



Charlestown Boys Club Reunion Set For January 17

by Charlie McGonagle

After a one year hiatus, Jimmy Connors and several other former Charlestown Boys Club members will resume the annual Charlestown Boys Club reunion on Saturday, Jan. 17 at 7:30 in the evening.

The event, suspended for one year due to the expected renovations at the club, will be held, as usual, at the club's Teen Center on High Street. To those who may not be familiar with the facility changes over

the past several years, this is the Girls Club building of earlier days.

As has been customary, an individual whose contributions to the club over the years have proven to be instrumental in making the organization a better place for the young people of the Charlestown community, will be honored with a lifetime membership.

In addition, a night of comedy is planned, and a buffet and cash bar will be made available.

Pat Sweeney, a longtime member of the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club Executive Board of Directors, will take a few moments to update those in attendance as to the present state of the club and the current situation surrounding the eagerly anticipated physical improvements.

Tickets, which will be available at the door, are \$20 per person. Commemorative T-Shirts will also be placed on sale at \$20 each.

So come on up to the club's Teen Center at 7:30 on Saturday evening, Jan. 17, to meet with old friends and maybe share a story or two about the club and the people who may have meant so much to you when you were younger.

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Christmas Tree Lighting And Santa's Visit Celebrated At Thompson Square



THOMPSON SQUARE was a stop for Mayor Thomas Menino, the Christmas Trolley with Santa and a delegation of Macy's Christmas characters on a recent Sunday. The tree was lit in the square and then it was on to One Thompson Square for refreshments, a visit and a photo with Santa (Marty O'Brien Sr.) and Mrs. Santa (Kay Whelan) and a gift, courtesy of John Hancock Signature Services. At the top, Menino and Santa greet the crowd at Thompson Square and light the Christmas tree. In the second row, Nolan Carrier (left) and Patrick Burke (right) talk with Santa. At the bottom, Imani Crumble finds a comfortable spot in the middle of a box of toys. (photo by Kathy Whitehouse)

Holiday Schedule . . .

The New Year's edition of The Charlestown Patriot will be in the stores on Thursday, Jan. 8. The deadline for news and advertising is Monday, Jan. 5 at noon.

The Patriot office will be closed from noon on Wednesday, Dec. 24 until Monday morning, Jan. 5. There will not be an issue on Jan. 1.

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The deadline for advertising and copy is **Monday at NOON.**

SERVICES FOR CHARLESTOWN RESIDENTS

Monday

• **2 to 5 p.m.** - Mayor's Office Hours with Judy Evers, regional coordinator, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• **5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** - Nicotine Anonymous support group meeting, Armed Services YMCA, 150 Second Ave., Charlestown Navy Yard

Monday And Friday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

• **7 p.m.** - Co-Dependents Anonymous (CODA) meeting, Bunker Hill Health Center, 73 High St.

Thursday

• **9:30 to 11 a.m.** - J.F. Kennedy Center's Goal Setting Group, 55 Bunker Hill St. For more information, call Linda Hudson at 241-8866

Friday

• **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

Happy Holidays

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CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

this week at a glance

Tuesday, Dec. 23

• **8 a.m. to 2 p.m.** - Schrafft Center Blood Drive - Flatley Fitness Center Basketball Court, 529 Main St.

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

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

Thursday, Dec. 25

Merry Christmas!

Friday, Dec. 26

10 a.m. - Adult Discussion Program - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Monday, Dec. 29

• **1 to 3 p.m.** - Maritime Crafts School Vacation Program - USS Constitution Museum, Navy Yard

Tuesday, Dec. 30

• **10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.** - Children's Films - Charlestown Branch Li-

brary, 179 Main St.

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Wednesday, Dec. 31

• **7 p.m. to 1 a.m.** - New Year's Eve Party - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

upcoming events

Thursday, Jan. 1

Happy New Year!

Monday, Jan. 5

• **7:30 p.m.** - Daughters of Isabella No. 1 meeting - K. of C. Lower

Hall, 75 West School St.

Tuesday, Jan. 6

• **9 a.m.** - Home Health Aide Orientation, sponsored by the Kennedy Center - St. Mary's Parish Hall, 48 Winthrop 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 meeting - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

plan ahead

Thursday, Jan. 8

• **4 p.m.** - Mad Science of Greater Boston presents a science show for children - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• **5:30 p.m.** - Charlestown Against Drugs (CHAD) meeting - Kennedy Center, 27 Winthrop St.

Friday, Jan. 9

• **10 a.m.** - Adult Discussion Group with Miriam Hassett speaking on "Archaeology on Grand Turk" - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Tuesday, Jan. 13

• **7 p.m.** - Charlestown Neighbor-

hood Council Public Safety Committee/Police Community Relations meeting - site to be announced

Saturday, Jan. 17

• **7:30 p.m.** - Charlestown Boys Club Reunion - High Street Building, Charlestown Boys & Girls Club

Receives Academic Honors

Timothy O'Connell was honored recently at a ceremony recognizing him for achieving honors during the 1996-97 school year at Belmont Hill School.

He is the son of Timothy and Ann O'Connell of Charlestown.

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ST. FRANCIS DE SALES HAPPENINGS

Beano Gift Certificates

Are you looking for a gift for someone who is hard to buy for this Christmas season? St. Francis de Sales Beano has gift certificates available in any denomination. Please contact Joan Rae at the rectory.

Cookbooks

The second order of cookbooks has arrived. They are now on sale for \$6 each and are available at the rectory or from the ushers at Mass. They'll make great stocking stuffers while supporting the parish.

Christmas Poinsettias For The Altar

If you are interested in remembering a

loved one with flowers for the altars, flower envelopes are available at the ushers table at Mass.

Christmas Mass Schedule

Masses on Wednesday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, will be at 4 and 7 p.m. The Brass Ensemble and St. Francis de Sales Choir will be at these Masses.

Christmas Day Masses will be at 9 and 11 a.m.

New Year's Mass Schedule

Mass on Wednesday, Dec. 31, New Year's Eve will be at 4 p.m., and Masses on New Year's Day will be at 9 and 11 a.m.



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Menino Announces \$500,000 In Linkage Award Funding To Mishawum Park

"Linkage Award" money in the amount of \$2.5 million from the city of Boston's Neighborhood Housing Trust (NHT) was distributed by Mayor Thomas M. Menino last week. The money will be used by seven developers to furnish or renovate 828 units of affordable housing.

Among the housing development projects receiving 1997 linkage awards is

Mishawum Park apartments in Charlestown. A linkage award of \$500,000 will go toward the acquisition and rehabilitation of the development by residents and preservation of affordable housing in the 337-unit complex.

As the result of a real estate slow down in the early 1990's, linkage payments by developers diminished. Under the Menino

administration linkage awards have been restored to meet the needs of Boston residents in search of safe, clean, affordable housing.

Menino said, "Developers giving back to the neighborhoods by stepping up to the plate to help provide affordable housing to residents of Boston - now this is what I like to see! It's about turning an opportunity for some into an opportunity for all. I am proud of the steps my administration has taken to revitalize the Neighborhood Housing Trust. This money will help create or renovate safe, affordable, dignified housing."

Linkage award requires

developers of large commercial projects to contribute to a fund that offers affordable housing. Each housing project was approved after a submission of a Request for Proposals (RFP), which requires construction within a 12-month deadline after funding approval. In addition, projects were evaluated and selected based upon established criteria.

To ensure new projects fulfill their linkage commitments, Menino created a board of trustees, comprised of a majority of representatives from neighborhoods in Boston to guide the NHT process.

THE REAL ESTATE WEEKLY



Carolyn Sideman, Monument Properties

IF YOU WANT TO READ THE WHOLE THING!

When you buy a house, you're asked to sign an amazing number of documents, especially if you're obtaining a mortgage. While it may seem prudent to read all of these papers before signing, it may not be practical to do this at the settlement. If you're the type who really does have to read everything first, we have some suggestions.

In an ideal world, the settlement attorney would have everything ready for your perusal several days before the big event. What often happens, however, is the lender delivers the paperwork to the settlement office at the last minute — sometimes later than that. If you insist on reading everything, including all fine print, you'll probably draw some serious groans from the others at the table. One solution is to request copies of all standard forms a week before settlement, since most of the papers are boilerplate. Then at settlement, you just check to ensure the blanks were correctly filled in.

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Mad Science Show Coming To The Charlestown Branch Library

Mad Science of Greater Boston will present an exciting science show for children on Thursday, Jan. 8 at 4 p.m. at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

This high energy program will explore the mystery and fun of science. Children will have the opportunity to uncover the mystery of how to get Egg-

bert back into his house, witness chemical magic in action, and see bubbling potions concocted.

A Reading is Fundamental book giveaway will follow the performance. Every child who attends will receive two free books.

Please call the Charlestown Branch Library with any questions at 242-1248.

Children's Film Program At The Charlestown Branch Library

The Film Program for Children will be presented at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St. on Tuesday, Jan. 6 at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

The features will be "Dragon's Tears," the story of a brave boy who invites a terrifying dragon to his birthday party... in "The Olympic Champ," Goofy offers an enthusiastic history of the olympic games... Stanley the caveman

builds a more comfortable house with the help of his dinosaur friends in "Stanley and the Dinosaurs."

