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Happy Thanksgiving

Don't Be Alone On Thanksgiving . . .

Come On Down To The Legion Hall

A special day of sharing begins on Wednesday evening, Nov. 25, along about 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St. It is then that the preparations begin for Thanksgiving dinner as the stuffing is made, potatoes and vegetables are peeled and pared, turkeys are readied and tables are set.

The is the seventh year that Bob and Carol Sweeney and their family have organized a Thanksgiving dinner under the sponsorship of Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion. The dinner, which is free of charge, is for those who will be alone on the holiday and would like to come down to the Legion Hall between noon and 1 p.m. and join in the fellowship of the day. Also, for shut-ins,

there will be teams of willing volunteers to deliver dinner to the person's home.

If you would like to either come down to the Legion Hall or have a dinner delivered, call the Legion answering service at 242-2646 by 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25.

As for volunteers, just pick up your paring knives and peelers and head down to the Legion Hall around 7 p.m. . . . or if you can help in the dinner preparations and/or deliver dinners on Thanksgiving Day during the morning as delivery gets underway just before noon.

Realize the true meaning of Thanksgiving as you share food and friendship on this day . . .

Happy Thanksgiving to all!

Girl Scouts Enjoy Roller Skating Party



CHARLESTOWN Junior Girl Scout Troop #9315 and Brownie Troop #9311 joined Somerville Girl Scouts recently at an "On Time Registration Roller Skating Party." The party was held at the Wal-Lex Recreation Center in Waltham. Girls in the photograph, from Junior Troop #9315, are (l. to r.) Brittany Wehler, Jacqueline Hurley, Caitlin Carey, Colleen Carey and Dodie Boyle.

Thanksgiving Wishes



May your Thanksgiving
be filled with the
joys of home and family . . .
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the beauty of the season!

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All Welcome At Thanksgiving Eve Service

An invitation is extended to all to attend a community Thanksgiving eve service at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25 at the First Church on Green Street. Rev. Laurie Rofinot, rector of St. John's Episcopal Church will be the guest minister. Ben Sears will offer some favorite hymns as part of the service.

All are most welcome to join in the service.



Sixth Annual

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Saturday, Nov. 28

9 a.m. to noon

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SERVICES FOR CHARLESTOWN RESIDENTS

Monday

- **2 to 5 p.m.** - Office Hours with Judy Evers, regional coordinator, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services will be held at the 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

Monday And Friday

- **9 to 11 a.m.** - Charlestown Ecumenical Food Pantry open, Memorial Hall, 14 Green St. *Bring your own bags.*

Tuesday

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

Friday

- **3:30 to 5:30 p.m.** - Fresh fruit, vegetables and bread are available for \$1.25 a bag at the Charlestown Ecumenical Food Pantry, 14 Green St. *Bring your own bags.*
- **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



Adopt A Lightpole
Help Decorate Main & Bunker Hill Streets
For the Holidays . . . \$15 Donation

The Charlestown Business Association (CBA) and volunteers will once again be decorating the lightpoles along Main and Bunker Hill streets with red bows, pine garlands and gift tags with the donor's name on Saturday, Dec. 12. You may donate a lightpole with your name, as a gift to someone else or in memory of a loved one. The CBA and volunteers will remove decorations on or before the first Saturday in February.

Volunteers are needed . . . Come and join the fun on Saturday, Dec. 12 at 10 a.m. from the Law Office of McCullough, Stievater & Polvere at 121 Main St. For more information, call Willard J. Stievater at 241-8332.

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NAME OR SAYING TO BE PUT ON TAG: _____

LOCATION OF TAG: _____

The CBA will put tags as close to desired location as possible.

CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

this week at a glance

Tuesday, Nov. 24

- **3 p.m.** - City Councillor Paul Scapicchio Office Hours - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- **7 p.m.** - Charlestown Neighborhood Council meeting to select seven non-profit representatives to the council - K. of C. lower hall, 75 West School St.

Wednesday, Nov. 25

- **7 p.m.** - Peeling, paring and preparations for annual Thanksgiving Dinner - American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.
- **7 p.m.** - Charlestown Townies Thanksgiving Eve Celebration - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.
- **7:30 p.m.** - Thanksgiving Service - First Church, Green Street

Thursday, Nov. 26
Happy Thanksgiving

- **noon** - Annual Thanksgiving Dinner for those who will be alone on the holiday - American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

Friday, Nov. 27

- **8 p.m.** - Las Vegas Night to benefit Charlestown Pop Warner - Good Time Billiards, Somerville

Saturday, Nov. 28

- **9 a.m. to noon** - Annual CHAD Breakfast (for tickets, call Kathy at 241-9511) - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.
- **7 p.m.** - Harvest Dinner/Dance to benefit St. Catherine of Siena Parish - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Sunday, Nov. 29

- **4 p.m.** - Charlestown Neighborhood Council Development Committee meeting reviewing the Mass. Turnpike Authority RFP for City

Square parcels - American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

Monday, Nov. 30

- **7 p.m.** - Charlestown Neighborhood Council Development Committee meeting on the final RFP draft for Parcel P-2 - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.
- **7 p.m.** - Townie Santa Packing Night - Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

Tuesday, Dec. 1

- **10 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.
- **7 p.m.** - Charlestown Neighborhood Council Monthly Meeting - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

upcoming events

Thursday, Dec. 3

- **6 p.m.** - HealthSpeak Seminar on Two Current Issues Concerning Your Children: Chicken Pox Vaccination and Lead Poisoning - MGH*Charlestown HealthCare Center, 73 High St.
- **7 p.m.** - Townie Santa Packing Night - Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.
- **7:30 p.m.** - Evening of Holiday Song with Ruth Harcovitz, sponsored by Friends of the Library - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Friday, Dec. 4

- **10 a.m.** - Parents Discussion Group - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Saturday, Dec. 5

- **10 a.m. to 7 p.m.** - Annual Christmas Fair with Corn Chowder Luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

and a Roast Beef Supper from 5 to 6:30 p.m. - First Church, Green Street

- **11 a.m. to 4 p.m.** - Holiday Show & Sale by the Artists Group of Charlestown - ARTERia Studio, Building 2, Suite 208, 50 Terminal St.

Sunday, Dec. 6

- **11 a.m. to 4 p.m.** - Holiday Show & Sale by the Artists Group of Charlestown - ARTERia Studio, Building 2, Suite 208, 50 Terminal St.
- **3:15 p.m.** - Christmas Tree Lighting at Thompson Square, followed by a visit with Santa at One Thompson Square
- **4 to 9 p.m.** - Toys for Tots Open House (bring a new, unwrapped toy) - The Warren Tavern, 2 Pleasant St.

Monday, Dec. 7

- **7 p.m.** - Townie Santa Packing Night - Mary Colbert Apartments, 20

Devens St.

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

Tuesday, Dec. 8

- **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, Dec. 9

- **3 p.m.** - Court St. Jude #1123, C.D.A. Meeting and Christmas Social - St. Francis de Sales Parish Center, North Mead Street
- **6 p.m.** - Friends of City Square Park Directors meeting - Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

plan ahead

Thursday, Dec. 10

- **noon to 4 p.m.** - Bake and Crafts Sale - Golden Age Center, 382 Main St.

Saturday, Dec. 12

- **6 p.m.** - Advent Program by the Charlestown Chorale - First Church in Charlestown, Green Street
- **7 p.m.** - Christmas Party, sponsored by the Daughters of Isabella No. 1 - K. of C. Main Hall, 75 West School St.

Sunday, Dec. 13

- **1 to 3 p.m.** - Terry Ring's Newtowne Christmas Stroll - CharlesNewtown Housing Development
- **2 p.m.** - Advent Program by the Charlestown Chorale -

Constitution Museum, Charlestown Navy Yard

Saturday, Dec. 19

- **4:30 p.m.** - Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony followed by a party in St. Catherine's Hall - Hayes Square

Sunday, Dec. 20

- **11 a.m.** - Delivery of Townie Santa Packages to Charlestown's elderly, needy shut-ins - Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

Saturday, Nov. 27, 1999

- **7 p.m.** - Charlestown High School Classes of 1958 and 1959 Reunion - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St. (contact: Carol [Lynch] McCarthy, 978-658-9855)

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Thanksgiving Thoughts . . .

by Charlie McGonagle

It is a story that has been told here many times before, but even if that number was to reach one thousand, it could not become stale to me.

This Thanksgiving Day of 1998 will be my fifty-seventh, and it will be the fifty-seventh that I will share with my family at a table on the third floor of a house on Elm Street. I have not lived at this house for all of those fifty-seven years, but my parents have and still do, so this is where I will go to be with them and other family members on this, my favorite of all holidays.

Two weeks ago, six of us sat at the dinner table of this same house. At either end, and in their familiar places, were my parents, Helen and Charlie, the other places being occupied by my sister Helen, my brothers Leo and Paul, and me. We were all there to celebrate Dad's health return from a short stay in the hospital, and it was Leo who looked at those present and wondered aloud how long it had been since we six, and only we six shared a meal at this table. Although I cannot be sure, it could

well have been a Thanksgiving Day of many years ago.

Since that time, and whenever that might have been, husbands, wives, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and friends



have added enormously to that number six, and although all do not assume a place at the Thanksgiving Day dinner table, most, if not all, do visit during this very special day.

