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Bank Of New England Delivers Gifts To Headstart Youngsters



EMPLOYEES of the Bank of New England brought Christmas stockings to the children of the Charlestown Headstart Program just before the holiday. The stockings were filled with donations of toys and candy from the employees and bank customers. On hand for the event were: front row with the children, Jim Dorsey of Charlestown, director of Corporate Communications for BNE and Fran-

nie Herrera of the BNE Trust Department. Back row (l. to r.) Mary D'Aurora, customer service representative, Charlestown Branch; Tracey Fake, Charlestown Branch manager; Mary Ellen Connors, director, Charlestown Headstart; Ed Sugrue and Rita Capezzuto, New England Banker Department; and Gerre Daley of the BNE Trust Department.

(photo by Jeanne Davis)

Seek Candidates For 1991 Mayor

Now that the holidays are behind us it's time to think about running for 1991 Mayor of Charlestown. Florence Johnson is almost ready to step down from her post and she leaves a big pair of high heels to be filled. Somebody out there must be up to the challenge.

If you're ready to throw your hat in the ring, or throw caution to the wind, stop a Charlestown-To-Charlestown Committee member on the street to ask for details or come to the next meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 7 at the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St. to learn all you want to know . . . and more . . . about the 1991 Mayor's Race.

Honored By Community Schools At Elderly Christmas Dinner



THE ANNUAL Charlestown Community Schools Community Service Award was presented this year to the Bunker Hill Council No. 62, Knights of Columbus at the annual Elderly Christmas Dinner for their many contributions to the town including the donation of the hall for many charitable events. Shown (l. to r.) Robert McGann, director, Charlestown Community Schools; Past Grand Knight Eugene "Bud" Whelan, accepting the award on behalf of the council; and William Doherty, executive director, Boston Community Schools.

EDIC Meeting

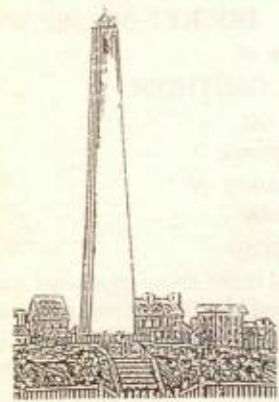
The Economic Development and Industrial Corporation of Boston (EDIC) will sponsor a neighborhood meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 8 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the East Boston Harborside Community School, 312 Border St., East Boston, to discuss the many human service and training programs available to residents as well as the wide spec-

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BEVERLY GIBBONS, elder services director for Charlestown Community Schools, was presented a plaque in recognition of her outstanding service and commitment to the senior citizens of Charlestown. William Doherty, executive director, Boston Community Schools, read a letter from an elderly resident praising Gibbons for her assistance and made the presentation.

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Deadline for advertising and copy is Monday at 5:00 p.m.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

This Week At A Glance

- Friday, Jan. 4**
- 10 a.m. — Adult Discussion Group meeting and Preschool Story Hour, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- Monday, Jan. 7**
- 10:30 a.m. — Toddler Story Time for 2 and 3 year olds accompanied by a parent, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
 - 3:30 p.m. — Creative Drama for children 6 to 12, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
 - 7 p.m. — Charlestown Recycling Committee meeting, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.
 - 7 p.m. — Charlestown-To-Charlestown Committee meeting, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.
- Tuesday, Jan. 8**
- 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. — Children's Films, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
 - 6:30 p.m. — Charlestown Neighborhood Council Public Safety/Police Community Relations meeting, Kent Community School, 50 Bunker Hill St. (note change in time)
- Wednesday, Jan. 9**
- noon — Brown Bag Bookies adult book discussion group, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St. (note change in day)
 - 6 to 7 p.m. — Rep. Richard A. Voke Office Hours, Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square (use Monument Avenue entrance)
 - 6 to 7:30 p.m. — Pre-Alateen and Alateen Meetings, St. Catherine's Hall, below the rectory, 49 Vine St.
 - 7:30 p.m. — Court St. Jude No. 1123, C.D.A. meeting, Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

Upcoming Events

- Thursday, Jan. 10**
- 12:15 p.m. — Charlestown Kiwanis Club Meeting, Barrett's on Boston Harbour Restaurant
 - 6 to 8 p.m. — Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy Office Hours, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.
 - 7 p.m. — Charlestown Neighborhood Council meeting, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.
- Friday, Jan. 11**
- 10 a.m. — Adult Discussion Group meeting and Preschool Story Hour, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
 - 8 p.m. — CYHA Winter Dance, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.
- Sunday, Jan. 13**
- Following 9 a.m. Mass — Holy Name Society meeting, Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.
- Monday, Jan. 14**
- 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Vision Screening for Senior Citizens, Golden Age Center, 382 Main St.
 - 3:30 p.m. — Creative Dramatics for children 6 to 12, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- Tuesday, Jan. 15**
- 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. — Children's Films, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- Wednesday, Jan. 16**
- 6 to 7 p.m. — Rep. Richard A. Voke Office Hours, Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square (use Monument Avenue entrance)
 - 6 to 7:30 p.m. — Pre-Alateen and Alateen Meetings, St. Catherine's Hall, below the rectory, 49 Vine St.

Phillipson Graduates From Training Inc.

Training Inc., a non-profit business training institution, honored 52 graduates including Cheryl A. Phillipson of Charlestown during a graduation luncheon on Dec. 20 at the Parker House in Boston.

Training Inc. is the result of a public/private partnership funded by the Jobs and Community Services division of Boston's Economic and Development and Industrial Corporation and numerous other corporations and civic organizations. The program trains residents of Boston's neighborhoods in the kind of business skills they will need to succeed in office-related and business positions.

NEWS FROM THE HILL * NEWS FROM THE HILL

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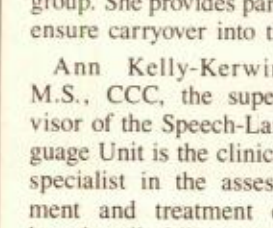
MEET THE TEAM

The speech-language pathologists of the Massachusetts General Hospital Bunker Hill Health Center have formed a new and comprehensive team providing professional services to the Charlestown and surrounding communities. The team includes three clinicians who have diverse skills and competencies covering all communications disorders and ages.



ALLISON MOORE
M.S., CCC

Allison Moore, M.S., CCC has expertise in the detection and treatment of infant feeding problems. Her knowledge of early childhood development and failure to thrive children as well as toddlers and preschoolers with speech-language delays makes her a valued and busy member of this new group. She provides parent and teacher counseling to ensure carryover into the home and school.