In "The Hooper-Bloob Highway," Mr. Hooper-Bloob dispatches a creature from his laboratory in outer space to earth to experience human life. It will be shown only at 3:30 p.m.

Suggested books to read are **Stanley** by Syd Hoff and **Space Case** by Edward Marshall.

VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK



GREG SEERY and DANNY O'SHEA

Greg Seery has been tutoring at the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club for two years. This year he tutors Danny O'Shea. They work on homework and have fun. Thanks, Greg!



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IRS Has a Pre-Holiday Gift for Some Taxpayers

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is holding \$1,216,835 in unclaimed refund checks belonging to over 1,538 Mass. residents. The checks have been returned by the U.S. Postal Service as undeliverable and range in size from \$1 to \$25,057.

Residents of Charlestown who are on the list are: Dorothy Anderson, Paul F. McLaughlin, Yanira Figueroa, Robert L. and Jeanette Foilb, Constance Millard, James A. Lynch, Jesus Mejia and Mike Comerford.

"The IRS is encouraging taxpayers whose names appear on the list to call the taxpayer assistance line at 1-

800-829-1040 to claim their refund," said Stephen Daige, IRS district director.

Every year, thousands of checks are returned because the address on the tax return was not legible, or the taxpayer moved and did not leave a forwarding address. The IRS has a simple one-page form that can be used by individuals and businesses to alert the agency to a new address - Form 8822, *Change of Address*. Taxpayers can order this form by calling the IRS toll-free number at 1-800-829-3676. Form 8822 is also available to computer users through the IRS home page at <http://www.irs.ustreas.gov>

or by modem directly at 703-321-8020.

Taxpayers can eliminate the possibility of lost, stolen or undeliverable refunds by electing direct deposit. "This year, direct deposit is easier than ever, just two extra lines to complete in the refund area of

the 1040 tax form," said Daige. To minimize the possibility of tax refunds going astray, taxpayers should consider filing their return electronically and elect to have the refund directly deposited into their checking or savings account.

Boston Comes Alive For The Holidays



BOSTON COMMON came alive on Dec. 7 with a festive burst of color and song as Mayor Thomas M. Menino, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, Macy's and the Province of New Brunswick celebrated the 56th annual Boston Common holiday tree lighting. Menino hosted 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. The six-member Royal Canadian Mounted Police Band performed at the ceremony. John Feeney (left) and Phillip Castor (right) of Charlestown join in the festivities with some holiday caroling. (photo by Ed Wray)

Not for nothin' . . . But have you heard . . .



♣ **Tis The Season . . .** and the spirit of this holiday season is evident throughout the town . . . Trees in Thompson Square, Hayes Square, at CharlesNewtown and on the *USS Constitution* are bedecked with glittering lights . . . the garland and bows are decorating many of the light poles throughout the town, with the Charlestown Business Association's "Adopt-A-Pole" program this year expanding its decorating up and over Bunker Hill Street and along Main Street, with members of the Young Adult Program assisting in climbing the ladders and securing the decorations . . . now the shopping is done (or nearly done) . . . and as greetings are exchanged, all of us at the Patriot wish all of you a happy and joyous holiday season and the very best in the new year!

♣ **Trash Flash Reminder!!!** . . . Christmas and New Year's Day are both on Thursdays this year . . . Trash pick-up will be **ONE DAY LATE** . . . Regular Thursday pick-up will be on Friday . . . Regular Friday pick-up will be on Saturday!

♣ **Christmas And New Year's Week Birthdays Galore . . .** and they begin today, Dec. 25th, as Ginger Doherty celebrates her day in grand Christmas style . . . Sally Finigan, a resident of the Mary Colbert Apartments, has her big day on Dec. 26th . . . Dolly Hudson will celebrate on Dec. 28th . . . Dec. 29th will see John Groatorex partying . . . New Year's Day is Dot Burke's birthday . . . Bill Stievater marks his birthday on Jan. 4th . . . Chrissy Sexton of Life Focus fame (and delivery person for the Patriot) will kick up her heels on Jan. 6th, a date also shared by Kelli Flanagan . . . and John Walsh marks his 83rd birthday on Jan. 7th . . . The very best of birthday wishes to all!

♣ **New Year's Eve In Charlestown . . .** will be celebrated in style at the Bunker Hill Council #62 Knights of Columbus New Year's Eve party on Wednesday, Dec. 31st, beginning at 7 p.m. For an evening of food, fun and friends for just \$25 per person, give Rick Walsh or Paul Herrick a call at 242-0062.

♣ **Registration For 1998 Bay State Winter Games . . .** is now open. The games offer competition in figure skating, masters ice hockey, youth ice hockey (new!), alpine skiing, cross-country skiing and snowboarding. Entry books are available at Mass. figure skating clubs, ice skating rinks, high school athletic departments, etc. For more information, call 391-1196.

♣ **Seventh Annual First Day Hike . . .** Looking to get out and stretch your legs on New Year's Day? The staff from the MDC Blue Hills Reservation and Blue Hills Trailside Museum will lead free First Day Hikes on Thursday, Jan. 1st through the Blue Hills . . . Warm up with a bowl of chowder, then join a one- or two-mile trek, choosing a scenic hike to suit your interest and ability. For families, a stroll around Houghton's Pond will be offered . . . It is recommended that you wear sturdy hiking boots for all walks. For more information, call 698-1802 . . . and as part of the Blue Hills Reservation natural resource policy, the MDC will close the trails to mountain bikes from Jan. 1st through April 15th. The frequent freezing and thawing of winter frosts and the expected spring rains make the trails particularly vulnerable to rutting and soil degradation during this time of year. If you have any questions, call the number above.

♣ **Volunteer Opportunity . . .** An open orientation meeting for persons interested in becoming volunteer ESL tutors for the City-Wide Friends of the Boston Public Library will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 6th at 6:45 p.m. in the Mezzanine Conference Room, Central Library in Copley Square. For more information, call CWF at 536-5400, ext. 341.

♣ **Irish Jig In January . . .** Noel Henry's Irish Showband will be performing its eighth annual benefit for St. Francis House Shelter for the Homeless on Friday, Jan. 2nd, from 8:30 to 12:30 at the Irish Social Club on Park Street in West Roxbury. A \$10 per person donation is appreciated! Join in the fun for a wonderful charity. Raffles will include two round-trip tickets to Ireland, a weekend for two and a cash prize! For more info., call the St. Francis House at 542-4211.

♣ **Much Has Happened In Charlestown . . .** this holiday season so be patient and photos of local events will be appearing soon!

♣ **Thought For The Week . . . And Next Week, Too . . .**

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★ Neighborhood Council Meetings ...

Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting of the council, chaired by Peter Looney, will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 6 at the K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Included on the agenda will be representatives from the city of Boston Assessing Department. Richard Carlson from the Division of Valuation and Christine Orsie, supervisor of assessing, will present information on the recent revaluation of property and the new tax rate.

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, Jan. 13 at a site to be announced. Officer Bill Smith of the Boston Police Department is scheduled to be present.

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

★ Celebrate Boston And The Mayor's Inauguration

... Celebrate Boston in honor of the inauguration of Thomas M. Menino's second term as Mayor of the city of Boston. A weekend of free activities showcasing the beauty and

And The Winner Is ...



THE HOLIDAY SEASON started a bit early this year for Charlestown resident Robert Daigle. He recently bought a "Winning 25" lottery ticket at the Sullivan Square MBTA Station and with a scratch or two, found himself the winner of \$3 million!

excitement of the city is scheduled for Jan. 2-5. From the casual to the elegant - including a brisk skate on the jewel of the Boston Common, to an afternoon of history and culture, to a grand gala - the inaugural weekend has something for everyone.

Events for the public to enjoy include:

- Free skating and skate rental at the Boston Common Frog Pond on Friday, Jan. 2 from 1 to 4 p.m. Skate with costumed characters as you enjoy music, hot cocoa and friends.

- Storytelling in the Boston Public Library and branch libraries, including the Charlestown Branch Library at 179 Main St., on Saturday, Jan. 3 from 9:30 to 11 a.m. Bring the family for free storytelling and activities for readers of all ages.

- Dedication of the "Avenue of the Arts" and free admission to museums on Sunday, Jan. 4 from noon to 4 p.m. All museums and historic sites will be open free to every Bostonian with ID.

- Inter-faith service at Most Precious Blood Church in Hyde Park on Sunday, Jan. 4 at 5 p.m.

- Jeffrey Osborne, Bellevue Cadillac and Livingston Taylor gala at Avalon on Monday, Jan. 5 from 7:30 to 11 p.m. (Tickets required). Don't miss this spectacular culmination of the truly memorable weekend!

For further information, call the Inaugural Committee at 557-4784.

