DeLaney, FleetCenter public relations director, who talked about career opportunities at the FleetCenter, and similar arenas around the country. We, as you can see from the photos by Ed Loan, had a very unique experience.

♣ **Charlestown High Lights . . .** Charlestown's city championship bid was more of a fling as our good guys and gals were bounced rather abruptly in the semi-final round.

One of the state's top players ended her city career as the Lady Townies were overpowered by the very talented Burke squad. Nicole Matson was silenced by Burke as were her teammates. Burke won in a romp.

A bigger surprise was the puck bouncing off the hockey Townies, who were defeated by Latin Academy 3-2. The Charlestown team was up 2-1 in the third period, thanks to the offensive heroics of freshman Freddy Arroyo, who had both goals.

The boys basketball team begin its quest for a state title when they host the winner of the Salem-Belmont game on Friday at 7 p.m. in the gym. Charlestown brings an impressive 17-3 record to the tournament.

♣ **Tip Of The Cap . . .** With the Mayor's Hockey Cup and the MDC Commissioner's Cup, I thought about a real great Townie who was instrumental in getting the Boston Neighborhood Hockey League (BNHL) back in the 70s. The league gave me and many others our first start in youth hockey. The Townie was Jack "Sugar" Whelan, and he is still involved in doing his best for the town and the youngsters who live here. I was happily surprised when he called me about a week ago regarding another project, which would help another deserving Charlestown young person. Jack is a great guy, and we still have a lot to thank him for and, of course, we are grateful to his "crack staff" who did all the work!

♣ **Hail To The Chief! . . .** What did you do during vacation?

The question will be asked countless times as the kids head back to school and in most cases, will be a post-vacation assignment. In Boston, this vacation afforded many young people the opportunity to see the President of the United States in person. William Jefferson Clinton paid a visit to UMass-Boston to commend Boston on its youth crime-cutting programs, and even more important, he came to listen to many Boston young people.

In the audience at the Clark Center were hundreds of Boston young people given the opportunity to participate in such fine programs as the Mayor's Youth Council and the Community Center's Youth Connection. This time I was happy to be one of the "older persons" in the crowd, because I now share a moment that I have had in the past with many of the kids I work for, and have watched grow into youth workers.

They now understand an event only really understood by being there. It is truly a unique American experience to be in a place when they announce the arrival of the President of the United States, as he enters to the sounds of "Hail to the Chief." It might be the only event that thrills you anew every time the opportunity presents itself, and excites you every time you think about it. No matter who the president is, or whether you agree or disagree with his policies, seeing the president in person is something very special. In Boston in 1997, this Presidents' holiday winter vacation was indeed something very special, and very presidential. Special thanks to Judy Evers of the Mayor's Office for providing many Townies the opportunity to attend this event.

♣ **Glacier Games, Skating On The Common . . .** On Thursday, I spent part of a beautiful day at the Boston Common watching youngsters from all parts of the city take part in the Glacier Games and take advantage of the recently-opened Frog Pond Skating Rink and Pavilion. "Take advantage" is the key phrase here. Boston is a real great place and many of us who live here sometime overlook the advantages of the place we call home. People go all over the place and spend a small fortune to find what we have right here.

Standing in the middle of Boston Common, watching the skaters on Frog Pond, with the Park Street Church in the background, was a postcard waiting to be made. It was actually hard to believe that I was right in the middle of the big city.

Even more important and impressive, was the fact that through the Glacier Games, hosted by the Parks Department, our city youngsters are learning at a very early age the advantages of Boston, and enjoying them. "I skated at the Boston Common" may not sound like a big deal, but when you talk about it, it really is. Congratulations to everyone, especially the Parks Department, who continue to let everyone take advantage of our Boston treasures, and open up the treasures to everyone.

♣ **High School Prep Notebook . . .** March Madness is here! The tournaments have begun and many of our local heroes and their teams will be participating in the second season.

Latin will be definitely spoken and heard from in this year's basketball tournament. Boston Latin boys 17-3, Boston Latin girls 18-1 and the Latin Academy boys 16-3, have qualified for the Division 1 North, and the Division 2 North tournaments.

Joining them at the basketball party will be Arlington Catholic, Pope John and Matignon in Division 4 North Boys, Savio Prep Division 3 North Boys, and BC High Division 1 South Boys.