In the early days of our families, we would carry the children up the stairs to the third floor. Now some of these same children carry youngsters of their own. Ages of those present range from four to eighty eight, and many of the same things are repeated, and expected, at each celebration of Thanks-

giving.

"Peas anybody?" one will ask.

"Right over here. I haven't had a pea since last Thanksgiving," comes the annual reply.

The question and the answer, though well-worn and trite by now, has become nearly as traditional as turkey dinner and football.

Mary, my wife, has shared a place at the Thanksgiving table on Elm Street for each and every year of her past thirty-four, my daughters, Brenda and Marie, have had all their more than thirty Thanksgiving dinners there. The rest of the family, including my parents, my sister, my brothers and all their extended families are, after all these many years, still intact. I know that I am an extremely fortunate person to be part of all of this, and maybe that is why Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. To me the day is family, and family is truly a reason for giving thanks.

Webster defines family as "a group of persons of common ancestry." He might just as easily have said, Family - "Thanksgiving Day, third floor, 64 Elm St., Charlestown, Massachusetts."

Patriot Closed On Friday

The office of the Charlestown Patriot will be closed on Friday, Nov. 27 to allow our employees to have a long weekend for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Copy and advertisements may be left on the desk in the Patriot office anytime over the weekend that the building is open. Just make sure a telephone number is included in case there are any questions.

The office will reopen at 10 a.m. on Monday, Nov. 30. Thank you, and have a Happy Thanksgiving!

- The Patriot Staff

EDWARDS MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

OPEN HOUSE

The C.R. Edwards will hold its first Open House of the year on Thursday, Dec. 3 from 5 to 7 p.m. at the school. Parents will have an opportunity to discuss first-term report cards, products and Boston Public School standards. Parents are urged to attend and faculty and staff would like to see as many parents as possible!

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

More information will follow next week. . .

- Christine Sullivan

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Children At The Dennis McLaughlin House Seeking 'Secret Santa Friends'

The Dennis McLaughlin House of Charlestown Inc., is a transitional housing program for homeless women in recovery from substance abuse, and their children under 12 years of age. The house is located in the Armed Services YMCA in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

McLaughlin House provides transitional housing for up to two years, support services and collaborates with over 30 other agencies in the Charlestown/Boston communities to provide the women and children with a wide range of health, mental health, educational, job training, employment, permanent housing, cultural recreation and social services.

The McLaughlin House is planning a Christmas Party for its residential clients on Monday, Dec. 21. Last year, the house solicited presents for

all of its clients through the generosity of the people of Charlestown, with the Charlestown Patriot sponsoring a gift donation drop-off site.

The toy drive was so successful that the executive director and board of the McLaughlin House would like to request donations for this year to make this a special Christmas for the children of the Dennis McLaughlin House. They are also asking that this year the teenage children of the women who live in the house be included. They are not allowed to be in the program with their mother, but the staff would like to include them in the Christmas festivities. Thus, people in the community are being sought who would like to act as "Secret Santa Friends" by donating Christmas toys and gift certificate's for the children.

If you would like to donate, please

drop off gifts at the Patriot office, One Thompson Square, before noon on Monday, Dec. 21. Gifts may be submitted wrapped or unwrapped. If your gift is wrapped, please mark it with either "girl" or "boy" and add the appropriate age-range for each child.

The nine boys and their ages are: Mikey 4, Dominic 12, Kingsley 4, Tyler 9, Chris 5, Robert 4, Steven 6, Melson 17, Dion 17, and Philipa 19.

The 11 girls and their ages are: Haley 3, Kylie 2, Melissa 7, Jeannette 5 months, Jamiella 14, Janette 14, Shaleah 2, Bianca 7, Daisja 9 months, Stephanie 15, and Margie 16.

The McLaughlin House Board, staff and clients thank you for your kind generosity and wish all a wonderful holiday season. For further information, call Elizabeth Tobin or Donna Galipeau at (617) 242-0251.

Student Selected To Participate In Leadership Conference

Charlestown student Foos Sheikahmed was nominated by her high school counselor to participate in the Student Leadership Conference held recently at Pine Manor College.

Sponsored by the college's Center for Inclusive Leadership and Social Responsibility, the conference was the second in a series of workshops that

seek to provide an opportunity for high school women to consider new models of leadership and their own capacities for exercising that leadership.

Criteria for nomination included: involvement in school, community or family activities, ability to contribute to the learning of others, openness to growth and creativity.

Congratulations...

MATTHEW DYER



on being named MVP
Charlestown Pop Warner
B-Team defense

We're all proud of you!

Love... Dad

HealthSpeak

A Massachusetts General Hospital Free HealthSpeak Seminar

Two Current Issues Concerning Your Children:

Chicken Pox Vaccination Policies ♦ Lead Poisoning

Presenters: Donna Wren, MD, pediatrician,
Laura Melbin, MSW, MPH, Boston Lead Program

Thursday, December 3, 1998
6:00pm - 6:30pm - registration and light refreshments
6:30pm - 7:30pm - presentation

Place: MGH Charlestown HealthCare Center
2nd floor conference room, 73 High St., Charlestown
On the corner of Elm St., off-street parking available

Childhood vaccinations and lead poisoning — topics that are sometimes controversial and often in the news. Experts in their respective fields tackle these important issues which impact children's health.

Chicken pox is a highly contagious childhood disease which can be prevented. Learn the latest policy changes and requirements concerning chicken pox vaccinations and find out who should be immunized.

A lot of neighborhood homes and apartments are aging. If they were painted before 1978, chances are the paint contained lead. This can pose a serious health problem.

Get the facts about lead exposure and how to prevent it.

So, join us and learn.

There is no charge, although advance reservations are recommended.

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♣ **Let's Talk Trash Reminder** ... As everyone knows, Thursday is Thanksgiving Day ... and so, be sure to remember that there **will not** be a trash pick-up on Thanksgiving Day, so **don't put your trash out on Wednesday night** ... Regular Thursday pick-up will be on Friday, and Friday pick-up will be on Saturday! Any questions? Give a call to Judy Evers in the Mayor's Office, 635-3485.

♣ **Five Years Ago** ... Danny Ryan found a way to get out of cutting up vegetables and stuffing a turkey ... he founded the Charlestown Townies Thanksgiving Eve celebration, beginning at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25th at the K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St. ... so, once again this year, he invites his old and new friends to take sanctuary at the K. of C. for the evening for the nominal sum of \$10.

♣ **Calling All Kids!** ... Saturday, Nov. 28 is the day for the annual CHAD Breakfast at the K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St., starting at 9 a.m. ... There will be food, music and fun and a special guest will make a grand appearance ... Tickets are free, and may be obtained by calling Kathy at 241-9511 or Jack at 241-7767. Coaches and leaders are welcome!

♣ **Why Fly To The Left Coast** ... when Las Vegas is coming as close as Somerville! A Las Vegas Night gets underway along about 8 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 27th ... so, just head over to Good Time Billiards in Somerville and come home wealthy (maybe?) ... Anyway, it will benefit Charlestown Pop Warner.

♣ **Dance Off That Thanksgiving Feast** ... on Saturday, Nov. 28th as St. Catherine of Siena holds a Harvest Dinner-Dance, starting at 7 p.m. at the K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St. ... proceeds will benefit the parish.

♣ **Guess What?** ... Monday is Nov. 30th ... Does this date mean anything to you? It should if you have a car, because as of that date ...

Street Cleaning Regulations

Will Not Be Enforced Until Spring!

Wouldn't you think that our residents and commuters would learn the schedule in the eight, long months between April and November?

♣ **Birthday Wishes** ... are going out to Jeanne Davis, Paula Breen and Sandy Griffin McLaughlin who all share a Nov. 27th birthday ... and Dec. 2nd is the big day for Attorney Richard Voke ... The best of birthday wishes to you all!

♣ **Anniversary Wishes** ... go out to Dodie and Bill Boyle who will mark their 32nd wedding anniversary on Nov. 27th ... Many more years of happiness to you both!

♣ **It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas** ... at the home of Ed and Edna Kelly, that is, ... It seems as though the "Luck of the Irish" was with Ed on a recent Saturday night as he won and carried home a decorated Christmas tree ... Congrats, Ed!

♣ **Pope John Open House** ... Pope John XXIII High School in Everett will hold its annual Open House on Wednesday, Dec. 2 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for all interested 7th and 8th grade students and their families ... Come meet the faculty, tour the facility and learn more about the excellent academic and athletic programs that the school has to offer ... For more info., call 617-389-0240.

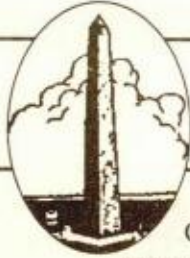
♣ **Come To The Show** ... the annual Christmas Crafts Show, that is, at the Bayside Expo Center Nov. 27-29 ... Among the 300 exhibitors featured at the show will be Mary-Kaye Glover of MK Glover in Charlestown, who will exhibit a variety of handcrafted bags, including garment, tote, cosmetic and baby bags ... the show hours are Friday, Nov. 27 from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 28 and Sunday, Nov. 29 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. ... General admission is \$7, and children under 12 with an adult will be admitted free!