★ **Board Of Appeal Hearings** ... Petitions will be brought before the city of Boston Board of Appeal at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 30 in Room 801 at Boston City Hall:

- David C. Jones is seeking permission to erect a 12' x 20' one-story addition to the rear of a one-family dwelling at 103 Baldwin St. (BZC-19266)

- The Archdiocese of Boston is seeking permission to

allow the premises at 20 Corey St. to be used as a parking lot. (BZC-19300)

- Donald Gibbons (by George Georges) is seeking permission to erect a one-family dwelling at 25 Elm St. (BZC-19264)

- Donald Gibbons (by George Georges) is seeking permission to erect a one-family dwelling at 27 Elm St. (BZC-19263)

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

★ **Tis The Season To Go Smokeless!** ... MGH*Charlestown HealthCare Center at 73 High St. is offering a continuous free five-week programs to help you stop smoking. The sessions are held in the second floor conference room.

A morning group starts on Tuesday morning, Jan. 6 and runs from 10 to 11 a.m.

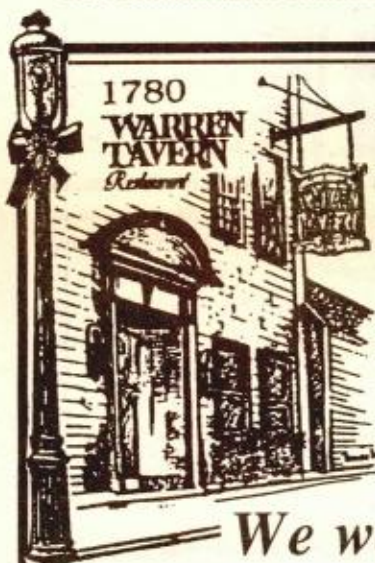
A Wednesday night session from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. begins on Jan. 7.

Call 485-6210 to register.

★ **Public School Registration** ... Boston parents shopping for new schools for their children will want to circle Jan. 7 on their 1998 calendars. The Boston Public Schools will hold a Citywide Showcase of Schools that evening at the Bayside Expo Center in Dorchester, with displays and hand-outs from the system's 127 elementary, middle and high schools. Principals, headmasters, parents and teachers will be on hand to answer questions between 5:30 and 8:30 p.m.

School registration for the 1998-99 school year begins on Jan. 8 for students entering kindergarten and the "transition" grades - 1, 6 and 9. The initial application period ends Feb. 4.

For further information, call any Boston Public School or the North Zone parent information center at 635-9010.



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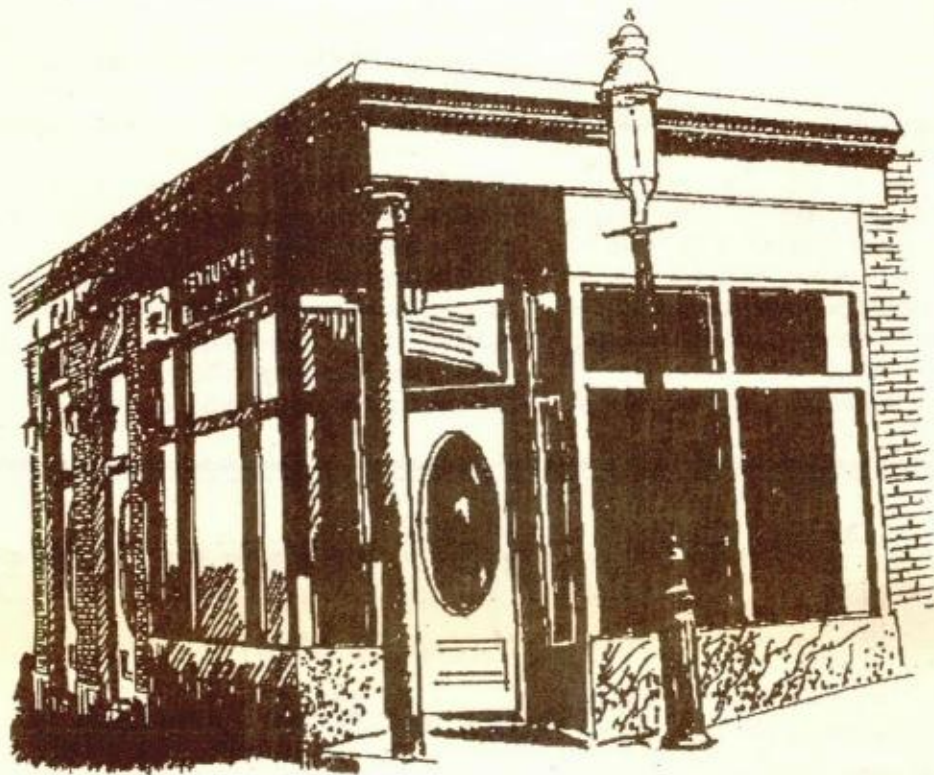


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Christmas Is Love

*Lay down bad thoughts and grievances
 And let your feelings shine,
 We've reached that joyous time of year
 We know as Christmastime . . .*

*Sometimes it's rough and harried
 I guess I'll grant you that,
 Let's throw some timber on the fire
 And have a little chat . . .*

*Though brothers get you angry
 And sisters do you wrong,
 Just for these few days or so
 Let's try to get along . . .*

*Let's bury discontentment
 And grudges stretched too long,
 It's time we really showed our face,
 Stopped singing the same old song . . .*

*The tree's lit up and glowing
 And that I'm sure's a start,
 Now smile at someone you don't know
 And gladden someone's heart . . .*

*Remember how it used to be
 Before things looked so bleak,
 We'll start again and trudge once more
 On another loving streak . . .*

*Wrap your gifts and decorate
 With someone you know well,
 Make a call to some old friend
 Who's living in a shell . . .*

*Kiss a child or hug a pet
 And watch their gleaming eyes,
 You'll soon begin to like this feeling
 You're trying on for size . . .*

*You'll start to get a tingling glow
 That only love can give,
 And when it shows and radiates
 You've just begun to live . . .*

*We all know that it is there
 It only needs a shove,
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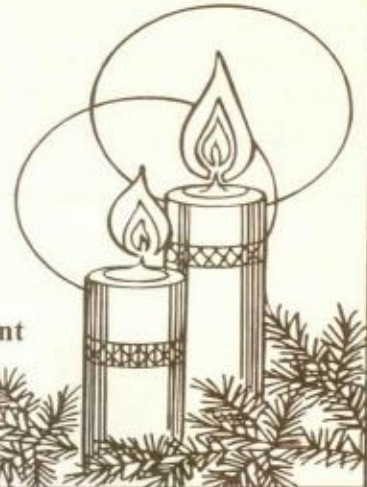
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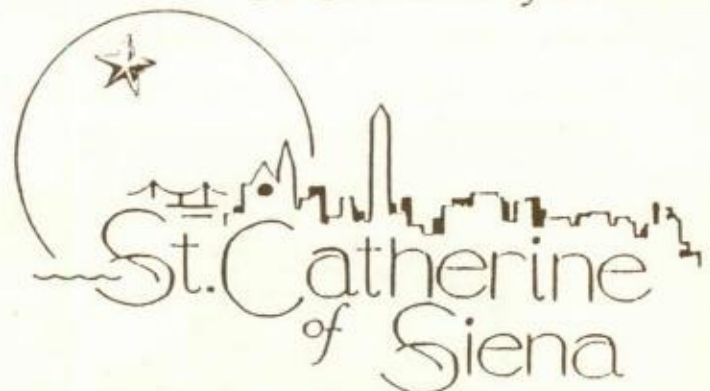
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Boys & Girls Club Members Seeking Donations For Shelter Drive

Members of the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club are accepting donations for their Shelter Drive taking place now through January. They are looking for household items for families who are transitioning from a shelter to more permanent housing.

This year, the members will not be accepting clothing, except for winter coats and outerwear. Please contact Denise at 241-3754 for

information on where to donate other clothing items.

Women and children victims of domestic violence often must leave their possessions behind when seeking safety and need whatever the shelters can give them to help start over.

Items that are desperately needed are: curtains, pillows and cases, cookware, umbrellas, children's books, vacuum cleaners,

plates, dishes, comforters, sheets, decorative items, men's coats, blankets, towels/washcloths, tablecloths and kitchen towels. Items may be new or used.

The members appreciate anything you have to give and will distribute the items to various local shelters. Please ask for Denise or John when bringing donations to the club, and leave your name, telephone number and address.

Smith Is Named Vice President At New Directions

Patricia D. Smith of Charlestown has been named vice president of business development at New Directions Inc., the Boston-based outplacement/opportunity development firm for senior executives and professionals in transition. The announcement was made by David D. Corbett, president, also of Charlestown.

Formerly director of research and client advocate, Smith now has sales and marketing responsibilities. She will continue to work



PATRICIA D. SMITH


with executive clients as they seek new corporate positions, go into their own businesses, or develop port-

folios of opportunities that address several interests and income needs.

A former teacher, Smith also worked at Arthur D. Little Inc., and is a freelance video producer. She has a B.S. degree from the University of Rhode Island and attended Boston University's Public Communications Institute.

In addition to its offices at 66 Long Wharf in Boston, New Directions has opened an office in Wilton, Conn., to serve senior level people in the New York area.

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USS Constitution Museum Kicks Off Lecture Series

USS Constitution's 65th commanding officer, Cmdr. Christopher A. Melhuish will offer his view of what it means to be at the helm of the Navy's oldest commissioned ship at this moment in history on Tuesday, Jan. 13 at noon in the introductory talk to the USS Constitution Museum's 1998 lecture series, "A 200-Year Journey Aboard USS Constitution."