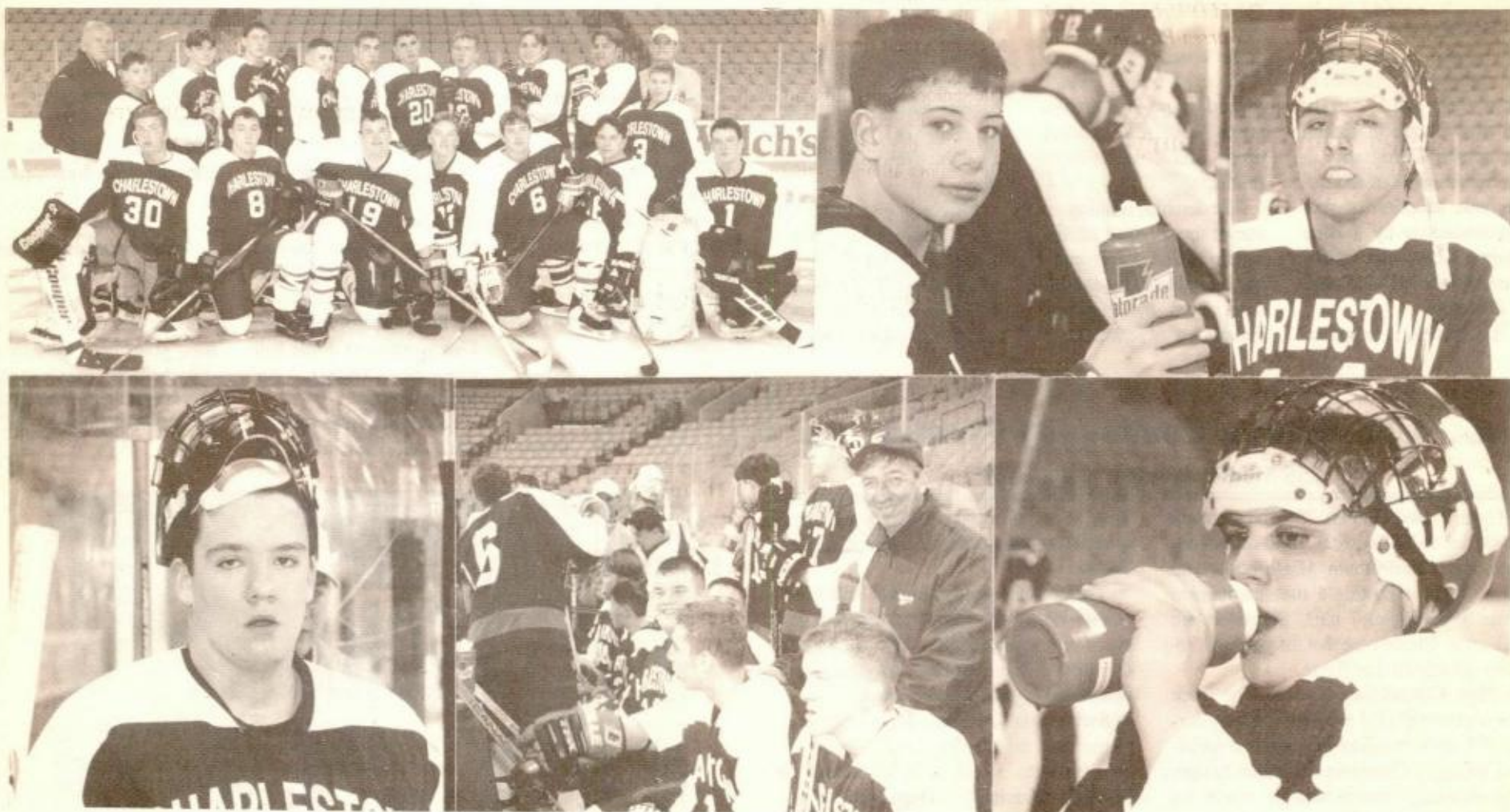
The girls tournament will feature Arlington Catholic Division 2 North, Pope John Division 3 North, Savio Prep Division 4 North, Fontbonne Division 1 South and Mount St. Joseph Division 3 South.

The hockey pairings were unavailable as we went to press. Check the Boston dailies for up-to-date tournament times, locations and opponents.