ANN KELLY-KIRWIN
M.S., CCC

Ann Kelly-Kerwin, M.S., CCC, the supervisor of the Speech-Language Unit is the clinical specialist in the assessment and treatment of learning disabilities. Her evaluations and treatment plans aid school-age children and adolescents with language based academic difficulties. Strategies to improve classroom performance, organization and memory skills and both oral and written language skills are emphasized. Kelly-Kirwin also evaluates and treats adults with language-related learning difficulties providing suggestions for improving on-the-job performance.



MARGIE HO,
M.A., CCC

Margie Ho, M.A., CCC is the expert on adult and pediatric voice disorders. Patients include professional singers and actors as well as those with vocal cord polyps and nodules or chronic hoarseness. Ho's use of current computerized technology aids many patients in achieving their normal voices. In addition, Ho treats children and adults with stuttering disorders as well as patients with aphasia relative to stroke or head injury.

The staff are pleased to have assisted many patients from the Charlestown community at the MGH-Bunker Hill Health Center. If you or anyone you know wish further information about this comprehensive team of speech-language pathologists, please contact the Communication Disorders Unit at 242-5748.

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Plan Ahead

Saturday, Feb. 16

- 7:30 p.m. — Herb Reed and the Platters, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Saturday, March 2

- 7 p.m. — Gladys' annual Corned Beef Dinner, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

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NOTICE

A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that the will be proved and allowed and that Rose Marie Morrissey of Bowie, in the State of Maryland, be appointed executrix without sureties on her bond. The first named executrix being deceased.

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 10:00 in the forenoon on January 17, 1991.

In addition, you must file a written statement of objections to the petition, giving the specific grounds therefore, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the Court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness, Mary C. Fitzpatrick, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Boston, the 20th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and ninety.

James Michael Connolly
Register of Probate

THE STEPPINGSTONE FOUNDATION

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Business Help To Be Found At Compu-Challenge

by Kathy Giordano

Compu-Challenge is an unparalleled approach to the employment needs of the '90s. It is the answer to the pressing demands of both small businesses and larger companies as well as a valuable source of qualified, well-trained personnel.

desktop publishing and other specific software, but would be eligible for a tax credit for hiring a person with a disability.

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COMPU-CHALLENGE Director of Vocational Service, Linda Azevedo, is kept busy informing the community of the valuable services this Life Focus Center program offers. (photo by Kathy Giordano)

Compu-challenge is well into its fifth year of operation at Life Focus Center at One City Square. Established in 1986, this unique employment/office service program offers computer job training for the handicapped and/or disabled and at the same time functions as an office service center.

There are currently 10 adults enrolled in the program with skills at varied levels of capability. Each program participant is well trained in business procedures with specialties in computer software. The focus of the training program has been to acclimate the trainee to the proper work environment atmosphere and build their self-confidence. At the completion of the training course some choose to remain working in Compu-Challenge while researching employment opportunities and others go directly to a job placement outside the center.

Program graduates are seeking opportunities within the community. Not only would the employer receive a desirable employee with computer software knowledge on Symphony, Word Perfect, D Base IV,

specialist would go to the worksite and help make the proper job modifications, give on-site training and continue with assistance through the transition period and until such time that they are no longer needed by the employee and/or employer. Transportation will also be provided to and from the worksite for the employee. There is no charge to the employer for these services.

For companies who do not need an employee but



SARAH FERANDEZ finds encouragement from Ed Codair, a job specialist for the program. (photo by Kathy Giordano)

are constantly finding themselves searching for that little extra business help. Compu-Challenge is what they need. At the program's Life Focus Center location, they offer services such as typing resumes, cover letters, term papers, mailing labels, newsletters, flyers, menus, invitations, custom-made forms, database management, computerized rolodexes, desktop publishing, banners, certificates, gift certificates and much more. All work is guaranteed to be accurate and priced at competitive rates.

Compu-Challenge is looking to build a community network that offers

qualified personnel to local businesses plus the added service of meeting the needs of the busy marketplace. Employment specialists are available to discuss the advantages of hiring a disabled and/or handicapped person or more detailed information on the services the program offers to business. Call the Director of Vocational Services Linda Azevedo at 242-3423, Monday through Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.



TRAINEE Anselmo Aviles receives assistance from Compu-Challenge Job Specialist Dot Pratt. (photo by Kathy Giordano)



STEVE RUBIN teaches Eileen Shelley computer techniques at the Compu-Challenge Program. Terry Oliva (front right) and Sarah Fernandez are working on computer services contracted for by a local business. (photo by Kathy Giordano)

THE REAL ESTATE WEEKLY



By Carolyn Sideman and Joseph Gannon III, CRS, GRI
Monument Properties

MOVING THIS WINTER?

Don't be fooled into thinking that nobody buys a house during the winter. Smart buyers do! When you go out to look at houses in January or February, you won't have autumn leaves or spring flowers to add to each home's appeal. If you bring your imagination, however, you can choose among some terrific values and move in just in time to enjoy the azaleas and tulips for yourself.

House hunting isn't always easy during the winter months. You may have to bundle up and you may even have to slough through some bad weather. Is it worth it? Generally, sellers who list their property during the winter are strongly motivated to sell. They may have been transferred or they may have found another house to buy. This motivation and a somewhat small pool of buyers can add up to considerable savings or more favorable terms for people who are imaginative and hardy enough to take advantage of the cold weather values.

The first step toward learning about the exciting winter market is to find an agent who can handle the cold as well as you can. At **Monument Properties** our all-weather professionals are ready to serve your real estate needs. Please call us at **241-5900**, or stop by our offices at **85 Warren St., Charlestown.**

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Townies Visit Aquarium And Attend Sesame Street Live At Garden

by Bob DeCristoforo
In 1990 we heard a lot about and a lot from the New England Aquarium, but no matter what our opinion of the Aquarium and Charlestown might be, no one will dispute the value of this outstanding facility.

During the school vacation week, as part of the Project Discovery program at the Bunker Hill Housing Development, Rachael Britton and Brian Houlihan accompanied me on a trip to the Aquarium.
The highlight of the visit

was the "Prehistoric Monsters of the Deep" exhibit that ended on Tuesday, and as you can imagine, the most popular monster was the Great White Shark called "Jaws."

We took a look at the relatively new Tropical Rain Forest exhibit as well as the other popular Aquarium attractions. We also had a chance to do some fossil fish drawings. Of course, the ride home via the Water Shuttle was a treat.

Here is a trip tip: the New England Aquarium is

open free from 4 to 8 p.m. with its Terrific Thursday Program on most Thursdays. Call 973-5200 just to make sure and for further information.


The New England Aquarium is truly another one of our great treasures.