An 18th and 19th century maritime history enthusiast, Melhuish will describe his intention to bring Constitution to life. His plans include conducting ongoing pier-side demonstrations of sail training,

small boat handling and cannon drills. The presentation, which will conclude with a question and answer session, will give participants an excellent opportunity to get to know Constitution's new captain.

The year-long Series, "A 200-Year Journey Aboard USS Constitution" is open to the general public and is free of charge. Listeners are invited to bring a brown bag lunch. Beverages are provided.

Prior to taking command of Constitution, Melhuish served on the Operations staff of the Supreme Allied Commander,

Atlantic as lead project officer for what is projected to be the largest NATO exercise ever executed, "Exercise Strong Resolve 1998," scheduled for March.

His sea tours included assignments on board USS Comte de Grasse, USS El Paso, USS Saginaw, USS McInerney, USS Saratoga and USS Moosbrugger. Melhuish holds a B.A. in physical geography from Boumemouth University in England and a master's degree in national security and strategic studies from the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, R.I. He also graduated from Officer Candidate School

in Newport and the Armed Forces Staff College, in Norfolk.

"A 200-Year Journey Aboard USS Constitution" series will be presented as part of the Samuel Eliot Morison Lectures sponsored by the Lowell Institute.

Launched on Oct. 21, 1797, USS Constitution is the U.S. Navy's flagship and the oldest commissioned warship afloat. Constitution was recently restored and sailed for the first time in 116 years on July 21, 1997.

The USS Constitution Museum is located in the Charlestown Navy Yard.



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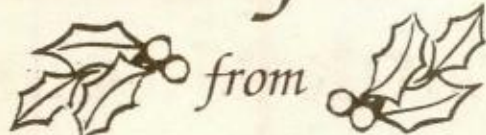
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Spring '98 Semester Registration

Registration is now taking place at Bunker Hill Community College for the spring 1998 semester. Classes will begin at the college's Charlestown campus, 250 New Rutherford Ave., on Jan. 22.

Continuous walk-in registration for classes at all campuses is now taking place at the Charlestown campus. Hours of registration are: Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Saturday, 9 a.m. to

3 p.m., Jan. 10 and 24 only.

Students may also register by mail, fax or phone. Mail-in registrations must include full payment and be sent to: Enrollment Services, BHCC, 250 New Rutherford Ave., Charlestown, MA 02129.

Registration by fax can be made 24-hours-a-day, seven days a week, accompanied by credit card information, by dialing 228-2082. Phone registrations may be made Monday through Thursday, 2 to 6

p.m. at 228-2448. Registration for non-credit courses is continuous throughout the semester.

The college participates in a variety of student Financial Aid Programs, including scholarships, grants, work study, student loans and a payment plan. For more information, contact the Financial Aid office at 228-2275.

For more information, or to request a schedule of credit and non-credit courses, call 228-BHCC.

Birmingham Honored For Leadership On Behalf Of Children

Senate President Thomas Birmingham is being hailed as an exemplary leader on behalf of the state's youngest children by the United Way's Success By 6 Leadership Council.

The recent honor was bestowed at an awards ceremony hosted by BankBoston. Birmingham was recognized for his efforts toward securing \$5 million in new state funding to establish a universal home

visiting program for Massachusetts babies born to first-time parents who are 19 years old and under.

"Helping young parents create strong and stable families is a worthwhile investment in individuals and in our society," said Birmingham, who is also a leading proponent of affordable child care, early childhood education and family support networks.

"Stress, isolation and in-

appropriate expectations of children are common problems for first-time parents," explained Marian L. Heard, president and CEO of the United Way Mass. Bay. "With universal home visiting, eligible parents will receive guidance to help them care for their child." Home visitors model positive parenting skills, educate on proper nutrition and health care and encourage developmental play.

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On Sunday, Dec. 21, "Townie Santa" visited elderly, needy Charlestown shut-ins to deliver Christmas boxes with groceries, toiletries and gifts, along with a hot turkey dinner. The committee extends its sincere appreciation to each volunteer for taking time to share the "Spirit of Christmas."

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Contributions for Townie Santa are continuing to arrive, and the committee welcomes the additional donations as there are still bills to be paid.

All donations will be publicly acknowledged.



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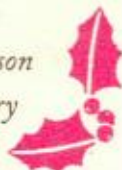
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The Christmas

by Charlie McGonagle

It was June 10, 1977. It was his retirement party and, as has been said so many times before, it was to be the first day of the rest of his life.

Standing at the podium preparing for his final words, he looked around at the faces. In his forty years at the firm, none had been there longer, though some nearly so.

They had become his friends, and although his thoughts of the past six months or so seemed to happily focus on the days of his retirement, there came with those thoughts, a certain sense of sadness in his leaving. A look, though, at his wife who was seated to the right of where he was standing convinced him that retirement would be a good thing. To him she was still as beautiful as that day of more than thirty years ago when first they met. Her eyes glistened with the moisture of pride and her smile was genuine as she looked toward the only man she had ever loved.

He thanked all who were there, and when it came time for him to step down from the podium, he was glad. Speaking to large groups had never been easy for him, and no part of this evening had made things any less difficult. It was now time for him to begin to make up for all of the time he had spent away from his wife. It was his time to be with her.

There was a plan. All of the harsh, cold winters of their New England lives would be replaced with the sunshine and warmth which surrounded their newly acquired winter home in central Florida. At last, now, what had only been a plan would become reality!

They would keep their home in New

England, and they would return each April to enjoy the cooler northern summers.

And so it was to be for a few happy, carefree years.

Soon, though, the time being spent at their winter home began to become greater as did the number of friends they had come to know.

The annual April return to New England had almost unnoticeably been moved to May, and the holidays, though still dear to them, had lost some of their luster when the last of their children married and moved to a distant state. Getting together as a family was now next to impossible. Communication had, through nobody's fault, become limited to phone calls, letters, and a one-week visit to Florida each year for the children and grandchildren.

By 1985, the trips back to New England had been shortened to three months, and the most recent trip seemed to find them more and more isolated. Each new year found both looking forward to their return to Florida with greater anticipation.

By 1987 it had become apparent that the expense of keeping the New England home was not worth the couple of months they were spending there, and so it was sold.



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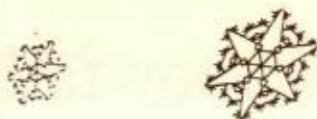
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Eve Snowfall



Although their home had always been in New England, the permanent move to Florida was not very difficult for it had been a gradual move rather than one that might have been impetuous. They had developed wonderful friendships in their new locale, and because they were not leaving family behind, the transition seemed rather

smooth.

As the years passed, the man never regretted the move. Never, that it, except for Christmas Eve.

The memories of his early Christmas lives had always come to him blanketed in the brilliance of softly falling snow . . . a snow which seemed to bring the decorations of the season to life.

Tonight, as had become his custom, he stood at the large front window looking out at the neighboring lawns. On one there was a plastic Santa sitting atop his reindeer-driven sleigh, on another there were angels, and, on a third, a manger. All of these things, along with the magnificently colored lights, reminded him that this was Christmas Eve.

Christmas Eve, but because it was Flori-

da, there would be no snow. Remembrances of happy childhood Christmases and later, Christmas celebrations with his own children, danced through his mind in a nostalgic cadence, and with each thought, he could see and even feel the snow. The vivid reflections proved only to enhance his mental images.

His wife was already sleeping. He knew that she, too, remembered the snow, for they had spoken of it often. He also knew that she missed its presence on Christmas Eve, but not nearly as much as did he.

It was late now. His trip to yesterday's Christmases had made him tired, and so he turned to his wife to join her in sleep.

It was not long before something awakened him, something strange but yet familiar. A coldness he had not experienced in many years enveloped him. It was coming from what seemed an icy movement of air.

Half awake, he looked at the clock glowing in the nighttime darkness. It told him that he had been sleeping for some two hours. Turning toward the source of the cold air, toward the open window, he could see a gentle movement in the curtain. He had become accustomed to sleeping with an open window and, because the day's temperatures had reached the lower eighties, he had not considered changing his routine.

He was cold though, unusually cold, and he rose from his bed to close the window. Moving the curtain to the side so that he could better grip the window sash, the man's astonishment brought a weakness to his knees, one that he had never before experienced.