♣ **Volunteers Needed** ... The Samaritans of Boston, a non-profit, non-denominational, suicide prevention center seeks volunteers 16 years and older to be trained to help staff the telephone befriending services ... Accepted applicants will be trained to provide non-judgmental listening and support to lonely, despairing and suicidal individuals ... Please call (617) 536-2460 for information about applying to be a Samaritans volunteer.

♣ **Thought Of The Week** ... The smallest good deed is better than the grandest intention.

- Anonymous

A Happy Thanksgiving To You And Yours!



around the town

★ Neighborhood Council Meetings . . .

Selection Of Non-Profit Organizations To Fill Seven Appointed Seats

CNC Chairman Peter Looney has announced that the application process is now open for the appointment of seven residents representing seven Charlestown organizations, to seats on the Charlestown Neighborhood Council.

The elected members of the board will review applications and make appointments to the CNC at a meeting at 7 p.m. tonight, Tuesday, Nov. 24 at the K. of C. Lower Hall, 75 West School St.

Development Committee Meeting On City Square Parcels

Chairman Tom Cunha announces that the Development Committee will meet at 4 p.m. on **Sunday, Nov. 29**, at the American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

This public meeting is being called to review the final draft of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the development of the City Square parcels in the CANA project. This RFP was composed by the Mass. Turnpike Authority together with the Development Committee and will be brought before the full council for approval on Dec. 1. Residents and business persons are asked to bring their questions and concerns.

Development Committee Meeting On Parcel P-2

Chairman Tom Cunha announces that a meeting of the Development Committee will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 30 at the K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

The final draft of the Request For Proposal (RFP) relative to the development of Parcel P-2 at the intersection of Main and Bunker Hill streets will be presented by Boston Redevelopment Authority Project Manager Tom O'Malley prior to going before the full council for approval on Dec. 1.

Monthly Meeting

Chairman Peter Looney announces that the monthly meeting of the Neighborhood Council will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 1 at the K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

The full council will be asked to vote on the draft RFPs for Parcel P-2 at the intersection of Main and Bunker Hill streets, and for the CANA parcels in City Square.

Also on the agenda will be a proposal for a restaurant, Paolo's Trattoria, to open at 251 Main St., the site of the old Dollar Store. Pat Sweeney is the attorney for the owners of the business.

Public Safety Committee Meeting

Co-chairmen John Dillon and Bill McCabe announce that the Public Safety Committee will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at the Kent Community Center, 50 Bunker Hill St. Boston Police Community Service Officer Bill Smith is scheduled to be present.

This will be a follow-up to the Nov. 10 meeting, particularly to the vandalism and theft problems at Store 24, the gathering of groups of young people on Main Street and the harassment of residents, and the drinking and drug activity in Eden Street Park.

All CNC meetings are open to the public.

★ **Community Office Hours . . .** Judy Evers, regional coordinator from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, will hold office hours on Monday, Nov. 30 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Evers may also be reached at 635-3485.

★ **Rep. O'Flaherty Office Hours . . .** Rep. Gene O'Flaherty will hold office hours at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St. at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 1. Constituents who are unable to attend the office hours may call 722-2370.

★ **Thompson Square Christmas Celebration . . .** Save the date . . . save the time . . . to join in the delights of the holiday season as the Christmas tree is illuminated in Thompson Square, followed by a visit from Santa Claus.

The tree at Thompson Square will come alive for the holidays as Mayor Thomas Menino pulls the switch at 3:15 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 6, followed by a visit with Santa at One Thompson Square. There will be pictures with Santa, treats for the children and refreshments.

More details will follow in next week's issue of the Patriot. For further information, contact Judy Evers at 635-3485.

★ **Stop Smoking Hypnotherapy . . .** A stop smoking hypnotherapy session is being offered free of charge from 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at the MGH*Charlestown Health-Care Center, 73 High St. The program will be conducted by Dennis Mahoney, RT, MPH, CHES.

Please call 781-485-6210 to register as space is limited.

★ **Charlestown Against Drugs . . .** Charlestown Against Drugs (CHAD) will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 3,

at the Kennedy Center, 27 Winthrop St. All interested persons are welcome.

★ **Medical Assistance Program For Seniors . . .** All Care Resources Inc., which provides a wide range of home care services to the community, has developed a Medical Assistance program to aid elderly persons who are ill, have impaired vision, hearing, or manual dexterity, or who have no support systems in place, with the sometimes challenging tasks of pre-filling medication boxes and/or syringes. All Care's registered nurses provide the service in the home under the physician's prescription.

Although this service is provided for a fee, a limited amount of funding is available through the generosity of the Eastern Bank Charitable Foundation and the McCarthy Family Foundation. To take advantage of this special program, please call All Care Resources at (617) 241-8655.

★ **Workshops And Discounts For Homeowners . . .** The Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance will hold a series of three Homeowner 201 workshops in conjunction with the city of Boston. Graduates of the three sessions are eligible to receive discounts from 5% to 15% off of homeowners insurance and at local hardware stores.

The workshops discuss issues such as a maintenance, lead paint, landlord-tenant problems, budgeting, purchasing insurance, crime/fire safety and grants/loans available to homeowners.

The three sessions will be held starting on Tuesday, Dec. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Bunker Hill Community College. The workshops will continue on Tuesdays, Dec. 15 and 22 at the same location. Call MAHA at 265-8995 to preregister.

★ **Cablevision Rate And Program Changes . . .** Cablevision announces that *The History Channel* will be included in all Optimum and Family Cable packages and that rates will be adjusted for 1999. The overall rate for monthly cable service will increase by an average of 3.68 percent. Also, customers in Boston will have *Celtic Vision* moved down from the Optimum Preferred to the Optimum and Family Cable packages. All rates and service levels are based on Federal Communications Commission formulas.

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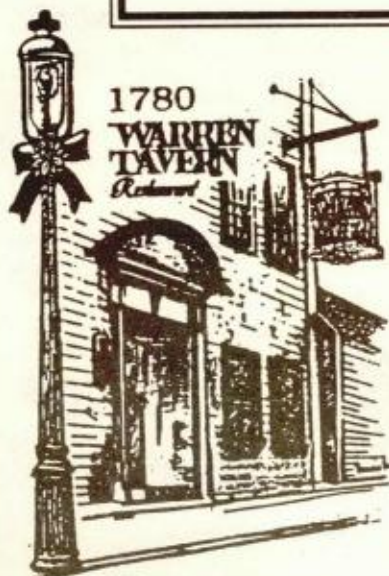
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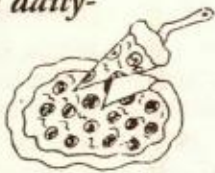
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Public Meetings To Be Held On RFP For CANA Parcels In City Square

The Charlestown Neighborhood Council's Zoning and Development committee will seek public input regarding a draft request for proposals (RFP) for the CANA Parcels at two separate meetings.

The committee will hold a meeting at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 29 at the American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St. to receive public comment on the Draft RFP, which was prepared by the Mass. Turnpike Authority.

The full Neighborhood Council will consider the Draft RFP at its next regular meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 1 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 75 West School St.

"The Turnpike Authority is committed to working with the Neighborhood Council

and Charlestown residents and businesses in the disposition of these parcels," said Turnpike Authority Chairman James J. Kerasiotes. "We look forward to getting input on the RFP and on the development proposals."

The Turnpike Authority is seeking developers for five parcels of land made available by the completion of the CANA Project highway construction in and near City Square. The Turnpike Authority will base its review of the development proposals on zoning for the parcels and on design guidelines drafted and endorsed by the Neighborhood Council. All developments on the CANA parcels will be subject to city of Boston zoning and other regulations.

Copies of the Draft RFP are available for public review at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St., and at the Charlestown Patriot office, One Thompson Square. Anyone who wishes to be on a mailing list to receive announcements and updates for the disposition process should call the Turnpike Authority at 248-2813.

The Turnpike Authority intends to make the five parcels available for development through long-term leases. The parcels are being transferred from the Massachusetts Highway Department which built CANA, to the Turnpike Authority, which will own the CANA highway as part of the Metropolitan Highway System (MHS) as a result of legislation passed last year.

The parcels included in the RFP are: Parcel 1 at Constitution Road and Warren and Chelsea streets (approximately 106,000 square feet); Parcel 2 at North Washington, Chelsea, Water and Warren streets (approximately 61,000 square feet); Parcel 3 between Route 1, and Warren, Park and Putnam streets (approximately 45,000 square feet); Parcel 4 at City Square, and Park, Warren and Chelsea streets (approximately 20,000 square feet); and Parcel 6 at City Square, Harvard Street and Rutherford Avenue (approximately 5,000 square feet).

CANA Parcel 5, now City Square Park, is to be transferred to the Division of Environmental Management, which will provide long-term maintenance for the park.

Happy Thanksgiving To One & All

The Staff of The Patriot

Gloria, Jim, Kathy,
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CNC Hears Preliminary Information On Plans To Redevelop The Hoosac Stores Building

The November meeting of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council focused on preliminary plans by the National Park Service (NPS) to redevelop the Hoosac Stores building, located on Constitution Road between the NPS Visitor Information Center and USS Constitution.