Also during vacation week, thanks to the efforts of Patty Papa of the Mayor's Office of Business and Cultural Affairs, close to 100 "Townies" had the opportunity to attend the Sesame Street Live performance at Boston Garden.



TOWNIES Rachael Britton and Brian Houlihan investigate "Prehistoric Monsters of the Deep" at the New England Aquarium while on a recent field trip as part of Project Discovery during school vacation week.

Happy 18th Birthday



KELLY

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- **Gulf Update . . .** The New Year brought a ray of sunshine to the Houlihan household with the unexpected arrival home of Joe Houlihan from the Persian Gulf on Jan. 1st. Joe's short leave is sure to be a delightful event for one and all . . . News reports tell us that the weather has changed on the Saudi Arabian desert. Cold nights are now being endured by our service men and women. It might be suitable to send them along a pair of gloves, scarf, etc. with the next note you write! . . . Speaking of writing, we have been given the address of another Charlestown man recently sent to the Persian Gulf. Sam Morris is a 32-year-old, 12-year Army man from Russell Street. Why not send him a note of encouragement?
SGT Samuel J. Morris
014-52-6346
Operation Desert Shield
557th Maintenance Co. L.T.F. 87
159 Support Group
2nd COSOM VII Corp.
APO 09636
- And while your at it, now that the holidays are past and the nights here are cold, how about dropping a note to the Charlestown men who are part of Operation Desert Shield?
- **50th Anniversary Celebration . . .** will get underway on Jan. 5 for the 26th "Yankee" Infantry Division (26th YD). The 26th YD was the first division to be activated prior to World War II on Jan. 16, 1941. The first division to leave the United States and land directly in France, the 26th became part of General Patton's 3rd Army. In honor of these men, events planned for Jan. 5 include ceremonies recognizing WWII veterans, a display of WWII memorabilia and a military ball. Interested in attending? Call 1-800-862-4452, ext. 2232.
- **Get Well Wishes . . .** go to Dick Gauthier who is finally home and recovering from his lengthy hospital stay . . . We hope this recovery period is a short one, Dick!
- **Birthday Celebrants . . .** this week include John Walsh of Bartlett Street who'll be welcoming in a new year on Jan. 7th . . . Jan. 8th holds a bounty of special birthday remembrances. Those who share this birthdate include Sherry Jackson, Lois Maher, John Scannell and Carol Whelan. Hope you all have a wonderful year, folks!
- **20th Anniversary . . .** of their wedding day will be celebrated by Pat and Judie (Thompson) Dunphy on Jan. 8. These former "Townies," now residing at "Charlestown-by-the-Sea" (Beachmont, Revere), will most surely be treated to a day of festivities by son Shaun and daughter Tricia. Hope it's a great one!
- **Police-Related Complaints . . .** can be voiced to a superior officer of the Boston Police Department each Tuesday morning between 9 and 11 a.m. at the Charlestown Community Schools, 255 Medford St. No appointment is necessary.
- **Tsk, Tsk, Tsk . . .** Look at these companies located in Charlestown and listing their address as Boston, Mass. 02129! Someone should tell those located in the Schrafft Center in Sullivan Square that the building is located in this community. Among those who must not be aware of that fact are International Business Interiors, Massachusetts Citizens for Life and, would you believe — The News Station - WEEI 5.90AM on your radio dial . . . Cabot Advertising at One Constitution Plaza and Louis Mian, Inc. and H.P. Hood, both on Rutherford Avenue . . . Uh, folks, it's CHARLESTOWN, Mass. 02129! We're proud of it, why aren't you?!
- **Want To Plan Something Special . . .** for your Valentine? The famous Herb Reed & The Platters will be performing at the K. of C. Hall at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 16. It's not often that we have the chance to hear such a group right here in our own backyard. Give the K. of C. a call at 242-9673 and reserve your tickets now — don't be left out as it promises to be an outstanding evening of entertainment.
- **It's Coming . . .** Mark your calendar! Gladys' annual Corned Beef Dinner will take place on Saturday, March 2 at the K. of C. . . Stay tuned for more details.

Honored By 'Business Magazine'

Charlestown resident and WEEI Radio news commentator Bruce Lee was recently presented The Golden Pear Award by **Business Magazine**. The award honors individuals who have excelled in the field of media and communications. Ray Barron, columnist for the magazine, hosted the luncheon and awards ceremony.

Lee, who was born in Kansas City, Mo., graduated from Central Missouri State College and DePaul University. His first broadcast job was in Warrsburg, Mo. He went on to Kansas City, Kan., Chicago and was Operations Manager for WBZ-AM and WBZ-FM in Boston. His career led him to Cleve-

land, Ohio where he was Program Manager for WKYC-AM and then to WICE in Providence, R.I. where he was Operations Manager.

He returned to Boston in 1970 and has been with WEEI-AM since that time as talk show host, news reporter and news anchor. Lee has been co-host of the Bunker Hill Day Parade cablecast since 1984 along with his wife, the former Norita Kelly of Charlestown.

Several individuals who reside and/or work in the Charlestown community were recently named by **Business Magazine** as "movers and shakers" in the media and communications industry in Boston.

In the public relations category, Norita Lee and Tom Clark were noted for their professional efforts.

Norita Lee

Norita Lee, a resident of Mystic Street, Charlestown, is a self-employed public relations specialist whose clients range from small, non-profit organizations to national firms. She has extensive experience in broadcast and promotion, special event planning and execution, script writing, audio/video writing and production, and a wide variety of other aspects of public relations and media.

In the past, she has worked for WJIB/General Electric Broadcasting dealing with publicity, promotion and public relations, and

Agnew Associates Inc., a public relations agency.

She does a weekly newscast on Boston's community access television station, focusing on issues and events affecting Charlestown residents and the quality of life in Charlestown.

Tom Clark

Tom Clark is president and founder of T-Catalyst Inc., a three-year old public relations firm located in the Charlestown Navy Yard that services accounts as varied as Clark's past.

Clark's approach to communications relies on the depth and breadth of his associations with people all over the city of Boston and beyond. Prior to founding his firm with managing partner Ellen Witt, Clark acted as business liaison of the city of Boston's Fund for Boston Neighborhoods and for Concerts on the Common.

Clark gained considerable recognition for his work

as director of advance for Congressman Joe Kennedy's 1986 run. Known as the quintessential "can do guy," he is active as a fund raiser, strategist and confidant to many on the business and political scenes.

In the category of general communications, Paul DiNatale and Peter N. Harrington were cited for their achievements.

Paul DiNatale

Paul DiNatale started his career in the early 1970s as press spokesman for the fledgling Boston Economic Development Industrial Commission.

