

by Charlie McGonagle

It was at least thirty-five years ago, perhaps more, when heavy snow began to fall just a few short hours before midnight Mass was to be celebrated at St. Francis de Sales Church at the top of Bunker Hill. As had been our custom for the several Christmases prior to this

The Christmases Of Yesterday one, we all planned to attend the midnight service. Jake, Gerry, Jerry, Walter,

remember, but I do remember the snow. It started innocently enough, but as the hours moved closer to midnight, the storm became more intense. By the time

Bobby, Dennis and the girls. There may

have been more of us, I don't really

Mass had ended, a biting, sheet of cold wind blown snow was beginning to cling to anything it touched. Dennis lived on Belmont Street, and his home was our closest haven. His mother and father were wonderful people, and they graciously invited us in for a bite to eat, and the welcomed warmth was greatly

appreciated by this band of snow covered nomads.

We stayed at the house on Belmont Street for a couple of hours, forgetting, at least for a while, that the snow was mounting to greater depths with the passing of time.

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Volunteers Prepare, Cook, Serve And Deliver Thanksgiving Dinners



THANKSGIVING DINNER was the work of many willing hands who devoted the evening before Thanksgiving and Thanksgiving Day to prepare, cook, serve and deliver hot turkey dinners with all the fixins' to over 100 shut-ins, with some 30 residents coming to the Legion Hall on Adams Street to have their dinner. The annual dinner is organized by Bob Sweeney and his family, and is financed by the Killilea Fund of Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion. Shown (l. to r.) Bill McCabe, Maureen McCabe and Doreen Conway, preparing to make deliveries; Post 26 Americanism Officer Jim Conway and Bob Sweeney, dinner coordinator.

Newtown Christmas Stroll Elves At Work



TERRY RING, founder of the Newtown Christmas Stroll, turned her home into Santa's Workshop for the preparation of the children's gift and treat bags for the Newtown Christmas Stroll. The Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport) contributed funds for the stroll to help pay for the children's gifts. For the third consecutive year, the event was a huge success thanks to the efforts of Terry and her elves. The Newtown Christmas Stroll started out as a small gathering of 50 children and has grown into an incredible day of festivities under the direction and guidance of Terry Ring. Residents decorated their homes in the Newtown area and participated in caroling. Over 300 children of all ages and ethnic backgrounds had their photos taken with Santa and Mrs. Claus, received gifts, feasted on hot chocolate and popcorn, and even got to go on festive hayrides! Joining Terry (second from left) are her elves from the Newtown Christmas Stroll Committee (I to r.) Ann McCarron; Ring; John Walsh; Dorothy Connolly Steele, Massport community liaison, Office of Government and Community Affairs; Kathy Walsh, Debbie Donahue, Linda Donovan and Bruce Mijal.

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Schedule . . The staff of the The

Holiday

Charlestown Patriot will be on vacation the week after Christmas and there will be no edition on Dec. 28.

The regular schedule of publication will resume on Thursday, Jan. 4 with the deadline for this issue on Friday, Dec. 29 at 5 p.m. Please plan ahead. Happy Holidays To All

... The Staff of The Patriot

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The deadline for advertising and copy is Monday at NOON.

SERVICES FOR CHARLESTOWN RESIDENTS Thursdays

- · 9 to 10:30 a.m. J.F. Kennedy Center's Goal Setting Group-Options Program, 55 Bunker Hill St. For more information, call Linda Hudson at 241-8866
- · 7:30 p.m. Al-Anon meeting with help for families and friends of alcoholics, off lobby, Armed Services YMCA, 150 Second Ave., Charlestown

First And Third Sundays

· 6:30 p.m. - CHarlestown After Murder Program (CHAMP) meeting, St. Catherine's Rectory, 49 Vine St.

Mondays

•NOTE - Judy Evers, regional coordinator, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, will be on vacation until Dec. 21. Office hours will resume on Monday, Jan. 8 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

- · 3 to 4:30 p.m. Al-Anon meeting for friends and families of alcoholics, Kennedy Center Head Start, 23 Moulton St. (babysitting is available)
- 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. Free Smoking Cessation course, second floor conference room, Bunker Hill Health Center, 73 High St.
- 6 to 7 p.m. Rep. Richard A. Voke Office Hours, Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square (use Monument Avenue entrance)

CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

this week at a glance

Thursday, Dec. 21

- · 3:30 p.m. Creative dramatics, improvisation and imaginative games, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- · 6 to 8 p.m. LaCrosse Clinic for youngsters 7-17, sponsored by CHAD, Charlestown Community Centers, 255 Medford St.

Sunday, Dec. 24

· noon - Decorating of the Christmas tree and a Christmas party, Hayes Square

Monday, Dec. 25

Merry Christmas!

Tuesday, Dec. 26

- 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Children's Films, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- · noon Brown Bag Bookies Adult Book Discussion meeting featuring Far From The Madding Crowd by Thomas Hardy, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

upcoming events

Thursday, Dec. 28

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

Saturday, Dec. 30

. 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Tobin Bridge Residential Stickers available from Massport, former Revere Sugar, 333 Medford St.

Monday, Jan. 1

Happy New Year!

 4 p.m. - Chamber Music Concert sponsored by the Charlestown Preservation Society, St. John's Church, 27 Devens St.