The meeting, which was held at the American Legion Hall, was chaired by Peter Looney. Others present included vice chairman Tom Cunha, secretary Jim Mansfield, treasurer Jim Conway and members Don Haska, Tony Troiano, John Dillon, Bill Galvin, Marty O'Brien, Richard McCarthy, John Iacoi, Bill McCabe, Edna Kelly, Jim Allwood, Dan Ryan, Ken Stone and Kate McDonough.

Peter Steele, deputy superintendent of NPS, and Ruth Rafael, NPS planner, told the council that NPS intends to put out a Request for Proposal (RFP) for renovation and re-use of the Hoosac Stores building, which is now used as a warehouse. Rafael said that the building, which is on the National Register, is "pretty solid" but is in some disrepair.

Rafael said that the re-use and renovation of the building can be put out through a competitive bidding process and then leased under the "historic leasing program."

She went on to say that as far as the NPS was concerned, the best use of

the building, which is on the Freedom Trail, would be for an educational and/or museum facility. This would be a somewhat public utilization of the building and she mentioned the possibility of including the NPS visitor center in the building. Rafael added that renovation of the building would revitalize what is now a bleak walk along Constitution Road into the Navy Yard.

Cunha asked that the community be given the opportunity to hear and respond to proposals for the site. Rafael said it would be part of the RFP to work with the community.

Several council members questioned whether money would be available for an educational facility or museum, considering present-day economics. Conway recommended that NPS include a parking component as more people will be attracted to the area.

In response to a question by Galvin, Rafael noted that it is federal property and, as such, plans are not required to abide by local zoning. She said that it would be their intention to live within the zoning laws. McCabe added that NPS has always been a good neighbor.

It was suggested that a hotel might be considered for the site. Stone suggested that maybe a hotel on the upper levels could include the visitor center and museum on the street-level floor.

Haska asked the question as to what would happen if there were no bids on the site. Steele stated that the intention of the NPS is to find adaptive re-use, but the building could continue to be used for storage or it could be demolished.

Looney requested that the CNC be kept updated on plans for the site.

Dillon and McCabe reported on the October Public Safety Committee meeting, giving statistics and noting that not one resident was present at that meeting.

Cunha stated that the draft RFP's for Parcel P-2 and the CANA Parcels in City Square are scheduled to come before the council for approval at its Dec. 1 meeting. He noted that neighbors seemed pleased that the P-2 plans didn't call for a "massive development."

There will be a committee meeting on the draft RFP for the CANA Parcels with representatives from the Mass. Turnpike Authority at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 29 at the Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

The committee will meet with the Boston Redevelopment Authority on the draft RFP for Parcel P-2 at 7 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 30 at the K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

The monthly meeting of the CNC will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 1 at the K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

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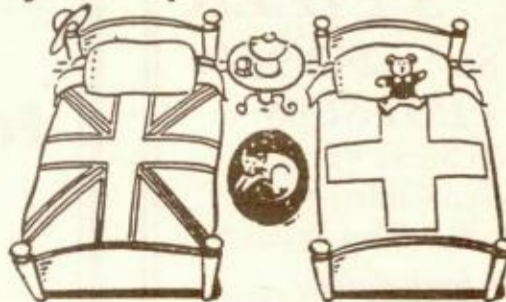
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Hearing On Nomination For Charlestown District Court Clerk-Magistrate

Dorothy Kelly Gay of Somerville, who represents Charlestown on the Governor's Council, will chair a hearing on John E. Whelan's nomination by Gov. Paul Cellucci to the position of Clerk-Magistrate of the Charlestown District Court. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 2 at 12:15 p.m. in the Governor's Council Chamber on the third floor of the State House.

Whelan is a graduate of Williams College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree and he received his Juris Doctorate from Suffolk University School of Law

in 1990. He served as Tax Examiner with the Mass. Department of Revenue from 1983 to 1984, and as a Senior Tax Examiner until 1985.

He served as Assistant Clerk-Magistrate of the Charlestown District Court from 1985 to 1993 and from September 1991 to December 1991 was Acting Clerk-Magistrate. Whelan is currently serving as the Jury Session Assistant Clerk-Magistrate Northern Trial Session at the Chelsea District Court.

Whelan is a member of the Mass. Bar Association and an Executive Board

Member of the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club.

Councillor Kelly Gay would like to inform residents of Charlestown and other interested citizens that the hearing is open to the public if they wish to attend. In addition, anyone wishing to contact her with questions and comments regarding Whelan's nomination for this Clerk-Magistrate position can telephone her at 617-623-2991.

The Governor's Council normally votes on the nomination at its next weekly meeting following the hearing.

Winners Of Two Tickets To 'Sesame Street Live'

Five winners of two tickets each to the stage production of "Sesame Street Live" coming to the Schubert Theater in Boston, were drawn at random in a contest sponsored by The Charlestown Patriot.

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• Kathleen Monroe of 41 O'Reilly Way;
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CARROLL B. FOLLAS of Charlestown, a 1961 Regis College alumna, was honored recently by her alma mater at the annual President's Association dinner. Carroll and her husband, John, were recognized for their contribution to the 1997-98 Regis College annual fund by Sister Sheila E. Megley, president of the college. Shown (l. to r.) are Carroll Follas, Sister Sheila Megley and John Follas.

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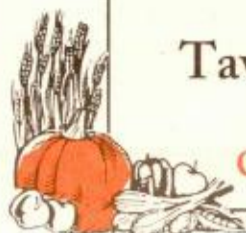
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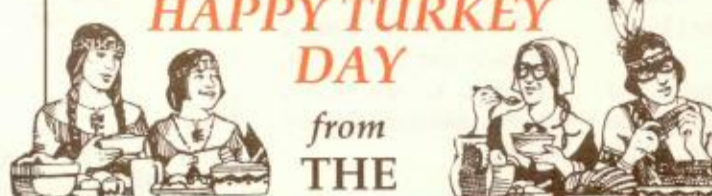


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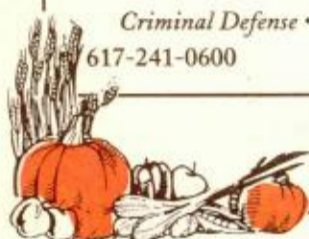


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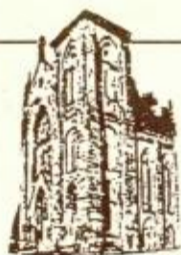
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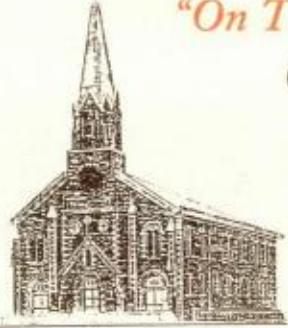
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Scholarship Cash On The Line For Legion Oratorical Champion

High school students from Charlestown have the opportunity to earn more than \$18,000 in college scholarship money by winning first place in The American Legion's National High School Oratorical Contest. Other scholarship awards for the national winners are second place \$16,000 and third place \$14,000.

The competition begins locally with the Legion's Suffolk County District 7 Contest which will be held on Sunday afternoon, Jan. 24 in the Hull Room, second floor, Building 5 (next to USS Constitution), Boston National Historical Park, Charlestown Navy Yard.

It then progresses to the zone level, state finals and on to the national championship competition in Indianapolis, Indiana on April 17 and 18.

"This competition provides benefits to each and every student who takes part," said Past National Historian James W. Conway, chairman of the Department of Massachusetts, American Legion Oratorical Committee. "The oratorical contest creates an opportunity for students to learn more about the U.S. Constitution and it is a

real-life learning experience as the student addresses non-student audiences."

The contest requires the student at the district level to give an original prepared oration on any aspect of the U.S. Constitution. This speech must be between a minimum of eight minutes and a maximum of 10 minutes.

As the district winners progress on to the next levels of competition, they will be required to be knowledgeable about the four assigned topics, which are articles or amendments of the U.S. Constitution. One topic will be drawn in the second phase of the contest and the contestants will be required to speak on this topic.

"It is definitely a challenging competition," Conway said, "yet, each year I am amazed at the knowledge, skill and poise of the young men and women who enter the contest."

There are cash prizes at every level of the Department (state) competition with the state first place winner receiving \$1,000; second, \$800; third, \$700; and fourth, \$600. The state champion also receives an additional \$1,500 for participating in the first

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One might discount participation in the contest on the basis that they don't think there is a chance to win the national championship. This couldn't be further from the truth as, since 1983, contestants from Massachusetts have placed first once, second three times and fourth once.

In order to be eligible for the contest, you must be certified by your high school principal on the application form contained in the state oratorical brochure. All schools in the state were sent a letter of invitation and a brochure in October. If you are interested in entering the contest, the deadline for certification is Dec. 28.

Brochures are available locally at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.; the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club, 15 Green St.; and the Charlestown Patriot office, One Thompson Square.

For further information, contact Department Oratorical Chairman Jim Conway at 242-6187.

An Evening Of Holiday Song With Ruth Harcovitz

Soprano Ruth Harcovitz will bring holiday joy in a concert program entitled, "O Holy Night: Traditional and Popular Music of the Christmas Season" on Thursday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St. The library is wheelchair accessible.

Harcovitz has delighted hundreds of audiences with her clear, scintillating voice. She has amazing versatility, offering a wide-ranging repertoire which includes operetta, showtunes, holiday music and ethnic songs.