Following a year as public information specialist at the Federal Highway Administration in its Washington, D.C. headquarters, DiNatale returned to Boston to handle media relation activities for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority. In 1983, he left the MBTA to join Blue Cross and Blue Shield as

senior medical information specialist.

In 1986, he joined the new Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, the agency charged with undertaking the massive \$6 billion cleanup of the Boston Harbor. The offices for the MWRA are in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

Peter N. Harrington

Peter N. Harrington, who lives on his boat at the Constitution Marina in Charlestown, is vice president of public relations for The New England.

Based in Boston, The New England is one of the nation's largest life insurers and money managers.

Early in his career, he was a Boston news journalist. Later, he served in the first Dukakis administration in the Secretary of Economic Affairs office. He has twice won the region's most prestigious award for public relations excellence, the coveted Super Bell Award.

Bunker Hill Community College Now Registering For Spring Semester

Bunker Hill Community College is now accepting applications for enrollment and registration for the spring semester classes which begin on Jan. 23.

BHCC offers various options for study including early morning classes, beginning at 7 a.m., for those on their way to work; regular morning and afternoon classes; and evening classes for people on their way

home from work.

Bunker Hill has 21 associate degree programs, 22 short-term certificate programs and a wide range of student support activities. The college also offers more than 35 correspondence courses. It is also important to know that financial aid is available.

For more information about course offerings and

programs of study, please call the BHCC Admissions Office at 241-8600, ext. 420. Or come to one of the open houses to be held in January. The open house at BHCC's Charlestown campus is Thursday, Jan. 10 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. and one will be held at the Chelsea campus (Soldier's Home) on Thursday, Jan. 17 from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

Children's Films

Things Are by Maurice Sendak.

The Film Program for Children will be presented at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St., on Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

The features will be "The Caterpillar And The Polliwog," the story of two friends who experience their own metamorphosis; "The Ugly Duckling," the Disney version about the duck who becomes a beautiful swan; and Naughty Max falls asleep after being sent to bed without his supper in "Where The Wild Things Are."

"Winnie The Pooh And A Day For Eeyore," in which Pooh and his friends throw Eeyore a late birthday party, will be shown only at 3:30 p.m.

The suggested readings in conjunction with these films are **The Caterpillar and the Polliwog** by Jack Kent, **The Ugly Duckling** by Hans Christian Anderson and **Where the Wild**

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DeVillars Approves Central Artery Plan: Urges Further Review Of Scheme Z

In a statement issued on Jan. 2, state Environmental Secretary John P. DeVillars found the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on the Central Artery/Third Harbor Tunnel "adequate" but strongly recommended further review of Scheme Z, including the exploration of options to that scheme.

DeVillars said: "The Central Artery project — when looked at in its entirety — will substantially improve our quality of life and bring with it enormous environmental and economic benefits. It will mean cleaner air and relief for hundreds of thousands of commuters who must travel the most congested and dangerous portion of the Interstate Highway system in America. And, in a time when our economy needs a boost, it will mean the creation of thousands of new jobs."

According to DeVillars, it is the determination of the Massachusetts Department of Public Works how and where this road should be built and, after review of some 31 alternatives, they chose what they consider to be the preferred alternative. It is the DPW's obligation to provide an EIR containing adequate information to analyze the various options. He went on to say that the EIR meets the requirements of providing information adequate for the public and the permitting agencies to understand how the project will affect the environment; it details the environmental impacts, analyzes the alternatives and offers an "unprecedented" mitigation package.

DeVillars went on to say that this is more than just a road project, it is a mass transit project as well. It will include a major expansion of the "T"; comprehensive high-occupancy vehicle systems; aggressive parking freezes in the metropolitan areas; and the prospect of a high-speed rail link from South Station to Logan Airport.

The EIR certificate outlines the benefits of this project, noting that it goes beyond highway improvements to improve the visual character and recreational opportunities of the communities through which the project will be built. Some of the mitigation measures specifically affecting Charlestown include: extension

of the Esplanade along both side of the Charles River to the harbor; continuous bicycle and pedestrian paths along the entire length of the Charles River Basin; restoration and expansion of the Paul Revere Landing Park; acquisition of land to connect the GSA parcel bordering the Charles River to Central Artery North Area (CANA) parkland; and the formation of a bridge-design review committee. In his statement, DeVillars referred to new and better recreational facilities for "countless families," and included in his illustrations "a youngster from Charlestown swimming in a new Olympic-sized swimming pool near the Science Mu-

seum."

In the section of the EIR Certificate dealing with the Charles River Crossing, it was noted that 200,000 cars travel through this dangerous bottleneck each day, and the numbers are expected to increase. Fourteen distinct traffic movements must be accommodated in a very confined area. He added that transportation engineers are faced with significant constraints which pose extraordinary challenges.

DeVillars noted that any solution to this snarl of roads, waterways, parks, buildings, neighborhoods and railroad tracks will have significant impacts.

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Sending A Message To Saudi Arabia



OPERATION GREETINGS: Lt. Cmdr. Ross Kudlick greets Jeanne Houlihan holding her grandson Joey, her son Jeff and Kellie Mansfield, all of Charlestown, at "Operation Greetings From Home," a reception at the Lafayette Hotel, where they were able to send holiday greetings to her son and Kellie's fiance Joseph Houlihan serving in Operation Desert Shield in Saudi Arabia.

The reception featured a live satellite link-up between the Lafayette and Saudi Arabia, a live broadcast over Channel 7 and the taping of messages from families of military personnel to be sent to their loved ones. Houlihan returned home on leave to Charlestown on New Year's Day.

(photo by Sam Greenwald)

Neighborhood Council Meeting MONTHLY MEETING

The Charlestown Neighborhood Council will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 75 West School St.



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Recycling Committee Prepared For The New Year

by Peter Jones
The Charlestown Recycling Committee has prepared a full agenda for its upcoming Jan. 7 meeting.

At the top of the agenda will be an update on existing efforts, including the drop-off center car pooling system, research into drop-



off center feasibility in Charlestown and the results of the recycling petition drive.

New topics for the meeting will include a presentation by a representative of Tuttle's Cleaners describing its new recycling program, strategy for new committee

efforts and options for committee structure.

The committee is open to all Charlestown residents who are interested in learning more about how to recycle in Charlestown. If you are interested in more information, please attend the next meeting on Monday, Jan. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St., or contact Pete Jones at 241-0425 or Kathy Callahan at 242-3512.