Where only a few hours before the tem-

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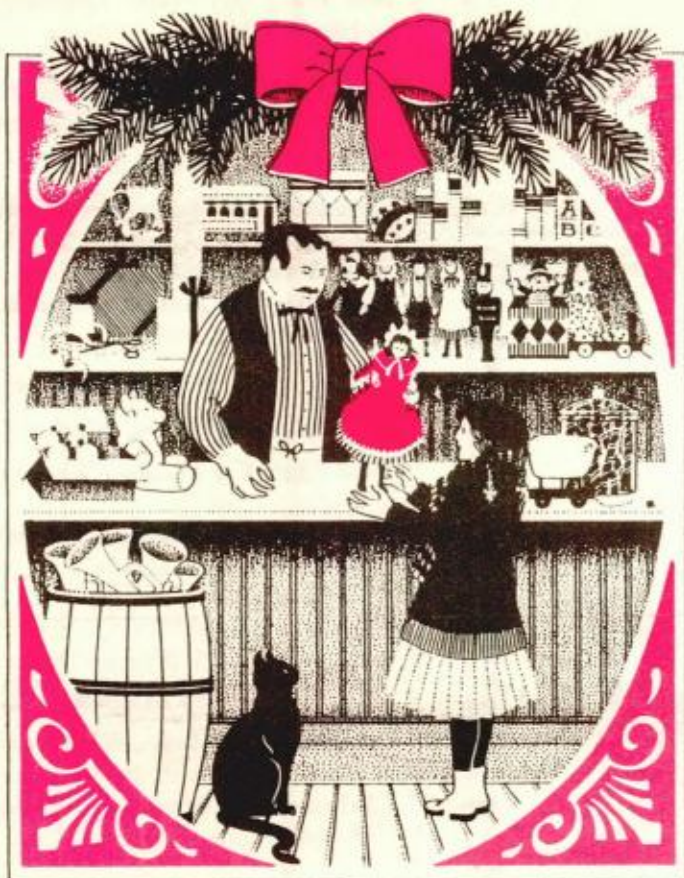
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The Christmas Eve Snowfall

(continued from page 15)

perature had been hovering around the eighty degree mark, it was much colder, and somewhat miraculously, snow was falling softly on the angels, Santa and his reindeer, and on the figures in the manger. Green lawns were turning white, and from somewhere he could hear the sounds of Christmas coming from a far off church steeple.

"I'm dreaming," he thought.

He turned to see his wife still sleeping and though he thought of waking her, he feared to do so would only shake him from his own delicious reverie.

Quietly, but quickly, he slipped into a pair of nearby shoes and draped an oft worn robe over his shoulders. At the front door he hesitated briefly, thinking that to open it would destroy the picture he had happily witnessed through his bedroom window.

He opened it. It did not!

He stepped out into the snow and into his Christmases of many years ago. He walked to the angels, to Santa and his reindeer, and finally to the manger where he knelt on one knee before the Child.

His thoughts of the shepherds and the Magi finished, he reached to the ground with his right hand for support while rising to his feet. The cold, soft snow which pressed against his skin jostled memories he thought long forgotten. The longer his hand remained in the snow, the more vivid those memories became.

After several minutes of remembering, he was struck with an idea. Rising quickly he crossed the snow-covered street and returned to his home.

Still being careful not to disturb his still-sleeping wife, he went to the kitchen to

fetch a small plastic bag. He knew the exact cabinet where one would be found.

Back to his lawn now, he filled the bag with the pure white snow. The final piece to his plan would be put into place when the plastic bag was carefully nestled into the freezer compartment of the refrigerator.

He returned, now, to the bedroom where he removed his shoes and robe. Going to the window, he looked one last time at the gently falling snow. Caught in the throes of his earlier amazement, he had not closed the window. He decided to leave it that way.

Sleep came with surprising quickness.

As was always the case, the early morning sunlight awakened him. Removing the bedcovers, he rushed to the still-open window. Immediately he could feel the warm air filtering into the room.

As was ordinary at this time of year in

Florida, the temperatures were reaching toward eighty degrees. He looked first to one side and then to the other. **THERE WAS NO SNOW!**

Surely, then, he had been dreaming - but it was a beautiful dream, one filled with white snow and magnificent memories.

Yes, it was Christmas morning, but it paled in comparison with his dream of the night before.

His wife was moving about the kitchen preparing a special Christmas breakfast for him as he scanned the morning paper searching for some news of snow. Because it had come to him in a dream, he knew it would not be found.

"What in God's good name is this?" he heard his wife saying. She stood before the opened freezer door holding a plastic bag filled with something white.

Mentoring Program Available For Charlestown Businesses

Through a grant provided by the Mass. General Hospital's Community Benefits Program, the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club is providing job readiness training for its teen members and seeking job placements in the Charlestown community.

Part of the grant is used to reimburse employers 50 percent of the wages paid to the club members. As a result, this is an opportunity for an

employer to both help a Charlestown youth and have a trained responsible teen available 10 to 15 hours a week at their place of business.

Participants are selected by the club staff and receive training on interviewing, job etiquette, the do's and don'ts of the workplace, appropriate dress and many other areas that help prepare the youth for a successful employment experience. Club staff work closely

with the employer in ensuring that any on-the-job problems are quickly addressed and successfully resolved to the employer's satisfaction.

If you are interested in participating in this program, you may contact Jenny Atkinson, director of Education and Cultural Enrichment, at 242-1775.

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Christmas Day Mass - Thursday, Dec. 25
10 a.m. - Mass on Christmas morning
12:30 p.m. - Spanish Mass

★ NEW YEARS ★

Feast of Mary, Mother Of God
New Year's Eve Mass - Wednesday, Dec. 31
4 p.m. - Mass
New Year's Day Mass - Thursday, Jan. 1
10 a.m. - Mass

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★ CHRISTMAS ★

Christmas Eve Mass - Wednesday, Dec. 24
4 and 7 p.m. - Christmas Vigil Mass with music by the St Francis de Sales Choir and Brass Ensemble.
Christmas Day Masses - Thursday, Dec. 25
9 and 11 a.m. - Masses

★ NEW YEARS ★

Feast of Mary, Mother Of God
New Year's Eve Masses - Wednesday, Dec. 31
4 p.m. - Mass
New Year's Day Masses - Thursday, Jan. 1
9 and 11 a.m. - Masses

ST. MARY'S CHURCH
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★ CHRISTMAS ★

Christmas Eve Mass - Wednesday, Dec. 24
5 p.m. - Mass with the Christmas Pageant
Christmas Day Masses - Thursday, Dec. 25
8 and 11 a.m. - Masses

★ NEW YEARS ★

Feast of Mary, Mother Of God
New Year's Eve Mass - Wednesday, Dec. 31
4 p.m. - Mass
New Year's Day Mass - Thursday, Jan. 1
8 and 11 a.m. - Masses

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4 p.m. - Children's Christmas Pageant, followed by Holy Eucharist
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Ciavarra Design Promotes O'Grady

Patrick O'Grady of Charlestown, has been promoted to executive senior designer at Ciavarra Design Inc., according to Paul Ciavarra, agency president and creative director.

In his new role, the award-winning designer becomes a senior member of the management team, overseeing the agency's designers and copywriters. Becoming executive senior designer marks O'Grady's

second promotion in the past year.

While attending Mass. College of Art, O'Grady began his career at Ciavarra Design as an intern. Named a full-time designer in 1994, O'Grady has since been honored with several prestigious design awards from Print and How, leading industry publications, as well as Aiga's "Best of New England Show." Before joining Ciavarra Design,

O'Grady worked for Dickinso, in Braintree, where he was a freelance designer.

According to Ciavarra, "Patrick's dedication, enthusiasm and leadership qualities make him a valued member of the senior management team at Ciavarra

Design. His contributions to our creative product have been extensive and we're proud to have him with us."

O'Grady volunteers for the Love of Life Foundation and participates annually in the Boston to New York bike ride for AIDS.

Ice Skating Lessons

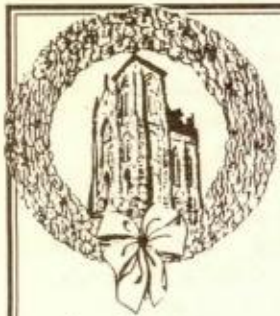
Registration begins Jan. 9 for ice skating classes to be held at 16 MDC ice skating rinks in Boston and the suburbs. There are weekend, evening and afternoon classes for children and adults.

The fee for the seven week course is \$75 per child and \$85 per adult. For specific sign up dates and times, call the Bay State Ice Skating School at 781-890-8480.

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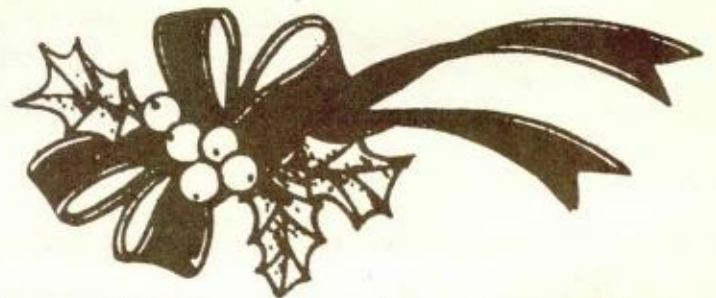
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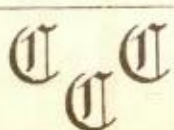
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Trip To Foxwoods Casino

The Golden Age Center is planning a trip to Foxwoods Casino on Monday, Jan. 12. The package includes:

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- * \$10 Food Coupon,
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- * the cost is \$19.

The trip departs from the Golden Age Center, 382 Main St. at 7:30 a.m., Jan. 12.

Contact Beverly Gibbons at the Golden Age Center, 635-5175, for more information.

Westfield State College Offers \$2,000 Scholarship

Westfield State College's department of physical science is attempting to persuade more high school seniors to consider careers as science teachers.