A New England Conservatory graduate, Harco-

vitz is also an opera singer. She studied in Europe at the Vienna Academy of Music. She has sung with the Santa Fe Opera, Opera New England and the Opera Company of Boston.

Often referred to as "the female Pavarotti" on account of her beautiful voice and warm personality, Harcovitz gives joy wherever she goes. Her program, sponsored by the Friends of the Charlestown Branch Library, is bound to please. The public is cordially invited to attend. A reception will follow the program.

For further information, call Carl Zellner at 242-1053.

The Charlestown Chorale Announces Its 1998 Season

The Charlestown Chorale will be performing three Advent Programs this Christmas season. On Saturday, Dec. 12 at 6 p.m., they will perform at the First Church in Charlestown on Green Street; on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 2 p.m. a performance will take place at the Constitution Museum; and on Saturday, Dec. 19, they will be part of the Haitian Multi-Service Center's 20th Anniversary Celebration at Lantana's in Randolph.

The Chorale welcomes new members as they are trying to expand their size and scope for future performances. If you like to sing and read music and wish to

share your talents with a wonderful group of neighborhood folk, please join the group. Rehearsals are at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings at the First Church in Charlestown on Green Street.

The Advent Program on Saturday, Dec. 12 is the Chorale's way of thanking Rev. Victor Ford for his very generous gift of rehearsal time and space at the First Church. The program is free and open to the public, but your charitable donation will help greatly in the support of the church's local and community outreach programs.

Interested? For more information, call 241-9091.

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Any girl or boy, residing in Suffolk County (Boston, Revere, Chelsea, Winthrop) or a high school senior in any school

in these cities, is eligible. More than one entry is permitted per parish or school. Candidates will be judged on what he or she has done in each of the four fields - spiritual, cultural, social, and athletic.

A letter may be written by the candidate or by anyone else, but it must be endorsed by the spiritual director or guide and sent to Rev. J. Joseph Kierce, St. Ambrose Rectory, 240 Adams St., Dorchester, MA 02122. The deadline for entries is Wednesday, Dec. 9.

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES HAPPENINGS

Thanksgiving Day Mass

There will be a special family Thanksgiving Mass at 9 a.m. in the church on Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 26. This will be the **only** Mass on Thanksgiving. Following the Mass, a loaf of Blessed Bread will be distributed to each family to share at their Thanksgiving dinner. Make your Thanksgiving Day truly grateful by beginning the day with Mass. By participating in the Eucharist on Thanksgiving morning we give thanks to God for the many, many blessings and graces we have received in God's Providence.

Christmas Giving Program

Again this year the Parish is conducting a Christmas Giving Program for the Pine Street Inn and the Woods Mullen Shelter, Mass. Avenue Boston, that shelters homeless men and women. Useable hats, gloves, mittens and socks are in great demand during the cold months. Those of you who may wish to assist in this Christmas giving program can drop your gifts in the basket at the ushers table at all the Masses on the weekend of Dec. 5 and 6.

Breakfast With Santa

On Sunday, Dec. 13, the children of St. Francis de Sales Parish are invited to a Breakfast with Santa in the Bishop Lawton Hall after the 9 a.m. Mass. There will be breakfast and surprises. Parents -- please sign up for your child(ren) at the ushers table at Mass by Sunday, Dec. 6. No registrations will be accepted after that date because an accurate count is needed for the breakfast. Children of all ages are invited. There will be a meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m. (following the Guild meeting) in the Parish Center for anyone who would like to assist with this event.

"Signadou"

Copies of Sister Paschala's book "Signadou - The History of the Dominican Sisters" are still available at St. Francis de Sales rectory, a great Christmas gift at \$25 each.

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• **Thursday, Dec. 10** - Golden Age Bake Sale from noon to 4 p.m. Please sign up in advance if you want to bake something. There will be crafts, baked goods and a raffle. Everyone is welcome.

TRIP

• **Thursday, Dec. 3** - There will be a day trip to Danvers with shopping at Liberty Tree Mall, including Anne & Hope. Have lunch at the Hometown Buffet and see a movie at Revere Cinema.

• **Monday, Jan. 11** - Trip to the Mohegan Sun.

• **Sunday, Feb. 7 to Saturday, Feb. 13** - A Las Vegas trip is being planned which includes round-trip airfare, accommodations at the Luxor Hotel & Casino, located on the Strip.

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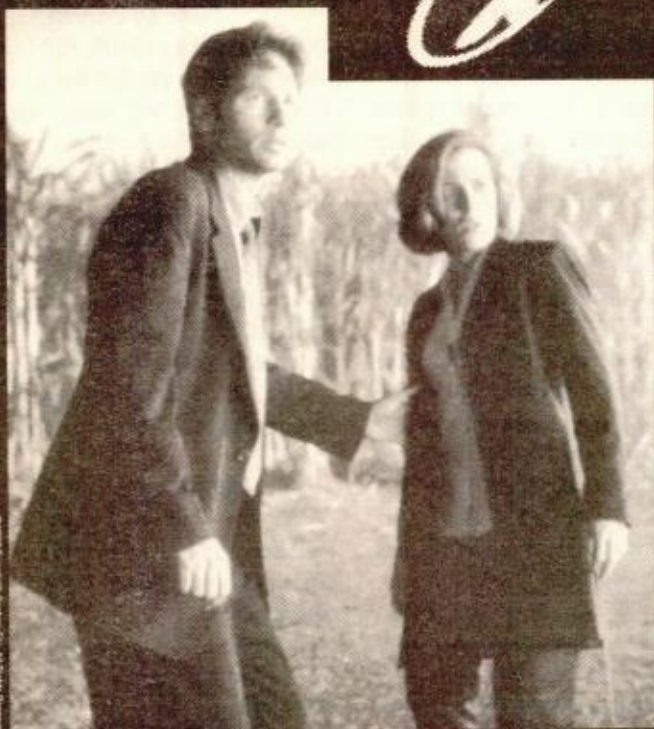
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CHARLESTOWN BOYS & GIRLS CLUB NEWS

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★ YOUTH

INTERVENTION

A Helping Hand - On Nov. 18, club members sacrificed their "gozio" night to help out the Appalachian Mountain Club. Kristina Matarazzo, Kristen Moulton, Zara "Big Z" Doyle, Kerriane Gomperts, Nicole Eddy, Brian Leonard and Steven Awbrey spent the evening setting up and inspecting tents, repairing and stuffing (not stuttering, Kerriane!) sleeping bags and doing other routine maintenance.

During breaks, Kristina led the girls in a few step routines and put on a gymnastics show for other participants. Outstanding handstand went to the guy with the striped shirt, with Kerriane second place. Steven was the "flippest" dude there, while "Big Z" looked at the world from a different perspective, standing on her head. Brian created his own category, but no one knows what exactly it was, while the others kept score. All in all, it was a fun night!

A Celebration - Over 20 members and staff joined together on Nov. 16 for an early Thanksgiving Dinner celebration at the club. Members old and new worked side-by-side to



HIKERS Hank Locke, Allison Christopher, Monica Ramos, Krishna Foran, Denise Tompetrini (back), Paul Locke, Vanessa DeMelo, Corey Ferreira, Alex Gaudette, Brenden Watson, Brian Callahan, Courtney Ferreira and Valerie Charest gather 'round for a quick photo before hitting the trail.

prepare a delicious feast, fit for a king.

Culinary specialists included Kim, Fallon and Brian Leonard, Kelleigh Harrington, Lesley Southern, Bernadette Connors, Kristina Matarazzo, Kerriane Gomperts, Zara Doyle, Kristen Moulton, Shaniece Douglas, Yessieina and Yessiomaro Torres, Angela Thomason, Franz Harris, Nicole Eddy and Alex Charest.

A Major Mountain - On Nov. 11, 11 club members celebrated Veterans Day by hiking up Mt. Major in the Belknap region of

New Hampshire. Hikers Paul Locke, Alex Gaudette, Brian Callahan, Corey Ferreira, Brenden Watson, Vanessa DeMelo, Alyse Fiamma, Valerie Charest, Courtney Ferreira, Monica Ramos and Allison Christopher, along with volunteer Hank Locke, intern Flo Gaist and staff members Krishna Foran, and Denise Tompetrini left Charlestown under a grey sky and pouring rain. But the skies cleared and the sun was shining as they set out on the trail. It started off easy, but as the group neared the summit, the trail became

quite difficult. The steep and sloping rocks didn't slow this crew down, though, as they scrambled to the top. Getting down was the hard part, but with concentration and teamwork, they all made it in one piece.

★ CLUB NOTES

Did you get all A's and B's on your report card? Tell Jenny so she can invite you to the club Honor Roll Party!

Call Jenny if you'd like to go to the Museum of Science with the club at 3:30 p.m. on Dec. 2.

England Youth Soccer Tour Scheduled

On Sunday, Nov. 29 at Bentley College in Waltham, the Northeast Soccer Club and Tours will be holding an open tryout for high school age boys interested in playing soccer in England in 1999.

Registration will begin at 10 a.m. and the tryouts will commence at 11 a.m.

There is no tryout fee.

Players unable to attend the tryout should contact the Northeast office at 603-437-1967 for information about alternative applications procedures. John Mitchell, who coaches nationally ranked Franklin Pierce College, will be conducting the tryout.