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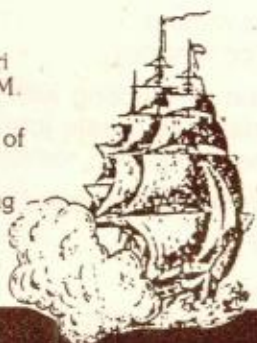
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St. Catherine's Participates In 10th Annual High School Olympics

by Bob DeCristoforo
Saturday was another great day for our Charlestown young people. Representing St. Catherine's CYO in the 10th an-

nual High School Olympics at Tufts University were Jimmy Gillen, Anthony Matson, Tom McDonough, Dave Matson, Dick Centola and Chris Rizzo. Stephen Fabiano coached the team.

Events included volleyball, basketball, track, football, tug of war, chin-up competition and a baseball target throw.

Anthony Matson was selected as St. Catherine's Team MVP.

Other participating teams were Sacred Heart of Roslindale, St. Agnes of Arlington, St. Jerome of Weymouth, St. John's of Cambridge, St. William's of Dorchester, St. John's of Swampscott and St. Margaret's of Dorchester.

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Charlestown State Prison —

'An Institution To Promote The Happiness Of The Town'

by Eddie Loan

During a recent visit to The Front Page restaurant I was seated in a booth with a clear view overlooking Rutherford Avenue. Below the window a plaque bears an inscription indicating that directly across from where they are sitting once stood the Charlestown State Prison — the scene of the infamous 1955 Cherry Hill siege. As I gazed through the window I recalled what I knew of the prison through stories told to me as a young boy by my mother. There were visions of lights dimming in the town when the electric chair was used; one could imagine the prison's long wall stretching along Rutherford Avenue with its gun turrets — dungeon-like in appearance. It was also the place where Sacco and Vanzetti were put to death.

One's thoughts are interrupted by the presence of Bunker Hill Community College and the realization that all that is left are such memories and perhaps some old photographs. It seems ironic that an institution of learning, of preparation, stands on the site where men once wasted away or were destroyed. Because the prison closed before my time I really couldn't imagine anything else on the site but the college. I wondered about the prison — what did it really look like? What it was like inside its walls? From the various stories I had heard over the years — I wondered just what really took place in that small corner of Charlestown that sat across from me. What lay buried on Rutherford Avenue proved to be very interesting and sometimes unbelievable.

The Beginning

In 1800, the General Court passed an act and selected a committee to oversee the construction of a state prison. Five acres of land were purchased in Charlestown at Lynde's Point, known today as Prison Point. The land was then situated on the northerly bank of the Charles River where the river separated Charlestown from Cambridge. During the years 1804-05, two buildings were constructed which housed administration, workshops, sleeping quarters and a work yard, all sur-

rounded by a large wall. The total cost was \$170,000.

Writers of the day held the belief that the institution would help to promote the happiness of the town. Perhaps initially it did, for newspapers of the time report the prison to be "quiet and well-ordered." As time went on though, this statement proved to be farther and farther from the truth. The first convicts arrived at the prison from Castle Island and Fort Independence in December of 1805. Charlestown was the sixth state prison built in the United States.

Inmates walked in lock-step, wearing striped uniforms with painted caps. Cells in the new prison measured six-by-eight feet. There were no windows and no plumbing whatsoever. Instead, each cell was given a wooden bucket to be used for human waste — it was emptied once a day. Except for Sundays, inmates spent 17 hours a day in their cell. Because there was no dining facility, meals were taken in the cell. A six-hour work day was followed by 45 minutes free time in the yard with an additional 15 minutes to dump out their bucket in a trough and clean it. Although a physician visited the prison, there were no permanent medical facilities. Personal hygiene was taken care of by one bowl of water a day for cleaning and drinking.

The Mentality Of The Age

Such conditions seem appalling by today's standards but were acceptable at the time. In 1815, the prison director was quoted as saying: "The prison should be considered a world by itself and its inhabitants should know nothing of what passes outside its walls." Such was the mentality of the age. Society felt that convicts should be locked away, deserving their conditions, and not be heard from. The director concluded that Charlestown was built for such a way of life — his words proved true!

Time seemed to stand still within the prison walls — this way of life would persist to the bitter end even amongst great controversy. Because of a growing prison population, additions were made to the institution



in 1809, 1826 and the last in 1850 when a maximum of 750 men could be housed. Looking over the architect's plans, it is possible to see why some described the prison as an ancient dungeon. The initial buildings were constructed of Quincy granite in large blocks. The corridors were 12-feet wide and the main doors, made of wrought iron, weighed 600 pounds.

Beginning in 1827, the essential features of the modern parole system were begun at Charlestown. A definite period of confinement was established followed by a period of liberty in the community. Initially there was no aid or supervision, but in 1845 inmates were granted money, clothes and a job.

In 1878, the 73-year-old prison was condemned and ruled unfit for human dwelling. The inmates were transferred to Concord. After six years it proved too costly to maintain so many at Concord, and Charlestown, which was being used as a storage facility, was reopened. Returning prisoners found the same conditions that they had left. No changes or improvements had been made, it would be business as usual.

Society still cared very little for the convicted and the prison was all too happy to accommodate. An example was the meal served on a Sunday in 1887, a half pound of bread, 4 ounces of salt pork and a quart of bean porridge. The meal was taken in the windowless granite cell within feet of the inmates' sanitary bucket.

Although the first escape had taken place in 1806, it wasn't until the 1890s that the press paid any attention. In 1892, nine inmates slipped into a manhole inside the prison and crawled out through the sewers. The nine were soon labeled the "sewer gang." Five were recaptured but the other four were never found. It was the first of many highly publicized attempts at the prison.

Death By Electricution — "The Chair"

Twice more in the final decade of its founding century would the prison make headlines. The first was in 1895 when the idea

of maximum and minimum sentences came into effect for inmates at the prison. Three years later, in 1898, the governor signed into law legislation which enabled the state to put to death those convicted of first-degree murder. Death would come to the condemned by means of electricution. Facilities were soon set up at Charlestown, a state "death house," with three cells and an electrical device with sufficient means to cause death. The "chair" was first used on Dec. 17, 1901. In all, 64 men, ranging in age from 18 to 54, would follow the first. The last inmate met his fate on May 9, 1947.

The process of death at Charlestown is one that still causes a shiver. Ten days before the man was to die, he was locked in one of the three death house cells. The condemned man could not leave his cell. His food came to him through a trap — his bucket emptied once a day. Only three persons were allowed to see him — a priest, his lawyer or his nearest relative — none of whom could make any physical contact. With a guard present, visitors were forced to sit behind a green line painted on the floor several feet from the bars. No visitors were allowed at the execution.

It's so hard to believe that all this happened right here in Charlestown. It seems like footage from an old prison movie. One can only try to imagine the last 10 days — what it was like to know when and how death was to come and then the cell door opening. Some must have been calm, setting their mind to it, others hysterical.