♣ **Bunker Hill Cup . . .** Word is that both the Joe Tallent team and the Bobby Yandle team will have no trouble defeating the "out of shape old men." Yes, the Bunker Hill Cup is up for grabs. This street hockey tournament is hosted by the Andy Puopolo Club and the help of our Youth Office Ted Boyle. By the way, the "out of shape old men" are the defending champs. See you at the cup!

♣ **Tidbits . . .** Sand & Gravel has a new employee - hope he has a road map . . . Billy Burke, who is Joe Cunningham? . . . Good to see "Gutta" with his monthly pass . . . Is Mike Carroll still teaching Marc Russell how to score goals? . . . Congratulations to Jill Doherty, who has been accepted at Suffolk University . . . Dewey Oxburgher! . . . Birthday best to Jen Brown.

Smile



HOCKEY AT THE FLEETCENTER was an unforgettable experience for the CHS hockey team. TOP ROW: At the left is the CHS hockey team . . . In the center is John Garvey . . . On the right is Freddy Arroyo. BOTTOM ROW: On the left is Paul Hennessey . . .

In the center are Bob D. and friends . . . At the right is Mike Sweeney.

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Thank You

Special thanks to all my friends and relatives who, during my recent illness and surgery, have sent cards and offered prayers for my speedy recovery. I will always remember your kindness.

Sincerely,
Lillian Buckley

Needs Parking And Green Space

Dear Gloria,

Why is it that R87, the land along Tremont Street, can't be developed in a way to improve life in Charlestown?

The town sorely needs parking and green space. Why must we jam in luxury homes, worsen parking and develop another half-park?

Neighbors repeatedly ask for parking and parks. Is it that hard to understand?

Brian McBride

Vandalism Made Us Sad

The new Warren-Prescott playground was recently vandalized. The students and neighbors have rallied to clean it up and are working to see that it remains clean and is available to all for years to come.

The following is a reaction by two Warren-Prescott students to the vandalism:

Dear Patriot,

We are writing this letter to you because someone wrote on our school park and we have been waiting for this park for a long time. We were really sad because we spent a lot of energy and time and a billions of dollars. We are really sad because we've had it for only a couple of months. They had to put in a new ground and trees. It took two years to build it. We are really sad.

Megan De Angelo, grade 3
David D'Urbano, grade 4
Warren-Prescott School

A Response To The Letter from Tewksbury

Dear Gloria,

I'd like to respond to the letter in last week's Patriot from a Tewksbury resident expressing concern about the effect parking regulations are having on the elderly of our town. The visitor also pointed to the illegal and unsafe parking that happens around Thompson Square, and suggested that businesses might be allowed slack while families are not (i.e., that ticketing is not done fairly).

As chairperson of the Charlestown Business Association (CBA), I would like to clear up some possible misunderstandings this letter suggests:

1. Residents who live in the areas now covered by parking restrictions were the only ones allowed to vote on imposing those restrictions.

2. I and other members of the board of the CBA have often publicly expressed our concern for elderly access to services and visits from relatives.

3. The city of Boston does not allow for visitor parking permits. Likewise, being a "resident" parking program, it makes no accommodations for business owners and their employees who live elsewhere and work in Charlestown.

4. A big part of the reason why parking around Thompson Square is getting even more difficult and dangerous is that commuters are looking for alternatives to parking in Precinct 1, their usual destination. The more restrictive parking regulations are in one area of town, the more restrictions will be needed in other areas to compensate, and the harder it will be for friends and family to visit all over town.

5. Tickets are given out to anyone who parks illegally, whether they are a resident, a business person or their patron, a family member or provider of elder services.

The Resident Parking program that was installed in Precinct 1 in late December is a trial program. The city has told us that it will review the success of the program in three months and decide then if it will continue, discontinue or modify the current regulations. They have promised to hold a community meeting to get comments.

I'd like to thank the visitor from Tewksbury for voicing your concern regarding parking in our town. I hope you are able to easily visit your friends and relatives in Charlestown long into the future.