The department has announced it is offering \$2,000 scholarships to student who enroll at the college as general science majors and are considering teaching middle school science, high school science, or high school chemistry.

Students will receive \$500 every year for the four years they attend

Westfield State. They must remain in the general science or chemistry teacher certification programs and maintain a 3.0 GPA to retain the scholarship each year.

Students will automatically be considered for this scholarship when they complete an application to Westfield State College as a general science major. To obtain an application, call the Admissions Office at 413-572-5218 or 1-800-322-8401. The deadline for receipt of applications is March 1, 1998.

by Barbara Cole

My brother and I, ages 7 and 9, knew there would be no Christmas, particularly for our 5-year-old brother, Wayne, who believed in all its magic. Our sorrow was for him to awaken Christmas morning to find nothing. He was filled with dreams and expectations of the jolly old man who would grant his every wish. My brother and I set out that morning to fulfill his every desire.

We ran errands, bundle carried and shoveled snow. Trekking to and fro through the bitter cold, our efforts were well received, as we accepted more than generous payment for services rendered. A stroke of luck... of giving. The end result, a profitable day.

We then headed for Boston by train. Time was running short. The stores would be closing soon and we just had to fill our little brother's list for Santa: a cowboy outfit with hat and guns, pool table - small, but just his size - a candy-filled stocking and a small fire truck. We did it! How we managed the packages through the tall wooden turnstiles, to this day we've never known. However, we somehow found a way to reboard the train for the ride back. We arrived at Thompson Square, back in the neighborhood, all excited and with money to spare... 75 cents. The trudge home through wind-driven snow wouldn't matter.

Along the way, a man was ringing a bell, selling Christmas trees. We approached him, offering the money we had left. "No dice," he said. We pleaded with him, standing there through purchase after purchase for a

long time. "Please Mister!, Please!" we pleaded. "No," he'd say. I think the aggravation took its toll. He finally gave in with a, "Here, take the tree and scam." My brother then dragged the tree down Main Street while I carried the rest.

Soon we were home. We hid everything in the basement of our three-tenement building. Then we



grabbed our shovels again and met with our friends to shovel more snow. One of my cousins joined us. My brother and I talked all about our day. During our work, we realized that we had a tree with nothing to put on it! We quit for the night with a pact to all meet again at St. Francis for Midnight Mass.

On the way home, my brother and I stopped to buy a Christmas card for our parents and filled it with the money we had just earned, saving enough for the offering at Mass. We returned home to await the final step.

An hour or so passed. We heard the sound of my cousin calling from the street below, "Hi Ho Barbara! Hi Ho Johnny!" I opened the window and yelled out, "Be down in a minute!"

This was the usual way of calling friends and responding, other than a mother's reply, "She's not home!"

I ran down the flight of stairs to greet my cousin who was holding a box full of ornaments. Balls, bells, stars, paper chains and a set of lights. "Everyone pitched in," he said. He left me standing there as he ran up the snowy street yelling, "Ho, Ho, Ho! Merry Christmas!" I yelled back, "Ho, Ho, Ho, Joe! Way to go!", then I put the box in the cellar. I told my brother about it while we got ready to go to church.

My little brother was wide awake, watching the sky, as we hurried home to hop into bed to sleep before Santa arrived. My brother and I pretended to sleep, anxiously waiting to make Christmas complete.

We quietly gathered everything - fixed the tree, arranged the gifts and card with care. The candy-filled stocking was nailed to an overhead doorway, perfectly in the middle, with two stockings of our own that contained oranges placed on each side. The love my brother and I shared that night filled the room. Becoming one. Blessed in Spirit. Grateful.

So happy that we could no longer wait, we woke up our little brother to the thrill of Santa having been there. The look on his face, the happiness, until he asked, "Where are your toys?" My brother and I looked at one another in silence. My heart was pounding, giving way to a simple reply, "I guess we were bad. Merry Christmas, Wayne!"

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On Honor Roll At Newman Prep

Francis L. Donelan, dean at Newman Preparatory School, has announced that Darren W. Amaya of Charlestown, has been named to the honor roll at Newman Preparatory School in Boston.

To qualify for this honor, a student must maintain an average of 85 or higher in each major subject for the first half of an academic semester. If this excellence in achievement continues for the entire fall semester, Amaya, who is the son of Donald and Carol Amaya of Monument Square, will be appointed to the dean's list.

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Learn 'Knot-Tying' At The USS Constitution Museum During December School Vacation Week

After swabbing the decks and tarring the rigging, sailors aboard *USS Constitution* whiled away spare hours fashioning delicate rope bracelets, ship bell pulls, lanyards for boatswain whistles, and other intricate nautical knot work.

This month at the USS Constitution Museum, young tars will learn this 19th century craft and apply it to the modern age by creating practical handiwork like key chains or fancy belt fasteners for pagers or cellular

phones.

The museum will offer "Nautical Knot-Tying" workshops at 1 p.m., 1:30 p.m., 2 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 29 and 30, in the museum's Figgie Theatre.

The workshops and admission to the museum are free and open to the public, but space may be limited.

Marlinspike sailor James F. Keating of Marblehead, who has presented his work to Queen Elizabeth

II, will lead the workshops.

Marlinspike seamanship is the art of fashioning rope and canvas for either fancy or functional uses. Keating does all his work by hand and employs the same tools that were used aboard ship in the 19th century.

The USS Constitution Museum is located in the historic Charlestown Navy Yard.

For more information, call 426-1812.

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Christmas Thoughts

*I wish I could say "Merry Christmas"
Or see you come through the door.
I wish we could share the merriment
Like we did in days of yore.
But all I have of you are memories,
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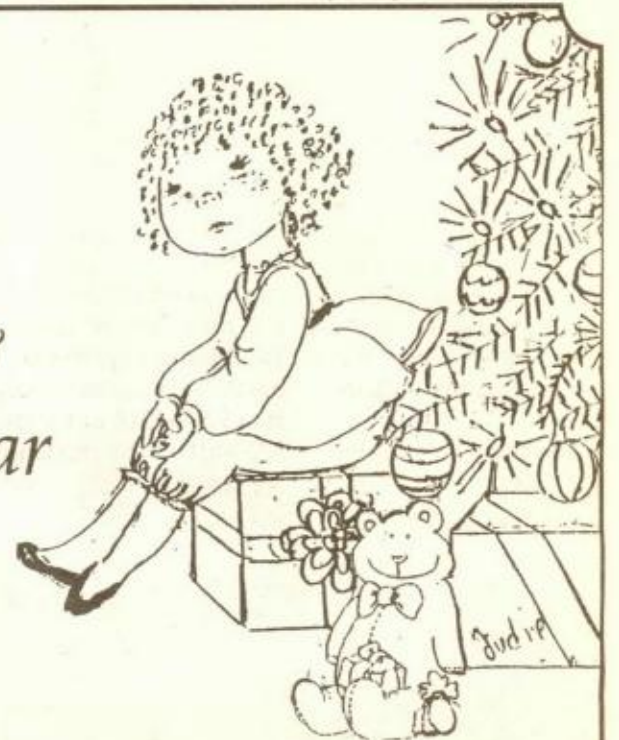
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First Nighters Will Ring In The Old With The New At The USS Constitution Museum

In the hallowed tradition of ringing in the old with the new, on Wednesday, Dec. 31, the USS Constitution Museum will give the first 100 visitors sporting First Night buttons an authenticated piece of *USS Constitution* wood.

The lucky 100 First Nighters will bring a bit of history home with them - fragments of Old Ironsides' pine decks and remainders of her oak hull. As revelers look toward 1998 and the future, their *Constitution* wood keepsake will serve as a permanent reminder of the past.

All First Night button wearers, young and old, are invited to celebrate

the New Year at the USS Constitution Museum by hoisting a sail, taking the ship's wheel, and learning to sail a square rigger. Visitors can challenge each other in battle with the museum's computer interactives recreating *USS Constitution's* fiercest fight against the British frigate *Java* in the war of 1812.

Admission to the USS Constitution Museum is free through Dec. 31 as part of its *Gift to America* program celebrating Old Ironsides' Bicentennial. The USS Constitution Museum is located in the Charlestown Navy Yard, directly across from *USS Constitution*.

The First Night Boston annual celebration of the arts is a production of First Night Inc., a non-profit organization dedicated to building a community through participation, imagination and creativity. Founded in 1976, First Night Boston is the original First Night.

The festival, which is now celebrated internationally, consists of four major sections: Afternoon Family Festival, the Grand Procession, Evening Indoor Performances, and an Outdoor Finale including ice sculptures, fireworks display and laser performance. A \$10 First Night button gains revelers admission to all indoor venues.

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Never leave valuable items exposed to public view. Remove valuable items from your car or lock them in the trunk.