First Parole Board Established

As the 20th century beckoned, society began to feel that prisoners should not just be punished but rehabilitated. In 1911, release of men at two-thirds of their minimum sentence was put into effect, followed in 1913 by the establishment of the first parole board. This placed authority for release in lesser hands than the governor and his council. Although the criminal justice system was mak-

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Mahan Makes Mark On Charlestown Pride Basketball Team

by Bob DeCristoforo
Complementing the St. Catherine CYO Junior Basketball Team is the Charlestown Pride Basketball Team.

You might say the Charlestown Pride Team has given many of the St. Catherine's Junior players a non-league schedule.

To date the Charlestown Pride Team has taken part in the Charlestown Community School Holiday Tournament and has played teams from Don Bosco, Pope John and Dom Savio high schools.

Steve Mahan, who played his first Junior CYO game Sunday, has been a force on the Charlestown Pride Team. He has worked very hard and has proven that he now wants to play the game. Coaches are amazed when I tell them he has not played varsity high school basketball.

While no one player makes a team, Mahan is beginning to realize that his teammates count on him to

be there and to come through. His point average is roughly 12 to 15, rebounds 10 to 12 and blocked shots 1 to 3 per game.

Mahan reminds me of a player I knew from South Boston who never played high school ball but worked so hard he went on to UMass/Boston, earned a starting role and captained the team in his senior year. He also received his degree.

This is just one of many positive things about the Charlestown Pride Team which is part of the Andy Puopolo Club of Boston.

Another very positive and even more important aspect of Charlestown Pride is the great comments I receive after the game from the other team coaches . . . what a good team they are . . . how well mannered they are . . . and what a great bunch of kids to work with.

And you know the comments are quite accurate. These are just more good kids doing more good

things, and they have taken the name of their team very seriously.

Members of the team are: Chris Sawyer, Jonathan

Owens, Jim Burke, Pat Woods, Mike Erardi, Tony Matson, Joe Kacvinsky, Bill Barands, Chris O'Shea, Pat Owens and T.J. Gould.

Intermediate Boys Suffer First Loss Of Season

St. Catherine's Intermediate Boys Basketball Team lost this week 92-81 to a high scoring St. Augustine's of South Boston.

St. Catherine's was once again led by Derek Gallagher who contributed 29

points and at least a dozen offensive rebounds. Also contributing were Steve Fabiano with 21 points, Dan Martell with 20 points. Joe Porter dominated both offensive and defensive boards in the team's first loss of the season.

Townies In 'Just Say No To Drugs' Basketball Tournament

by Bob DeCristoforo
The third annual "Just Say No To Drugs" Basketball Tournament took place during the Christmas vacation at the South End Boys & Girls Club.

Fourteen teams from the various Boston Housing Authority developments took part in the tournament

that was in part sponsored by NBA pro John Bagley.

Charlestown/Bunker Hill was represented by T.J. Gould, Jonathan Owens, Chris O'Shea, Pat Woods, Mike Erardi and Chris Sawyer.

In the opening round of the tournament, Charlestown played Franklin Hill.

St. Catherine's Juniors Lose To St. Brendan's Of Dorchester

by Bob DeCristoforo
Pat Woods played his best game of the year, Pat Owens had another terrific game and Jonathan Owens is back on track, but St. Catherine's lost to St. Brendan's of Dorchester 74 to 71 in an exciting ball game at Milton.

Similar to the past two league games, it was another day of frustration as St. Catherine's once again saw an early lead disappear and a fine effort in the closing minutes just fall short.

The team record is now 1 and 3, but we have a long way to go, and only one direction to go . . . That is UP!

Good teams stick together

er and we are certainly a good team.

This Sunday the team will play at St. Mary's in

Milton and then return home for a Monday night game at the Charlestown High Gym.

St. Catherine's Bantams

by Bob DeCristoforo
The St. Catherine's Bantam team is coached by Steve Power and Steve Kilcoyne. Members of the team are: Mark Van Gorder, Nick Smith, Joe Tallent, Frankie Feeley, Bob Yandle, Greg Masse, Derek Surette, Frank MacDougall, Clinton MacDougall, Shane Fisher and Steve Van Gorder.

JANUARY SCHEDULE

Sunday, Jan. 6, 2 p.m., vs. St. Helen at Norwell Junior High
Saturday, Jan. 12, 8 p.m., vs. St. Theresa at St. Theresa's Parish Hall

Sunday, Jan. 13, 2 p.m., vs. St. Anne - home game
Saturday, Jan. 19, 5 p.m., vs. Gate of Heaven at Gate of Heaven Parish Hall

Sunday, Jan. 20, 2 p.m., vs. St. Gregory - home game
All Charlestown home games are played at the Boys & Girls Club.

Charlestown/Southie Hockey

by Bob DeCristoforo
Round one of the Charlestown High - South Boston Hockey matchup will take place on Friday, Jan. 4. The game time is 2 p.m.

The game has always been a battle between two great hockey teams, and this one at Northeastern should be no different.

C.Y.O. NEWS by Father Ron Coyne

• **CYO Meeting** — There will be a meeting for all high-school-age boys and girls at St. Catherine's Parish Hall on Sunday, Jan. 6 at 6 p.m. to make final plans for our three-day ski trip and plan other winter activities. We would like to discuss the possibility of having a parish show at St. Catherine's.

• **CYO Three-Day Ski Trip** — St. Catherine's CYO will run a three-day ski trip to Sunday River in Maine from Saturday, Jan. 19 to Monday, Jan. 21, Martin Luther King weekend. We will leave St. Catherine's Church on Saturday, Jan. 19 at 2 p.m. and return on Monday, Jan. 21 around 9 p.m. We will be staying at the Town & Country Motor Inn. The cost of the trip will be \$150 each which includes two-nights lodging, three meals, two-day lift ticket at Sunday River, rental of skis, boots and poles, and transportation. The original cost was \$200 but the CYO will pay \$50 per person to subsidize the trip. All high school students are welcome, no matter what school you attend what parish you live in.

To reserve a spot you must leave your name, telephone number and a \$50 deposit at St. Catherine's rectory as soon as possible. The remainder of the cost can be paid at the CYO meeting on Sunday, Jan. 6 at 6 p.m. at St. Catherine's Parish hall.

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• **CLASS REGISTRATIONS**
We will be holding open registration for several classes for the month of January. Beginning tomorrow there will be sign-ups for arts & crafts, computers, Smart Moves and swim lessons.

• **CLUBHOUSE CLOSED SATURDAY**
The clubhouse will not be open this Saturday, Jan. 5. The staff will be participating in an organization-wide training session at the Roxbury Clubhouse.