Marilyn Darling, chairperson
Charlestown Business Association

A Letter From Father Coyne

St. Patrick Seminary
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20 Middlefield Road
Menlo Park, CA 94025

Friends,

I am writing to you from beautiful Menlo Park, California. Most of you know that after recuperating from my illness and being on the "emergency response team" for a couple of months, I am finally on my sabbatical. I arrived on Jan. 21 and will return to Boston on April 21. Thirty-six priests are participating in this three-month program. They come from all over the world - India, Canada, Ireland, England, South America and throughout the United States. There is one other priest here from Boston. He's a great guy and I am glad he is here.

The setting here is beautiful. We live in a separate building on the seminary campus and have our meals with the seminary community. I think its a great idea because it gives us a chance to relate with young men preparing for the priesthood today. The bonding among all of us is great. We have a lot of laughs and can learn so much from each others experiences. The staff here is wonderful, and over these past few years they have put together a very powerful and effective program.

We have classes most days from 9 to 11 a.m. and from 7:15 to 9:30 p.m. We also celebrate Eucharist each day as well as spiritual direction and group sessions. We are off every Thursday and Sunday. I hope to be on a bike in a short time (after the fog burns off). I am heading up to Stanford University to ride it for a few hours. Their campus is supposed to be enormous.

Yesterday we had a "day in the desert." Each of us went on our own to an "out-of-the-way place" to be still before the Lord. I chose Half Moon Bay and walked for miles along the seashore. Half Moon Bay is the "Pumpkin Capital of the World."

Sincere Thanks

Clarence R. Edwards Middle School
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Dear Mr. McAfee,

The guests and staff of the Kennedy Center would like to express their sincere appreciation for the wonderful Valentine's Day visit by the seventh graders at your school. The seniors were delighted by the childrens' lively conversation and exuberance. They also enjoyed the Valentine cards that the children thoughtfully made and presented. The seniors all agreed that it was a very pleasant experience.

It must be remarked that the children were all very polite and friendly which, of course, reflects upon their families and their school. The community is proud of the wonderful job these children are doing. The Kennedy Center is excited about working with these children and their families as it continues to grow and to develop its programs in the community.

Katherine M. McDonough, executive director
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I truly miss being in a parish, and I think often of St. Catherine's, St. Angela's, St. Margaret's and Sacred Heart. It is hard to believe I served 23 years in these parishes.

I really have not been to downtown San Francisco yet. It is 30 miles north of here. There is so much to see there that I am sure I will be there often during these three months. Most of the guys have cars and are more than willing to lend them out or travel in groups.

In early March we can make a five-day retreat. I opted to spend the five days in a hermitage, living in a cell with meals brought to you - total silence with a lot of time to pray, think, read and walk. I have become an avid walker, and its great to notice things you've driven by for years.

I want to thank you for your support, encouragement, appreciation, faith and love over the years and most recently when I was home sick. I know a form letter like this can be hard to take, but I am writing to over 120 people, so doing it this way makes life a little easier. Believe it or not, there is not a lot of time for communicating with friends.

I feel very much at home here, except it is hard getting used to the ocean being on my left and not on my right. The birds are constantly chirping. The food here is fantastic. I am now up to two meals a day on many days. I am keeping a journal for the first time in my life. Reading it over months and years from now will help us to continue to relive this experience.

It has gotten up to 70° a couple of days. The evenings are cool. If you would like to write, I'd appreciate it, but I know how hectic our lives can be, so don't worry about responding. I hope to write periodically just to let you know I am alive and well. I have no idea where I will be stationed when I return to Boston.

Be assured that you are in my prayers. May God continue to bless you and those you love with peace, happiness and good health.

Love, Father Ron Coyne

T-Ball/Wack-A-Ball Registration

Sign-ups will be held on Saturday, March 1 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Hall on Winthrop Street.

Children ages 4 to 7 are invited to register for a \$10 fee. If anyone is interested in coaching, please stop by.

Receives Scholarship From Labouré

Donna Hayes of Charlestown, a senior in nursing, received the Catherine Labouré Alumni Association Scholarship on Jan. 30 at the 15th annual scholarship ceremony.

Over \$32,000 in scholarship monies were awarded to 52 Labouré College students. Sister Clarisse Correia, D.C., president of the college, presided over the ceremony.

Granting the Associate in Science degree exclusively in healthcare education, Labouré College is a member of the Caritas Christi Health Care System.

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From the desk of Capt. Ronald X. Conway,
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Boston Police Department

Monday, Feb. 17

A man reported that person(s) unknown broke into his motor vehicle that was parked on Warren Street and stole the car radio.