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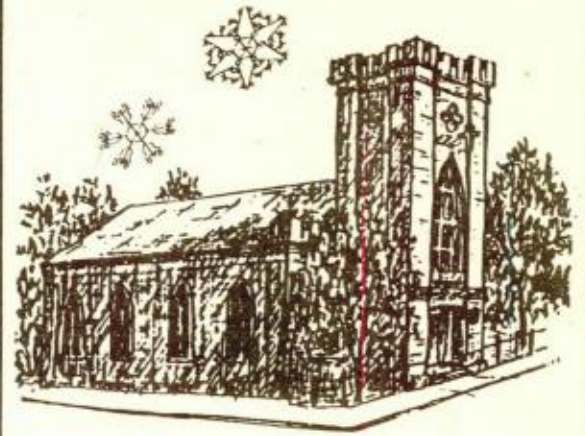


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Swim Team - For the past few weeks, the Charlestown Swim Team has been on an emotional rollercoaster. After being narrowly defeated by the Taunton Club, our swimmers rallied to utterly crush the West End House. While the 8-and-unders continue to dominate their age division (still undefeated), hopefully the New Year will bring lots of good tidings (and a little more consistency) for the rest. The Swim Team would like to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season!

★ SOCIAL RECREATION/GAMESROOM

Volunteers - Thanks to everyone who volunteered in the gamesroom during November and December. Thirty-three different club members volunteered for a total of 56 hours! Jarrod Marches, Neil Gillis and David Grace were the top three volunteers with four hours each.

Remote Control Racing - Grand Prix Remote Control Racing has begun! Stop by the Gamesroom Friday nights and Saturday's to enter the big race!

Children's Film Program
At The Charlestown Branch Library

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

"The Long and Short of Shadows" is a live-action film in which Yoffy recounts the story of villagers who exchange shadows for a day... Mary Ann and Louie believe there is something spooky under their beds after listening to their grandfather's scary story in

"What's Under My Bed" ... and Ramona saves her Aunt Bea and Hobart's wedding ceremony after an accident almost spoils the day in "Perfect Day."

Pablo the penguin searches for a warmer climate in "The Cold-Blooded Penguin," which will be shown only at 3:30 p.m.

Good books to read are **Ramona Forever** by Beverly Cleary and **What's Under My Bed** James Stevenson.

Sergeant Runs Away With Top Honors At Army 10-Miler

Who says 13 is unlucky? Team Raytheon successfully defended its title as Corporate Champions when they recently competed in the 13th annual Army 10-Miler. For the second consecutive year, Raytheon's team of eight runners finished first in their division, this time ahead of 499 other corporate teams, including the second-place team from Lockheed Martin. This is quite impressive, considering Raytheon's team has only competed twice.

With 11,035 runners completing the Army Ten-Miler, it's the nation's largest 10-mile race and named one of the country's "101 Best Races" by *Runner's World* magazine. Beginning and ending at the Pentagon, the course runs by many national landmarks, including Arlington National Cemetery, Mem-



TEAM RAYTHEON Captain Steve Sergeant (left) accepts the coveted Army Ten-Miler trophy from Steve Stanvick, president of the First Region of the Association of the U.S. Army. For the second consecutive year, Raytheon Company's eight-person Corporate Team won first place in the annual 10-mile event, held recently at the Pentagon in Washington, DC.

orial Bridge, Lincoln, Roosevelt and Jefferson Memorials, and the Washington Monument.

To retain the title of Corporate Champions, Raytheon Company sent an eight-person team to Wash-

ington to defend their prestigious title. Charlestown's Steve Sergeant was one of the runners and the team's captain.

To determine the corporate winner, the team's four fastest times were combined. Raytheon's team time of 3:37:50 topped their closest competitor, Lockheed Martin, by more than nine minutes. Sergeant's individual time was an impressive 55:41.

Sergeant is a Senior Development Engineer in the Mechanical Engineering Laboratory at Raytheon's Electronic Systems Division in Tewksbury.

The Raytheon Corporate Team includes: Jason Barnes, Andover; John Clopeck, Cambridge; Tom Doody, Andover; Steve Jackson, Sudbury; George Landis, Bedford; Jim Ryan, Burlington; and Ed Tarnuzzer, Andover.

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Charlestown Gym Hockey News

Standings - Dec. 13

	W	L	T
Bunker Hill Florist	10	0	0
Jimmy's On Top	7	2	1
Poolie's Pals	6	3	1
Grant Photo	5	4	1
Main St. Furniture/Medford	4	3	3
Dunny's Pals	4	4	2
Bryan's Pals	3	6	1
Li'l Al's	3	7	0
Bunker Hill Insurance	2	7	1
Kerrigan's	2	8	0

Players of the Week - Dec. 20

Players of the Week honors go to all of the players who came to Saturday's game.

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Jimmy's on Top will be having its team picture taken on Saturday, Dec. 27. The youngsters should be at the hall 15 minutes before their game and should be wearing their team jersey.

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all!

Charlestown Gym Hockey Board

Matson To Play In International Basketball Tournament In Dublin, Ireland

The Emmanuel College NCAA Division III women's basketball team will play in an international tournament in Dublin, Ireland from Dec. 28 -31. The tournament is eagerly anticipated throughout Ireland, and the Prime Minister of Ireland, Bertie Ahern, is expected to attend the opening reception. Nicole Matson of Charlestown, a freshman at Emmanuel, is a member of the team.

While playing in the tournament, the Emmanuel College Saints will be host-

ed by the women's basketball team from St. Patrick's College in Dublin, who last year stayed at Emmanuel for eight days while playing against Emmanuel and other Boston area women's college teams. In addition to Emmanuel and St. Patrick's, other teams playing in the tournament will include junior national teams, cadet national teams, and club teams from Scotland and Ireland.


On Dec. 27, an entourage of 37 people - including players and their fami-

lies, coaches and other Emmanuel students - will leave Boston for Dublin.

The last time the Saints basketball team traveled to Ireland was in 1985. As they did on the last trip, Emmanuel officials plan to allow the student-players plenty of time for sightseeing.

Located on The Fenway, Emmanuel College is a four-year liberal arts college for women in the arts and sciences and for women and men in graduate and professional studies.

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Thank You For Capturing The Holiday Spirit

Dear Gloria:

I would like to thank the wonderful group whose efforts resulted in 300 Charlestown children receiving Christmas gifts at the Christmas party at One Thompson Square on Dec. 7.

Thank you to my family who are always there when needed, along with Jim DeVellis, Charlie Johnson, Kenny and Wendy Hall, Sheila McGonagle, Barbara, Michael and Robin Marino, Kathy Whitehouse, Gloria Conway, Bill Hart, Elaine McCarthy, Bill and Nancy Dowd, Jill LaChance, - and, for a job well done, thank you Kay Whelan and Marty O'Brien.

Also, my heartfelt thanks to the following businesses and organizations for their donations to the Christmas Party: Grancey & Co. Real Estate, Polaroid, Watermart Donut, James J. Duffy Candy Co., Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion, The Charlestown Patriot, 99 Restaurant & Pub, Bunker Hill Florist, Bunker Hill Community College (Marriott Food Services), and the co-sponsors of the event, CHarlestown Against Drugs (CHAD) and the John Hancock Signature Services.

Many thanks,
Judy Evers, regional coordinator,
Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services

It's Girl Scout Cookie Time Again

Charlestown Girl Scout Brownies will begin selling Girl Scout Cookies on Jan. 9. The sale concludes on Jan. 26 and the cookies will sell for \$3 a box.

This year, the cookies come in eight different varieties including two reduced fat selections - Lemon Pastry Cremes and Iced Ginger Daisies. Also offered are the classic Thin Mints, Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Shortbreads, Five World

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For more information, contact the Girl Scouts at 1-800-882-1662.

Our Thanks

The family of the late Daniel Sean Broderick wishes to thank their friends and relatives who expressed sympathy on his sudden death.

Sincerely,
Margaret E. Broderick

Holiday Greetings From Switzerland

Dear Gloria:

My family and I would like to send warm holiday greetings to the entire community of Charlestown, and once again give thanks for the seven wonderful years that I was privileged to spend working at the MGH-Charlestown HealthCare Center.

Thanks to those of you who have kept in touch, sending me news of the whole town and its doings. Not a day goes by without my thinking fondly of my time with you.

My work at the Geriatric Division of the Kantonsspital Basel is interesting and challenging, but cannot take the place of the extraordinary people whom I sadly left behind. However, my family is adjusting well to our many changes and enjoying the lovely picture-postcard surroundings. We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and all the best in 1998!

Sincerely,
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'Archaeology On Grand Turk' At The Charlestown Library

Miriam Hassett will be the guest speaker at the weekly adult discussion group meeting at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St., at 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 9.

Consider an alternative way to travel with Hassett, who will describe her experience as a volunteer for

the organization Earth-watch. Under their auspices, she participated in the excavation of an archaeological site on the island of Grand Turk in the West Indies.

The program is free and open to the public.

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Fortunately, good news appears to be on the way: The House of Representatives recently passed a measure whereby PMI would be dropped automatically once owners paid off 25% of the purchase price of their homes. The Senate is now considering an even more owner-friendly bill, requiring only 20% equity.

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♣ **Christmas: Back to the Basics . . .** Christmas is the best time of the year, especially when we get back to the real meaning of the season. Pure and simple . . . Christmas is Love, and this must be reflected in everything we do. My wish for each of you is that the Love, Peace and Joy of Christmas be with you all through each of the New Years.

♣ **Girls Junior High Olympics . . .** Father Ron Coyne will be hosting the annual Junior High 7th and 8th grade Girls Olympics at the Murphy School in Dorchester on Monday, Dec. 29. Girls interested should see their CYO moderator for details.