• **MADD CONTEST**
Our annual MADD Poster/Essay contest will begin on Tuesday, Jan. 8. This has always been exciting, interesting, educational and a lot of fun. So, please get involved and get out your message. All applications and materials, along with some assistance, will be available in the library.

• **SKI BLUE HILLS**
Our winter ski lessons and free recreational skiing will begin on Wednesday, Jan. 9. We will be enjoying the challenge of learning to ski and having plenty of fun night skiing each Wednesday night for the next six weeks. Groups will be formed according to ability so we can get the most out of each trip.

• **THE SKATE-A-ROUND CLUB**
Our first trip to a new skating rink in Greater Boston will be on Saturday, Jan. 12. We will be visiting a different skating rink every other week — places like Southie, Cleveland Circle, Brighton, East Boston . . . So, if you can already skate, come on in and sign up for a free skating trip.

• **HAPPY NEW YEAR**
From all of us at the Club . . . We'd like to wish you all a very Happy New Year — good health, good friends and good fortune!

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Charlestown State Prison —

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ing strides, those in high places who had the power to change conditions at Charlestown did nothing. It must have been nice to reach the parole board but for those who had to wait it was the same old hell.

Prisons Stripped Of All Human Rights

By 1920, the prison stood in its 42nd year as a condemned structure. The inmates' hatred of the conditions at Charlestown had taken root outside her walls. Charlestown was branded a dungeon. Soon the state Commissioner of Corrections as well as many politicians called for its closing. Cited were the prison's unhealthy conditions, its dirty and congested location near the Boston & Maine freight yard and its lack of medical or eating facilities. In a 1922 letter to the governor, an inmate had this to say: "At Charlestown we live as cons did over 100 years ago. We have been stripped of everything, even the sole right to live as human beings." Even churchmen lashed out from the pulpit, branding the prison a dungeon out of the middle ages. The appeals continued but nothing was done.

In 1925 state engineers condemned large portions of its walls which were in grave need of repair. By decade's end, June 1929, the ancient prison reached an all-time overcrowding record of 960 men in the 750-man facility. It was another of its serious problems for which nothing was being done.

Sacco And Vanzetti Put To Death

The largest story to come out of Charlestown during the 1920s made national headlines. After a long and highly publicized trial, two Italian immigrants, Sacco and Vanzetti were found guilty of murder in a payroll robbery. The two were to be executed at Charlestown on August 23, 1927. The day came and went. Fastened into the chair from their cells in the death house, they were put to death. Outside the fortress-like walls, large crowds gathered, most from the Italian community, in great protest. The prison was on full alert and a lock-down in effect.

Once Again The Outside World Hears From Prison

As the nation entered the 1930s, the decade

of the Great Depression, many behind the walls of Charlestown claimed it was a way of life they'd always known. Beginning at this time a series of escape attempts and riots would add to the institution's woes. The prison would be labeled a trouble site by the press, a label it would live up to right to the end. It seemed as though every move at the prison was front page news. Headline — December 1935 - "Two inmates at Charlestown drive truck through main gate, both shot dead." Headline — April 1937 - "Riot at State Prison — rotten hot dogs served, inmates forced back to cells — bang cups on bars for 90 minutes."

Once again the outside world entered a new decade. The depression was ending and the world was being devoured by war. Beginning in the 1940s, a war of sorts would also begin behind the walls at Charlestown. Although riots and escape attempts would continue, the inmates also began to protest the conditions, bringing decade-old grievances to the press and those in power to act upon them. It would be the beginning of the end.

The largest of these protests took place in March of 1946. Inmates staged a sit-down strike. They requested and received a meeting with the state Corrections Commissioner to air their grievances. After the meeting all returned peacefully to their cells. The Corrections Commissioner urged the abandonment of the prison as had all his predecessors dating back to 1922.

Unknown at the time, the 1940s would prove to be the last full decade in the prison's long and bitter life. The 1950s would finally see its destruction but also some of its worst times and horrendous riots. Its end would surely come, but not easily. The prison would serve its builder's purpose to the end.

(The story on the Charlestown State Prison will continue next week and will focus on prison riots, the first-hand recollections of a guard and an inmate; and the eventual closing of the prison. We thank the Bunker Hill Museum for the loan of the photographs.)

DeVillars Urges Review Of Scheme Z

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He recommends that the DPW continue to review modifications and options to Scheme Z which might reduce the environmental and aesthetic impacts of the crossing, and to embark on a process to better inform the public about the crossing.

The appointment of a bridge design review committee was the mechanism DeVillars suggested for identifying improvements in the Scheme Z crossing. The committee, he said, should include citizen members from Charlestown, East Cambridge and the North End along with representatives from several architectural, environmental, trades, engineering and governmental agencies, outlined in the certificate. It was also noted that the committee should be appointed and convened no later than Feb. 1.

The Secretary pointed out changes by the DPW on Scheme Z since the draft environmental report which has freed 200 feet of river bank from shadow by the stacking of the outer loop ramps. He urged the DPW to continue evaluating the elimination of the Traverse Street ramp for while its elimination would allow for several potentially attractive bridge designs, it may have ramifications for a number of intersections in Boston and Somerville.

In his report, DeVillars commended Stephen Kaiser for his effort in designing an all-tunnel option.

No community comment

was forthcoming at press time as the news conference and release of the document was Wednesday afternoon.

It is expected that residents will be digesting the lengthy document and will offer a response to the report.

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- **Ceramics** — Monday to Thursday from noon to 4 p.m., contact Ann Griffin.
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- **Lunch** — Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at noon, contact Sheila Walsh.
- **Knit & Crochet** — Friday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., contact Jean Reilly.

TRIP PLANNED

The center is planning a trip to the Beacon Motel in Lincoln, N.H. for a St. Patrick's Day Party and Clambake on March 6 and 7. The two day, one night trip includes three meals and the cost is \$109 based on double occupancy. Reservations must be made by the end of January and a \$25 deposit is required when the reservation is made.

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

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This service is available to seniors every Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Golden Age Center. Applications and help completing them is available.

For more information, contact Beverly Gibbons at 241-7513 or 242-2770.

SENIOR UPDATE

Free Vision Screening

The city of Boston's Commission on Affairs of the Elderly is offering free vision screenings to Charlestown residents 60 years and older through the Elderly Commission's Health Unit.

Commissioner Diane Watson encourages all seniors to take advantage of this important health service.

Vision screening will be held at the Golden Age Center, 382 Main St., Charlestown on Monday,

Jan. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The vision screening program is co-sponsored by the Boston Optometric Center of the New England College of Optometry.