A man told police that person(s) unknown damaged the front door lock on his Bunker Hill Street home.

A woman reported that person(s) unknown broke into her motor vehicle while it was parked on Monument Square. A cellular phone and a gym bag containing a gold ring, sunglasses and CDs was taken.

A woman stated that person(s) unknown broke into her motor vehicle that was parked on Pearl Street and stole a gym bag, a radio and CDs.

Tuesday, Feb. 18

A woman reported that person(s) unknown broke into her motor vehicle that was parked on Roland Street and stole the car radio.

Police arrested a male at Main and Austin streets for possession of a hypodermic needle and syringe.

A man stated that person(s) unknown broke into his motor vehicle that was parked on 13th Street and stole a man's wool coat and a blue garment bag.

Police arrested a male on Walford Way on a default warrant.

Wednesday, Feb. 19

A man reported that person(s) unknown broke into his

motor vehicle that was parked in City Square and stole a lap-top computer, a brief case and a cellular phone.

Police arrested a male on Medford Street on an outstanding warrant.

A man stated that person(s) unknown stole a lap-top computer from his office at Constitution Plaza.

A woman reported that while assisting a neighbor with groceries, person(s) unknown stole her handbag from her car that was parked on Tufts Street. Taken was money, credit cards and sunglasses.

A woman stated that person(s) unknown stole her purse containing various credit cards while she was at Bunker Hill Community College.

Thursday, Feb. 20

A man reported that person(s) unknown hit his motor vehicle that was parked on Rutherford Avenue and left the scene without notifying the victim.

Friday, Feb. 21

A woman reported that person(s) unknown broke into her apartment on Walford Way through an unlocked window and stole a VCR and diamond earrings.

A man stated that person(s) unknown broke into his motor vehicle that was parked on Constitution Road and stole the cellular phone.

A woman reported that person(s) unknown damaged her motor vehicle which was parked on School Street.

Saturday, Feb. 22

Police arrested a male on Monument Square on an out-

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standing warrant.

Police arrested a male on Walford Way for being a disorderly person.

Police arrested a male on Moulton Street for the violation of a restraining order.

Police arrested a female on Moulton Street on an outstanding warrant.

A woman reported that her motor vehicle was struck by another motor vehicle on Monument Square.

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GED PRACTICE TEST
Charlestown Community Center will be providing a service for potential GED testers. Some people have not attended classes but wonder if they are ready to take the full battery of tests. This service will prepare testers and let them know what type of information is needed to successfully complete a GED test.
The GED Practice Test will be administered on Thursday, March 6 at 6 p.m. Testers are required to be on site by 5:30 p.m. The cost for this test is \$10. This includes the fee for three tests: writing, social studies and math. A tester may choose to take one test or all three. The cost for each individual test is \$3.50. All three tests will be administered on the same evening.
Preregistration for the Practice Tests is required. Registration dates are March 3, 4 and 5.
For more information, please contact Peggy O'Brien at 635-5169.

Legal Notice
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT DEPARTMENT
Suffolk Division Docket No. 96P-2551
NOTICE OF GUARDIANSHIP - MINOR - WITH - WITHOUT SURETIES
To Mary Fidler of Boston, in the County of Suffolk, and Thomas Burke of Concord, in the State of New Hampshire, and to all persons interested in Meaghan Burke and Lindsay Burke, both of 2 Nearen Row, Boston in Suffolk County. A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that Theresa M. Burke of Boston, in the County of Suffolk, be appointed guardian, with custody, without sureties on her bond.
If you desire to object to the allowance of said petition, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at Boston on or before March 13, 1997.
Witness Mary C. Fitzpatrick, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Boston, the 18th day of February, 1997.
Richard Iannella
Register of Probate

English As A Second Language Conversation Groups
The Charlestown Branch Library at 179 Main St. will be having English as a Second Language Conversation Groups during the month of March for adults learning English. The group is open to all levels of ability and provides an opportunity to practice speaking English aloud. The groups will meet on Monday, March 10 and Monday, March 24 from 7 to 8 p.m. Come prepared to talk, listen and have a good time!