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AWARDS NIGHT

The annual awards night will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 4 at Charlestown High School. The jackets will be delivered prior to the awards night, so mark the date on your calendar and we hope players and, most importantly their parents, attend. Pizza and soda will be served in the cafeteria and the awards ceremony will be conducted in the auditorium.

EQUIPMENT MUST BE RETURNED

All players who have not returned their equipment must do so before the awards night or you will not receive your jacket. We have not received equipment from the A, D and E teams.

A-Team players should contact Danny Ryan, D-Team players should contact Ricky Young, and Bobby Allen is the contact for the E-Team players. As we have been at the field the past few Saturdays collecting equipment, it is now your responsibility to contact your coach to make arrangements. Please note that we will not collect equipment during the awards night, so you must return your equipment before Dec. 4.

LAS VEGAS NIGHT

Just a reminder that Charlestown Pop Warner will host a Las Vegas Night this Friday, Nov. 27 from 8 p.m. to midnight at Goodtime Billiards in Somerville. Hope to see you there!

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CHAD Junior Bowling League News

by John Dillon

Councillor Paul Scapicchio's team has sole possession of first place in the Charlestown Against Drugs (CHAD) Junior Bowling League by shooting the sails off the Constitution team in a 6-2 match. The top bowler for the Scapicchio team was Matt Manganelli, who bowled a three-string total of 255, and runner-up was Quinn Evers with 189. Top bowler for the Constitution team was Sheilann Williams with 250, and runner-up was Brendan Grace with 214.

In the next match, the Celata Construction team knocked the Charlestown Patriot team out of first place by shellacking them in a 6-2 contest. Top bowler for Celata was Shawn Burke with 241, and runner-up was Lauren Lynch with 240. Top bowler for the Patriot was Mike Shackford with 292, and runner-up was Tim Hickey with 199.

The Crickets chewed away at the Bunker Hill Real Estate team for a 6-2 victory. Top bowler for the Crickets team was Eric Lynch with 232, and runner-up was Jon Paul Awbrey with 204. Top bowler for Bunker Hill was Sean Cronk with 248, and runner-up was Tim Venezia with 208.

The Shamrocks had some good luck

by beating the Red Store in a 6-2 match. Top bowler for the Shamrocks was Michael Kowalczyk with 247, and runner-up was Matt Hickey with 233. Top bowler for the Red Store was Brian Morrison with 248, and runner-up was Michelle Williams with 231.

The Kennedy Center out-shined the Jenny's Pizza team in a 6-2 contest. Top bowler for the Kennedy Center was Jennie Perito with 195, and runner-up was Kevin Lavalley with 140. Top bowler for Jenny's was Chris Schievink with 235, and runner-up was Brendan Brassil with 224.

In the final match of the day, the American Legion dropped bombs on the McCarthy Bros. team with an 8-0 shutout. Top bowler for the American Legion was Chris Boutwell with 267. Top bowler for McCarthy Bros. was Jeff Lynch with 200, and runner-up was Jessica Grace with 173.

Bowlers of the week are: Mike Shackford 292, Chris Boutwell 267, Matt Manganelli 255, Sheilann Williams 250, Brian Morrison 248, Sean Cronk 248, Michael Kowalczyk 247, Shawn Burke 241, Lauren Lynch 240 and Chris Schievink 235.

Bowlers trying the hardest are: Nick Celata 201, Alyse Fiamma 182, Emily Perito 175, Casey Schievink 169,

Kate Venezia 169, James Clough 163, Caitlee Carrier 161, Shannon Lynch 161, Kevin Celata 159 and Mike Venezia 126.

Note To Parents

I would like to thank Bill Lynch for standing in for me last week. Bill is a God-send and we really appreciate what he does for the team.

Also thanks to Linda Shackford for all her help.

Please make a note on your calendar that on Saturday, Nov. 28 we will be attending the CHAD Breakfast at the K. of C. Hall, starting at 9 a.m. We will not be bowling that weekend.

See you all on Saturday, Dec. 5. Bowling is at 11:30 a.m. sharp.

Standings - Nov. 21

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| Paul Scapicchio | 40 | 16 |
| Charlestown Patriot | 38 | 18 |
| Shamrocks | 35 | 21 |
| Red Store | 34 | 22 |
| Celata Construction | 32 | 24 |
| Constitution | 26 | 30 |
| American Legion | 25 | 31 |
| B.H. Real Estate | 24 | 32 |
| Jenny's Pizza | 24 | 32 |
| Kennedy Center | 24 | 32 |
| Cricket's | 22 | 34 |
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♣ **BU Basketball Trip** . . . Thanks to Boston University a great group of our young people had the opportunity to attend the North Carolina at Charlotte - BU basketball home opener at the Case Center. The trip was organized by the Charlestown Community Center. College trips are great experiences for our young people, and BU once again is showing their leadership in this effort.

♣ **CHS Teacher Honored** . . . Congratulations to Olivia Dubose, who is now vice principal of Charlestown High School. She was recently honored at a State House Ceremony recognizing her as one of eight semifinalists as a Massachusetts Teacher of the Year. Having known Ms. Dubose for the past four years, I admire her dedication to all the young people at CHS. She is a quality person, and the honor is well deserved.

♣ **Thanksgiving Day Football Schedule** . . .

Thursday, Nov. 26

BC High vs. Catholic Memorial at BC
Everett at Cambridge
Malden Catholic at Bishop Feehan
Boston Latin vs. Boston English at BU

East Boston vs. South Boston at
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Matignon at Arlington Catholic
Burke at West Boylston
Cathedral at Madison Park
Pope John at Chelsea
St. Clement at Trinity Catholic
Savio Prep at Austin Prep

♣ **Project Bread** . . . Project Bread, located at 160 North Washington St., just across the bridge, is dedicated to alleviating, preventing and ending hunger in Mass. If you are looking for a special Holiday card, that really gives, you might want to check out the Project Bread selection. Proceeds from these cards help feed hungry children and families in our own neighborhoods. For information call 723-5000. It is something to think about as you sit down to eat this Thanksgiving - 35% of the people served by emergency food programs in Mass. are children.

♣ **College Board** . . . This week I received a very nice letter and photo from a reader. It made me feel very good, and I would like to share it with all of you:

Your column on Nov. 12 in the College Board section, you wrote as having seen the inspiring Notre Dame Golden Helmets. The reason for the special glisten in the Notre Dame Gold Helmets this year is that one of the 35 managers who paint them every week is our own Brenden Sullivan. He transferred from Stonehill to Notre Dame this year, his sophomore year. He loves Notre Dame, and being one of the managers is special to him, and those who know him. His brother, Michael, is still at



BRENDEN SULLIVAN

Merrimack in his junior year. Michael is not playing football this year, but has become an ardent golfer. I am their proud uncle!

Brenden and Michael Sullivan played street hockey for me in the Friendship League, and they also played baseball for me as members of the Charlestown Cardinals. I appreciate this note and photo, especially at this time of year. It says a whole lot about the Sullivans, their family and college. I, too, am very proud!

♣ **Special Thanksgiving Greeting** . . . As always some of our friends won't be home this Thanksgiving and to each of them we offer the hope for a special day. To our good

friends from Christopher Columbus High School and to those at Don Bosco High School, a special hello. We share a lot of great memories. Happy Thanksgiving! (I'll be at the Latin - English game.)

♣ **High School Prep Notebook** . . . Watching the Charlestown-O'Bryant football final of the season, won by O'Bryant 24-0, I couldn't help but zoom in on the seniors, who would be playing the last game of their high school careers. Yes, if you aren't fortunate enough to be going to a Superbowl, and most are not, Thanksgiving Day for seniors is extra special. The game is the thing, but when it is all over the realization that it is really all over is a shock, and the memories set in. The first day you put on your uniform, double sessions, running out on the field, taking that first hit or catching that first pass, and how about that first touchdown are just some of those memorable moments. More important you remember all your team mates, and the special bond you and they can only understand. I do a lot of thinking during this time of the year, and this is one of the things I think a lot about. Good luck to all the seniors, and thanks for the memories!

♣ **Tidbits** . . . Which CHS cafeteria staff member(s) was saying Gobble, Gobble, Gobble?? . . . Chris Schievink loves the North End . . . Sorrentino Countdown: 159 days! . . . Greg Staples hopes to start a street hockey team in Everett, Greg McNeil will be the captain . . . Melissa and Melinda would love to visit Salem, again. Jimmy Yandle will be the tour guide . . . *Smile & Happy Thanksgiving!*

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♦ **The Mel Stillman Community Tennis Center** - The Charlestown Community Center is pleased to announce that reservations are now being accepted for the Mel Stillman Community Tennis Center. In order to participate in any of our tennis programs, you must be a member of a Boston Community Center. To obtain a Charlestown Community Center membership, you can stop by our main office location at 255 Medford St. (Charlestown High School athletic building) and pick up an application.

Fees for Boston residents ages 6-12 are \$5 per year, 13-19 are \$10 per year, 20-64 are \$25 per year, and 65 and over are \$10 per year. Non-residents add \$5.

Presently, the hours of operation for the tennis center are Monday through Friday, 3 to 9 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Adult lessons and court reservations are Monday through Friday, 6 to 9 p.m.; and Saturday, 4 to 6 p.m.