In addition, the Commission offers free eye examinations and hearing screening by appointment through its Bright Eyes and Sound Screen Clinics at Boston City Hospital. Please call 725-4050 for more information.

Adult Discussion Group Looks At Recycling In Charlestown

The Charlestown Branch Library's Adult Discussion Group will begin its 1991 programs on Friday, Jan. 4 with the topic "Recycling In Charlestown." The speaker will be Kathy Callahan, a member of the Charlestown Recycling Committee. The program will be held at 10 a.m. at the library, 179 Main St.

Callahan will present statistics, figures and information on trash disposal in Charlestown and efforts to provide recycling alternatives that will make it easier for Charlestown residents to recycle by providing local

sites or pick-ups.

All are welcome.

Suggested reading in conjunction with this program includes **Fifty Simple Things You Can Do To Save the Earth** by Earth Works Group, **Materials Recycling: The Virtue of Necessity** by William U. Chandler and **Once Is Not Enough: A Citizen's Recycling Manual** by Adam Mitchell.

A three-part program entitled "Stress Management For Parents" will begin on Friday, Jan. 11.



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Tuesday — Pork pattie, stuffing, green beans, snowflake roll, vanilla pudding

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Friday, Jan. 4

- 10 a.m. - Arts & Crafts, Senior Lounge
- 10 a.m. - Seniorobics, Senior Lounge
- 11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge
- 12:45 p.m. - Bingo, Senior Lounge

Monday, Jan. 7

- 10 a.m. - Crochet, Mary Colbert Apartments
- 10 a.m. - Seniorobics, Senior Lounge
- 11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge
- 12:45 p.m. - Bingo, Senior Lounge

Tuesday, Jan. 8

- 10 a.m. - Crochet, Senior Lounge
- 10 a.m. - Seniorobics, Constitution Co-op
- 10 a.m. - Sunshine Club, Senior Lounge
- 11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge
- 2 p.m. - Podiatrist, Senior Lounge

Wednesday, Jan. 9

- 9:30 a.m. - Stop & Shop Bus, Anchorage Apts.
- 10 a.m. - Crochet, Mary Colbert Apartments
- 10 a.m. - Arts & Crafts, Social Services, Senior Lounge
- 11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge
- 12:45 p.m. - Bingo, Senior Lounge

Thursday, Jan. 10

- 9:30 a.m. - Stop & Shop Bus, Senior Lounge, Golden Age Ctr., Constitution Co-op Apts.
- 10 a.m. - Crochet, Senior Lounge
- 11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge

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The Parents

Thanks To The Staff Of Groomtown

Dear Gloria,

On behalf of the Friends of Camp Bunker Hill, I would like to extend our thanks to Diane Brennan and the staff of Groomtown for their contribution of \$75. These monies represent tips received by the shop's groomers for the month of September. Diane and her staff graciously decided to donate these tips to help us offset some of our year-end bills.

We are very grateful to Diane and the Groomtown staff for their assistance. Many thanks to all of our Charlestown friends for making Camp Bunker Hill possible and successful in 1990.

Sincerely,
Dan O'Neil, chairman,
Friends of Camp Bunker Hill

Licensing Commissioner Schedules Hearings On Charlestown Cafe

Boston's Entertainment Licensing Commissioner, Diane J. Modica, has scheduled an administrative hearing relative to the enter-

tainment license of Towne Lyne Cafe, located at 108 Cambridge St., Charlestown. The hearing will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 9

at 11 a.m. in Room 801, Boston City Hall. The hearing will determine whether or not to subject the license to: further conditions; suspension; suspension with further conditions; or revocation of the existing license.

Commissioner Modica said she is holding the hearing based on two licensed premises violation reports filed by the Boston Police Department, which allege that two people were arrested on the premises for possession of Class B (cocaine) with intent to distribute on July 19, 1990, and a patron was assaulted with a ham-

mer on June 23, 1989. "These allegations raise serious issues as to whether or not there is adequate management in and around the premises, and whether said alleged activity has resulted in a violation of the terms and conditions of the entertainment license," Modica said.

Anyone wishing to speak at the Towne Lyne Cafe administrative hearing is invited to do so, or to write: Diane J. Modica, commissioner, Mayor's Office of Consumer Affairs and Licensing, Room 613, City Hall, Boston, Mass. 02201.

My Thanks

I would like to extend a big "Thank You" to my family, especially Danny, for a wonderful Christmas Eve.

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Thursday, Dec. 27

At 11:30 a.m., Detectives Donahue and Langlois, with the assistance of other officers, went to 58 Walford Way where they placed a 35-year-old Milford resident under arrest on outstanding warrants as he attempted to flee on the roof top.

A stolen automobile was recovered on St. Martin Street.

Sometime during the evening, someone threw rocks at the front door of a building at 215 Bunker Hill St. breaking the window.

Saturday, Dec. 29

At 12 a.m., a Somerville resident reported that while at Dunstable and Main streets he was approached by six teenage males who knocked him to the ground and stole his jacket and wallet.

Sometime between 1 and 5 p.m., an apartment at 9 Harvard St. was broken into by prying the front door open. A television, VCR and stereo were stolen.

At 11:30 p.m., officers responded to 36 Austin St. on a report that someone had broken in. Officers searched the

EDIC Meeting On Jobs And Training, Business Assistance And Human Services

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businesses by EDIC. The Jobs and Community Services division of

building and found a 28-year-old man hiding in the basement. He was placed under arrest.

Public Safety/Police Community Relations Meeting

The Public Safety/Police Community Relations meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 6:30 p.m. (please note new time for meeting) at the Kent Community School, 50 Bunker Hill St. All are welcome to attend.

Monday, Dec. 31

A stolen automobile was recovered on Tremont Street.

The bar at 96 Bunker Hill St. was broken into during the evening. A vacant apartment was broken into and then the thieves broke through the ceiling into the bar. A jar containing about \$200 in donations for the Muscular Dystrophy Association was stolen.

These incidents are under investigation by detectives of Area A.

Residents are reminded: If you know of any drug ac-

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Co-sponsored by the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, the meeting will concentrate on the Charlestown, East Boston and North End communities. Child care will be provided.

EDIC promotes economic growth in the city by forming partnerships with local businesses, community groups, local service providers and residents to create jobs and provide skills training and services for neighborhood residents. Call 723-1400 ext. 207 for further information on the community meeting or the services offered by EDIC.

Jack and Jean O'Halloran of 7 Stanton Road, Stoneham are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Bridget Martha, on Dec. 21 at the Winchester Hospital.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Downs of Stoneham.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John O'Halloran of Charlestown.

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