♣ **College Board . . .** Christmas break is here and our college kids are home for the holidays, and it is great to see them. Shane Fisher is back with his Florida tan, making us all jealous. Hugh Coleman and Ian Urquhart signed a few autographs at the CHS basket-

ball games. Keith Wallace and Jon Lent were spotted talking hockey, and "Coach" Golden is back with his crew! Danny O'Brien and Ms. Leonard are back. Nicole Matson is enjoying a short break, because she will soon be on the road with Emmanuel as they make a trip to Ireland for a few games.

♣ **High School Prep Notebook . . .** Charlestown High School got off to its opening day winter sweep. Lamont Harris and Lavell Larkin combined for 28 points as the Townies sent an early message to the state, clipping BC High 69-35. The varsity held the Eagles to just 8 first half points. The JV hoopsters stung BC High in the closing minute of play, 61-60. With just seconds to go Josh Rankins stole the inbounded basketball and went in with the winning lay up. Sophomore sensation Kenny Jackson led the JV with 21 points.

The Lady Townies had little trouble with Dorchester posting varsity and JV wins. Members of the team are Claressa Duberry, Natalina DePina, Helen Tesfai, Iris Medina, Michele Waite, DeDe Jeanty, Aliana Antoine, Gabrielle Clermont, Xaymara Saez, Kestante Arocho, Champa Touche, Nicole Flynn and Myrienne Guerrier.

The hockey team defeated Madison Park 7-1. Freshman Brian McCreary led the way with two goals and two assists. The Indoor track team easily defeated Dorchester.

The CHS swim team is coached by Townie Anna Leonard, and the team captain is Corey Laven. Members of the team are Kim Leonard, Mary Felix, Tomayo Manzanillo, Adriano Mazueta, Claudi Paul, Paul Kalidia, Maritza Bonilla, Fallon Leonard, Christal Chivevere, Bernadette Connors, J.R. Felix, Adam Fornash, Tri Minh Ho, Vincent Mor-

ris, Kelleigh Harrington, Darwin Mendoza, Jose Cruz, Tino Nieves, Melissa Noe, and Daniel Montalvo. The Swim Team defeated West Roxbury in their first meet of the year.

Matignon and Springfield Cathedral battled to a 2-2 hockey tie in their first outing of the season in what might be described as a "frisky" game.

Arlington Catholic, Savio Prep, Snowden and Malden Catholic are off to good opening hockey victories, and Don Bosco defeated Xaverian 67-64 in a basketball opener!

♣ **Pro Line . . .** Keith Tkachuk leads the Coyotes in points with 17 goals and 14 assists, but Phoenix is in an end of the year slump.

Florida is also having some trouble. Tom Fitzgerald has only 5 goals and 4 assists in 35 games.

♣ **Tidbits . . .** Only one until 1998 - *Merry Christmas!*

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NOTICE

In the ESTATE OF Julia Marie Wallace
To all persons interested in the estate of Julia Marie Wallace late of the County of Suffolk, Date of Death August 19, 1997.

A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that the will be proved and allowed and that William P. Nickerson, Jr. of Boston, in the County of Suffolk, be appointed executor with sureties on his bond.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Boston Suffolk Probate Court, Old Courthouse, room 120 BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON January 8, 1998.

Wills only: In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, 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 Elaine M. Moriarty, Esquire, First Justice of said Court.
Date December 11, 1997

Richard Iannella
Register of Probate

CHAD Junior Bowling League News

by John Dillon

McCarthy Bros. won the first-half championship in the CHAD Junior Bowling League. With only one week left in the first half, the McCarthy Bros. team finds itself ahead 10 points. So, with a team only able to win 8 points in one week, the McCarthy Bros. have won the first half. After two weeks off for Christmas and New Year's, the league will start the second half on Jan. 10.

Congratulations go out to the McCarthy Bros. team, Chris Schievink, Jessica Grace, Matt Hickey and Tim Venezia. They bowled great as a team in the first half and they will face the winner of the second half in a championship series at the end of the year.

Now I have some scores to report. In the first match, the McCarthy Bros won the first half by torching the Shamrocks in a 6-2 match. Top bowler for the McCarthy Bros. was Matt Hickey with 223, runner up was Chris Shievink with 222.

Top bowler for the Shamrocks was Jeff Lynch with 211, runner up was Michelle Williams with 186.

In the next match, there was a record-breaking performance by John Harrington who topped the high single score by bowling a 118 string. He then broke the high triple record by bowling a three-string total of 313. That is unbelievable bowling. And to top it off John is a great kid.

John, bowling for the Kennedy Center, broke the records against the Crickets team. He was top bowler for the Kennedy Center in an 8-0 shut out of Crickets with 313, runner up was Nick Celata with 231. Nick has been bowling great. Top bowler for Crickets was Matt Paley with 274, runner up was Kevin Scadding with 181.

In the next match, The Red Store jumped out of last placed by belting the Bunker Hill Real Estate team in an 8-0 shut out. Top bowler for The Red Store was Sheilann Williams with 249, runner up was Brent Awbrey with 225. Top bowler for Bunker

Hill Real Estate was Chris Chiampa with 220, runner up was Sean Cronk with 216.

Moving on, Diane Modica's team zonked the Jenny's Pizza team in a 6-2 match. Top bowler for the Modica team was Eric Lynch with 227. Top bowler for Jenny's Pizza was Mike Shackford with 273, runner up was Tim Hickey with 221.

In the final match of the day, The American Legion smoked the Charlestown Patriot 7-1. Top bowler for the American Legion team was Jon Paul Awbrey with 218, runner up was Shawn Burke with 214. Top bowler for the Patriot was Nicole Chiampa with 218, runner up was David Grace with 202.

Bowlers of the week are John Harrington 313 including a single string of 118, Matt Paley 274, Mike Shackford 273, Sheilann Williams 249, Nick Celata 231, Eric Lynch 227, Brent Awbrey 225, Matt Hickey 223, Chris Schievink 222, Tim Hickey 221, Chris Chiampa 220.

Bowlers trying the hard-

est were Tim Venezia 198, Courtney Schievink 197, Mark Dillon 191, Casey Schievink 189, Jessica Grace 185, Brendan Grace 181, Kevin Celata 167, Jared Silva 162, Joe Awbrey 153 and Kevin Lavalee 119.

I would like to thank Dorothy Harris for making out the match ups every week. Also, thanks go out to Rita Mahoney and her mother for helping with the secretarial work. And I'd like to thank Santa's little elves for my Christmas gifts - Matt Paley, Michelle and Sheilann Williams, and Jeff Lynch. . . .

See you all on Saturday, Jan. 10 - we bowl at 11:30 a.m. sharp! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Standings

	W	L
McCarthy Bros. *	56	16
Shamrocks	46	26
American Legion	43	29
Crickets	38	34
Diane Modica	37	35
B.H. Real Estate	36	36
Kennedy Center	36	36
Jenny's Pizza	29	43
Red Store	23	49
Chas'n. Patriot	16	56

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The STEP program will run from Dec. 29 to April 20. Classes will take place

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erford Ave., Monday
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During training, students will have an opportunity to work as interns for some of Boston's most established employers. Upon completion of the program, students are provided with job placement assistance.

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Students considering entrance to Newton Country Day may register now to take the school's prestigious Duchesne Scholarship exam. The exam will be held on Saturday, Jan. 10 at Newton Country Day, located at 785 Centre St., from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

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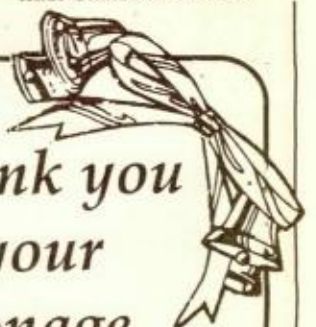
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★ **CYO Ski Weekend** - scheduled for Friday, Jan. 30 through Sunday, Feb. 1 has been filled. Names are being taken for a waiting list. For further information, call Father DiPerri at 242-1750.

★ **Christmas Caroling** - The CYO will be Christmas Caroling around Charlestown from 7:15 to 9:30 p.m. tonight, Tuesday, Dec. 23. Anyone who would like to join in is asked to meet at St. Catherine's rectory at 7 p.m.

★ **CYO High School Girls' Olympics** - On Monday, Dec. 29, 10 girls from the CYO will represent Charlestown at the CYO High School Girls' Olympics at the Murphy School in Neponset. The event will be a positive experience for the girls who will compete in an array of events, including volleyball, basketball and water sports.

★ **Parish Hall Ceiling** - Restoration of St. Catherine's Parish Hall is expected to begin this winter. On Dec. 9, various Boston building trade union officials met at the rectory to coordinate their anticipated efforts on behalf of the parish.

They will donate their labor and most of the necessary supplies. U.S. Gypsum has also pledged to donate supplies for a new ceiling.

New electrical wiring, plaster ceiling, painting and other much-needed work will be conducted at the hall. Judy Evers, regional coordinator for the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, has worked with the various building trades since the fall to make the \$200,000 donated project a reality. This effort is a major boost for the parish and the school, which uses the facility.

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