The remaining court time will be used exclusively for children and young adult lessons and clinics. Please note that the main goal of the tennis center is to introduce

the game of tennis to inner-city youth. Our kids come first. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call us at 635-5169. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

P.S. When making a court reservation, we will need your name and membership number. All participants must be a Community Center member. Thank you.

♦ **Gym Will Be Closed** - The high school gym will be closed Wednesday, Nov. 25 through Saturday, Nov. 28 so that the gym floor can be re-surfaced. The gym will re-open Monday, Nov. 30 at 5:30 p.m. The Kent School gym will be open Friday, Nov. 27 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. The pool and weight room will resume regular hours for Wednesday and Friday.

Starting Dec. 5, the new Saturday schedule will be as follows: noon to 2:30 p.m. will be 20+ men's basketball, 2:30 to 5 p.m. will be open gym; 5 to 7 p.m. will be structured gym activities; and 7 to 8 p.m. will be open gym.

The pool and weight room are closed on Saturday.

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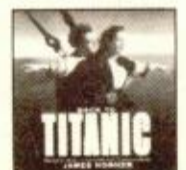


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Artists' Group of Charlestown Hold Members Reception And Show

photos by Sandy Swan

The Artists' Group of Charlestown recently held its second annual members show, with a reception and open house, at 22 Oak St. in Charlestown. The exhibition featured more than 40 pieces of art work, including paintings, sculptures and mixed media.

The members of the Artists' Group are Anthony Abate, Larry Bowling, Thom Carter, Joe Caruso, Bob Deyber, Jim Heskett, Donald Kelley, Tom O'Connell, Dara Pannebaker, Karla Quattrocchi, Joan Sebastian, Sandra Swan, Joe Trepiccione, Lori Warner

and Wendy Withington.

The Artists' Group was founded in 1997 to promote community awareness and education of the visual arts, as well as the work of local artists. Art classes are being planned for February and March. - Karla Quattrocchi



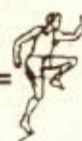
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ST. CATHERINE'S NEWS

★ **CYO High School Boys Olympics** - The olympics will take place on Friday, Nov. 27 at the Murphy School in Neponset. The Charlestown CYO is seeking any teenage boys in grades 9 through 12 to participate on the team. Events include basketball, hockey, water polo and the Superstars contest. Each participant will receive lunch.

For more information, call Sheila Brown at 242-2683 or Father DiPerri at 242-1750.

★ **Rose Window Dedication** - The dedication of the Rose Window will take place after the 4 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Nov. 28. The Rose Window, which overlooks historic Hayes Square, was restored with the help of Ralph Brown, in memory of his wife, Bertha. Following the dedication, refreshments will be served in the rectory.

★ **Harvest Dinner Dance** - Mark your calendars! Saturday, Nov. 28 will be a Harvest Dinner-Dance at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 75 West School St. For a \$15 ticket, you will get a chicken pot pie dinner and entertainment by DJ Dennis Moore. Also, there will be chances on some beautiful prizes. For tickets, call Judy Burton at 886-0477, Mary Walsh at 242-4096 or the rectory, 242-1750.

★ **Bible Study Discussion** - A Bible study discussion is being held on Sundays, Nov. 29 and Dec. 6 at 10 a.m. in St. Catherine of Siena lower church. The discussion, which will be led by Seminarian Brian Bachand, will include topics such as hope, trust in God and thankfulness. All are welcome.

★ **Eucharistic Adoration** - The Eucharistic Adoration is taking place from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 30 in the lower church.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor must be signed and include name, address and telephone number for verification. The name will be withheld if the writer so requests. Anonymous letters will NOT be published.



An Open Letter

Dear Gloria,

We wish to register a complaint about a company known as St. Martin's Monuments, owned by Raymond St. Martin, which is located in Burlington. As most Charlestown residents know, our father, Joseph Crilley, passed away on Aug. 11, 1997 and was buried at Holy Cross Cemetery in Malden on Aug. 14, 1997. Through our time of sorrow we were referred to this company to purchase a headstone. On Sept. 11, 1997, we, as a family, sat down together and designed a sketch of what we felt best represented our father. It was a simple design that anyone was capable of composing, but yet in our hearts it was one of the hardest decisions we had to deal with. This stone made us face reality as well as closure with our Dad.

On that day, Raymond St. Martin, the man who came to our home, was paid approximately \$1600, representing payment in full on that day. He assured us "not to worry about a thing" that "he would handle the rest." During the month of October, he called our home to inform us that he had experienced a problem with the cemetery about the sketch. We gave him authorization over the phone that he could make a small change and he then stated that the stone would be in place sometime in November 1997.

We couldn't even begin to explain our embarrassment and anger when we would visit our father's grave, that up until Nov. 1, 1998, there was no headstone, one year and three months after his death. Fortunately, we were able to purchase a headstone from a company elsewhere in place of

the headstone that was originally thought to be purchased. We have made numerous attempts to contact the individual responsible for an explanation, but we end up with nothing but misleading stories and excuses. This company's actions toward our family are unconscionable and, in our eyes, insensitive, not to mention poor business practice. We hope that anybody ordering a headstone for a loved one will find this letter helpful rather than unpleasant - it was written with the best of intentions.

The Crilley Family



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Please call the theater at 242-3285 for more information.

Boston Latin School Seniors Elect New President

Brenden F. Howard, of South Boston, has been elected senior class president at Boston Latin School. The senior class is composed of more than 350 young women and men. Brenden, the son of Anne and Paul Howard, is the grandson of Bill "Eskie" Howard and Kay "Sis" Howard, formerly of Charlestown.

Boston Latin School is the oldest public school in America with a continuous existence. It was founded April 32, 1635, by the then town of Boston.

Graduates have included John Hancock, Benja-

min Franklin, poet Ralph Waldo Emerson, Boston Pops conductor Arthur Fiedler, composer Leonard Bernstein, Speaker of the Mass. House of Representatives Thomas Finneran and Boston attorney and former Boston City Councillor Larry DiCara. Of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence, five had been Boston Latin School students.

Brenden's brother, Patrick, a 1998 Boston Latin School graduate, now attends Northeastern University. His sister, Kate, is currently a freshman at Boston Latin.

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The holiday season, while joyous for many, can be lonely for those who can't be up and about to take part in the festivities. "Townie Santa" was begun 17 Christmases ago to bring holiday cheer into the lives and homes of Charlestown's elderly, needy shut-ins and the tradition continues this year with the delivery of Christmas packages on Sunday, Dec. 20. The boxes will contain useful items such as canned goods and toiletries, along with a hot turkey dinner and some surprises.

• PLEASE GIVE A HELPING HAND •

The dates for packing the Christmas boxes and wrapping gifts have been set, and the committee is asking for residents to assist in this task. It is a great way to get into the holiday spirit, so plan now to join in on one or more of the evenings. Helpers should come to the Mary Colbert Apartments Community Room, 20 Devens St. at 7 p.m. on

- Monday, Nov. 30
- Thursday, Dec. 3
- Monday, Dec. 7
- Thursday, Dec. 10
- Friday, Dec. 18 - fruit packing

and, of course, Sunday, Dec. 20 at 11 a.m. is for delivery of the Townie Santa packages.

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Boston Police Department

Thursday, Nov. 12

At noon, a Charlestown man called to report that someone had obtained his credit card number and charged \$329 at L.L. Bean. The victim has cancelled the credit card.

Friday, Nov. 13

An employee of the J.F. Kennedy Center reported that between 7 and 9 a.m., her wallet was taken from her purse, which had been left unattended for a period of time in the victim's office.

At about 1 p.m., a school police officer confiscated a knife from a student who then refused to go to the office for disciplinary action. The 14-year-old teen left the building and then returned, stating that he wasn't going to leave without the knife. The officer called for back-up. When the back-up officer arrived, the teen again tried to enter the building but was stopped. He then made threats to the officers and fled.

Saturday, Nov. 14

A Charlestown woman reported that between 8 p.m. on Nov. 13 and 7 a.m. on this date, unknown person(s) slashed all four tires on her auto while it was parked on Monument Street.

Sunday, Nov. 15

A Charlestown woman stated that between 11:30 p.m. on Nov. 14 and 12:30 a.m. on this date, someone smashed the rear window of her auto while it was parked in the vicinity of 274 Main St.

Monday, Nov. 16

A Charlestown woman reported that between 5 p.m. on Nov. 14 and 8:30 a.m. on this date, someone broke the passenger-side window of her motor vehicle while it was parked on Brighton Street. A Sony CD player, valued at \$119, was taken.

A Charlestown woman stated that between 4 p.m. on Nov. 15 and 8:45 a.m. on this date, someone shattered the passenger side front window of the motor vehicle and removed a cellular phone charger, a cigarette lighter and a Motorola cellular phone, valued at \$200, while her auto was parked on Parker Street.

On Nov. 13, a 14-year-old student at Charlestown High School was suspended for having a knife. He has been told not to return to school without a parent. On this date at 9:30 a.m., he returned without a parent. He was told to leave a number

of times by the headmaster and school police. He refused and was arrested for trespassing.

A Brookline woman stated that between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., someone scratched and caused damage to the left quarter panel, rear door and passenger window of her auto while it was parked in the vicinity of 240 Medford St.