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Saturday, 2 - 6 p.m. - Charlestown Working Theater
- Snoopy!**
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The Film Program for Children will be presented at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St. on Tuesday, March 4 at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

The features will be "Owl Moon," the story of how a girl and her father search in the snowy woods for a great horned owl . . . A kitten and her friends run away from home in

"Scruffy" . . . and "A Time of Wonder" tells the tale of an island in Maine, a storm and boats.

A boy is raised by a pack of wolves in "Mowgli's Brothers," which will be shown only at 3:30 p.m.

Suggested good books to read are Owl Moon by Jane Yolen and Time of Wonder by Robert McCloskey.

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Warren-Prescott School News

Many wonderful events have been taking place at the Warren-Prescott School this school year. Several events that sparked the interest of the students were:

- An ongoing puppet theater, sponsored by Mass. Biomedical Research and run by Caleb Brown, who is well-known for his workshops at the Charlestown Working Theater. Students are encouraged through puppets to communicate Healthy Help ideas. The third- and fourth-grade students have enjoyed putting on performances for the younger grades, using such themes as "No Smoking" and "Healthy Eating, Healthy Minds."

- Another exciting event was a basketball clinic initiated by the physical edu-



WELCOME BACK to Emanuela Ancion (left) by Megan DeAngelo.

cation teacher, Andrea Higgins, who is a former BU basketball player. This clinic was held at the Boys & Girls Club and run by the record-setting BU men's basketball team. All fourth and fifth graders were taught some basic skills. Also three current

players told the students the importance of discipline and hard work to play successfully at any level.

- Read Boston is continuing another fabulous year of corporate readers who use their lunch time to share their love of reading



THE PUPPET THEATER is taught by Caleb Brown to Ashley Foley.

with all students. This year, the Warren-Prescott School has teamed up with Thomson Financial and each week guest readers come to share their favorite stories with many classrooms. The students anxiously anticipate this time of week. This program is sponsored by Read Boston and has truly spread the joy of reading throughout the school.

- Welcome back to a hard-working student, Emanuela Ancion, who was seriously hurt in a car accident. The school and especially her classmates helped immensely in her recovery with their constant cards, gifts and visits.

- Tina Fabiano, Teacher



READ BOSTON comes to the Warren-Prescott School with Alice Burns (center) from Thomson Financial reading to Tina Fabiano's room 204. Shown front row (l. to r.) Brent Getchell, James Bing, Orville Harrison, Megan DeAngelo, Katlyn Jones and Ashley Kivlin. Back row (l. to r.) Marcos Martinez, David D'urbano, Michael Buckley, Juaquin Jordan, Jorge Camargo, Felicia Noel, Emanuela Ancion, Jeremy Wallace, Deanna Hillery and Jonathan Harris.

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D.K.

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Businesses can claim the work opportunity tax credit for hiring economically disadvantaged workers. Businesses can also get tax credits for such things as using alcohol fuels, building low-income housing, increasing research, and improving accessibility for the disabled.

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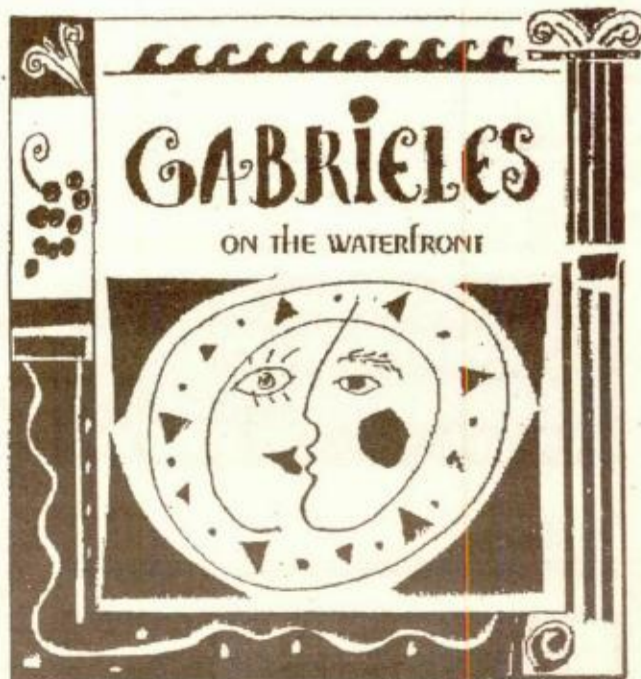
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