Tuesday, Nov. 17

A Charlestown man reported that between 11 p.m. on Nov. 16 and 6:30 a.m. on this date, someone removed the license plate from his motor vehicle while it was parked on Roland Street. The license plate number is Mass. 4470F, repair.

A Charlestown woman stated that between 7:10 and 8:40 a.m., someone slashed one of the tires on her auto while it was parked on Monument Street.

At about 1:45 p.m., a woman approached an officer and reported that three youths were breaking into a motor vehicle behind 55 Bunker Hill St. The officer saw the youths and heard one shout "cops" and flee on foot with two other individuals. The officers caught three teens, one of whom admitted that he was a "lookout" for another suspect while he tried to forcibly enter the auto. The officers recovered a screwdriver. They notified the grandparents of one suspect who was arrested. Two suspects were taken to the place of employment of one suspect's mother. Entry into the auto had not been gained, but there was damage.

At 5 p.m., a Charlestown man stated that he parked his auto in the vicinity of 161 Bunker Hill St. and when he returned, the lock on the passenger-side door had been popped. There was no other damage or missing items reported.

Wednesday, Nov. 18

A Charlestown woman told police that between 1 and 7:50 a.m., someone broke the right rear vent window on her auto while it was parked on McNulty Court. She also believes that the auto may have been used without her consent, due to a broken ignition.

Officers took a report that racial words had been painted on the walls of a building on Carney Court. The Boston Housing Authority management was contacted.

At about 12:40 p.m., officers went to Charlestown High School and spoke to a student who stated that while he was in the gym at about 11:55 a.m., another student approached him and started a fight. A teacher broke the fight up. The victim had a swelling of his right eye and cheek.

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Two public meetings will be held next week to discuss a Draft Request for Proposals (RFP) for the five parcels of land made available by the CANA Project Highway construction:

- The Zoning and Development Subcommittee of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council will meet on Sunday, Nov. 29 at 4 p.m. at the American Legion Post 26 Hall, 23 Adams St.
- The full Neighborhood Council will meet on Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 75 West School St.

Copies of the Draft RFP are available for public review at the Charlestown Branch of the Boston Public Library and at the Charlestown Patriot. Anyone who wishes to be on a mailing list to receive announcements regarding the RFP and disposition process should call the Turnpike Authority at 248-2813.

The Draft RFP has been prepared by the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority, which is seeking developers for the five CANA parcels in and near City Square. The parcels are being transferred to the Turnpike Authority from the Massachusetts Highway Department, which built the CANA Project.

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At 9 p.m., a Dorchester woman was arrested on Main Street on an outstanding warrant for drug charges.

A Medford man walked into A-1 to report that another Medford man had followed him during the evening while he was operating a tow truck and pulled him over on Route 99, showed him a black handgun and made threats. The victim went to call police on his cellular phone and the suspect fled. The victim also stated that the suspect tried to run his truck off the road and made threats to burn the victim's house and car. The incident will be further investigated by detectives.

Thursday, Nov. 19

At about 3 p.m., officers went to Mount Vernon Street for a truck that struck a light pole. Officers observed broken glass on a city of Boston light pole. It had been reported that it was a mattress delivery truck that hit the pole and left. Boston Gas Co. was notified.

Friday, Nov. 20

At 8:15 p.m., a Charlestown woman told police that her auto was struck by an unknown vehicle while it was parked at the rear of 129 Bunker Hill St. Damage was done to the passenger side.

At 10 p.m., a Somerville man reported that someone broke the passenger side rear vent window on his auto while it was parked on Monument Square. Taken from the vehicle was a Kenwood stereo, valued at \$300; an L.L. Bean backpack, valued at \$50; a TI calculator, valued at \$100; and a checkbook.

Saturday, Nov. 21

At about 7 a.m., a Somerville man walked into the station to report that at 6:15 a.m., when he entered a Cambridge Street parking lot, his auto was struck by a motor vehicle, driven by a male, which caused heavy damage to his auto. The suspect fled, but the victim was able to report the license plate number.

At about 7 p.m., a Blockbuster Video employee reported that a male suspect had rented two videos. Then, when leaving the store, sensors went off. The employee asked the suspect to return to the store and observed a large number of CD's in the suspect's coat. The suspect fled into Mishawum and was not found.

A man residing at Carney Court reported that between 1:30 and 8:30 p.m., his neighbor beat his dog with a chain and kicked the dog down a flight of stairs. The man stated that his dog needed stitches.

At 11:45 p.m., officers responded to McNulty Court for two escaped females from Spectrum House. Officers spoke to a Spectrum employee who stated that the two had gone out a window and fled in an unknown direction. At about 1:15 a.m., the suspects were found on Causeway Street and were returned to Spectrum House.

Sunday, Nov. 22

At about 2:05 a.m., officers responded to Old Ironsides Way for a report of a loud party. On arrival, officers observed a Charlestown man unsteady on his feet, urinating on the side of a house. He stated he was going to his father's house further down the street. As he got near his father's house, he fell to the ground and struck his head on the sidewalk. As the officers approached, the man ran across the street and into a building on Medford Street with an open can of beer. As officers neared the building, the first-floor occupants stated that there was a man yelling for them to open the door. The man was taken into custody for being an disorderly person. As he was being placed in the cruiser, the man's father approached and said that his son was not welcome in his home due to his intoxicated state.

A Nahant woman reported that between 4 and 7 p.m., someone entered her car and removed cassettes, valued at \$20; a briefcase, valued at \$25; \$60 and personal items. The car had been parked on Union Street. The woman stated that the car had been locked and when she returned, the dome light was on and the driver's door was open. She also said that the passenger door lock had been damaged.

A Dorchester man told police that between 9 p.m. on Nov. 21 and noon on this date, his auto had been struck by an unknown vehicle while it was parked on Carney Court, causing damage to the bumper.

At 7 p.m., the manager of a Caldwell Street business said that an ex-employee came to the business and, after demanding money, punched and broke a glass window in a door and then fled. The victim didn't have personal information on the suspect, but will research and provide it to detectives for follow-up.

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Menino will host the official ceremony to light the Boston Common holiday decorations and illuminate the 40-foot-tall Balsam Fir tree donated by the people of New Brunswick. Menino and Santa Claus, accompanied by the Boston University Marching Band, will arrive at the Common as the last stop on their Neighborhood Holiday Trolley Tour across the city.

The tree lighting will be accompanied by a musical extravaganza produced and directed by Macy's. This year's holiday entertainment will include appearances by Captain Kangaroo, Trooper Dan, Eben Bear, Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer, a cast member from the musical "Cats," the Smith-Houlihan Dancers, the Ray Cavicchio Band, David Polanski, the Boston Community Choir, the America Sings 250-member youth choir, and Les Danseurs du Madawaska from New Brunswick.

For further information, please call the Boston

A Charlestown Thanksgiving . . .

We in Charlestown should be aware that this Thanksgiving Day will mark the 370th year that the folks of this town will kneel and utter a prayer of thanks to our creator.

The first Thanksgiving liturgy took place at what is now City Square in the "Long House," whose remnants were found by archeologists a few years ago in preparation for the "Big Dig." John Winthrop was the leader of the group. He was born in Suffolk, England in 1588. John was a country squire and lawyer. This country squire left England in 1628 with a band of Puritans and arrived in Charlestown that same year. Settling in the area we know as City Square. There was a community of Indians dwelling in the area we know as Bunker Hill Community College.

Winthrop's group of Puritans had hoped to establish a Bible commonwealth in this New World. The first item on their agenda was to thank God for a safe journey. They did not confine their thanks to one day a year, rather as God-fearing immigrants, these Puritans thanked God daily.

The first group of English set-

tlers landed at Plymouth in 1620. After a most severe winter, they had a fruitful harvest. As devout Pilgrims, they set aside three days for prayer and feasting in order to thanks Divine Providence for a bountiful harvest and the strength to withstand the harsh winter.



George Washington in 1789 set aside the twenty-sixth day of November as a Day of Thanksgiving. It was some seventy-four years later that Abraham Lincoln, in 1863, designated the fourth Thursday in November as a day for the Nation to give thanks. This Proclamation came when the Civil War was tearing the nation apart.

The sacred purpose of this day of

Thanksgiving was sullied in 1939 when President Franklin D. Roosevelt acquiesced to the pleas of the merchants and made the third Thursday of November "Thanksgiving." The purpose for this change was a purely mercenary one, it lengthened the Christmas shopping period so that more money could be made by the merchants. Much as America had fallen under the spell of Roosevelt, the people rejected what they called "Franks-giving" and the commercialization of this holy day. In 1941, weeks before Pearl Harbor, the Day of Thanks was returned to the fourth Thursday of November.

How will "Townies" celebrate Thanksgiving these 370 years after John Winthrop and his associates knelt in the "Long House" to give thanks? Will they take time to attend their church? Will this be just another holiday to gorge one's self at the table and crash before the TV football game? John Winthrop and the little group of Puritans took time to say "Thank you" to Almighty God . . . should we who have inherited their land do less?

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- Catherine T. Walsh



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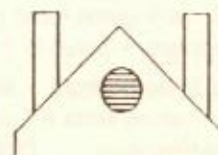
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