Tuesday, Jan. 2

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

plan ahead

Friday, Jan. 26

· 7 p.m. - Life Focus Center (LFC) "Man of The Year" Award Banquet honoring Sen. Thomas F. Birmingham, K. of C. Hall, 75

West School St. Saturday, Feb. 15

• 7 p.m. - "50's Nite," sponsored by the Daughters of Isabella No. 1, K. of C. Lower Hall, 75 West School St. Friday, Feb. 23

• 7 p.m. - Charlestown Catholic Elementary School \$5,000 Dinner

and Drawing, K. of C. Hall



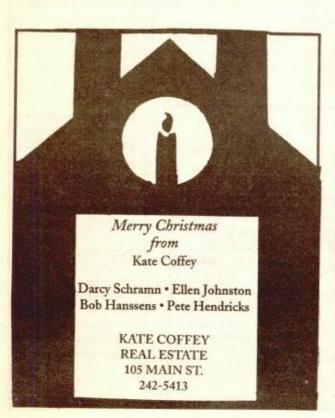
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PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me here you are my mother. O Holy Mary, Mother of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to secure me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary, conceived without sin, for us who have recoursed to thee (3 times). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days and then you must publish it and it will be granted to you. [NOTICE]

Tobin Memorial Bridge residential stickers take effect January 1, 1996.

Toll discount stickers will be offered for Charlestown residents at 333 Medford Street, Charlestown (the former Revere Sugar facility), on the following date:

 Saturday, December 30 8:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

The cost for the sticker is \$5, and it will allow a Charlestown resident to pay only 30-cents for passage over the Tobin Bridge into Boston. The sticker will be valid for discount tolls for as long as the vehicle is registered in Charlestown.

Please bring with you:

- · the vehicle,
- · the vehicle registration, · your driver's license, and
- · additional proof of residence, such as a recent utility bill, a credit card

bill, or a bank statement. A Massport employee will affix the sticker directly to the windshield of the vehicle at the time of purchase. Removal of the old sticker, as required by Massport and the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles, is the responsibility of the vehicle owner.

If you have questions, please call Massport at (617) 242-7979



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Old Fashioned Christmas In Hayes Square



MASSPORT'S Government and Community Affairs Department brought a little holiday cheer to Hayes Square with its donation of a 17-foot Nova Scotia Balsam Fir Christmas Tree. The tree will be adorned with neighborhood children's handmade ornaments during the Bunker Hill Tenants Task Force's Old Fashioned Christmas event on Sunday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Day at St Catherine's Church beginning at noon. The Tobin Bridge maintenance crew placed the tree and decorated it with holiday lights, generously donated by McCarthy Brothers. Shown in the photo (l. to r.) are: Gary Burgin, Massport assistant director, bridge operations; Dorothy Connolly-Steele, Massport community liaison, Office of Government and Community Affairs; Mary MacInnes, chairperson of the Bunker Hill Tenants Task Force and her grandchildren, Tricia and Shannyn Moore; Harry Mc-Carthy, McCarthy Brothers Liquors; and Evelyn McElroy, Massport executive assistant to the bridge director.

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Saturday, 9-4

Winners Of Two Tickets To 'The Wizard Of Oz'

Three winners of two tickets each to 'The Wizard of Oz' on ice coming to the new FleetCenter on Dec. 26 were drawn at random in a contest sponsored by The Charlestown Patriot.

The winners of the tickets are:

PattiAnn King of 35

Cook St.;

· Keri McGuire of 22 Brighton St.; and

.. Marion Wood of 44 Harvard St.

The winners may pick up the passes, to be redeemed for tickets at the FleetCenter, at the Patriot office, One Thompson Square.

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★ GUESS HOW MANY LIGHTS WE HAVE DECORATED WITH ★ AND WIN A DINNER FOR TWO!

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For professional advice on all aspects of buying or selling a home, talk to the professionals at Monument Properties. Come by our office at 85 Warren St., Charlestown or call us at 241-5900.

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Bûche de Noël

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serves 12-14 \$29.50

Egg Nog Cheesecake

Creamy cheesecake and cinnamon sugar crust laced with brandy, dark rum and nutmeg and topped with a layer of vanilla sour cream.

7-inch serves 6-8 \$14.50 9-inch serves 10-12 \$24.50

Pear Cranberry Pie

Cape Cod cranberries and fresh d'Anjou pears in pastry pie crust, sprinkled with buttered crumb topping.

White Chocolate Mousse Cake

Two layers of chocolate cake, two layers of dark chocolate mousse covered with white chocolate buttercream and shavings.

7-inch serves 6-8 \$16.50 9-inch serves 10-12 \$28.50

Raspberry Lemon Coffee Cake

Buttered pound cake filled with red raspberries & flavored with the tartness of fresh lemon.

ORDERS TAKEN UNTIL 5 P.M. ON FRIDAY, DEC. 22. PLEASE ORDER EARLY!

Monday, 7 am to 2 pm Tuesday-Friday, 7 am to 5 pm Saturday, 8 am to 3 pm Sunday, 8 am to 1 pm

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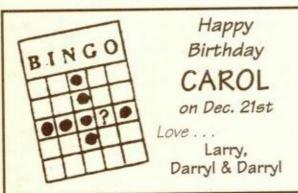
Happy 10th Birthday

SHEILANN WILLIAMS

on Dec. 24th!

Nana, Da, Jennifer, Michelle & Christopher







Happy 1st Birthday

To

My Little Angel

on December 23rd

Papa

xo xo xo xo xo

Love, Your Little Sister Meaghan xoxoxoxo

Love . . .





Happy 1st Birthday

FRANCESCA PERREAULT

on December 23rd! Love & Kisses . . .

Nana & Grampy xxxxxxxx





Mom . . .

Happy 75th Birthday on December 22nd! Thank you for sharing Ireland with me.

Love ... Tommy

Happy Birthday To Му Рара

on December 25th

Love, Your Little Angel . . .

Franki

xo xo xo xo xo



Season's Greetings

MEGAN, ERICA, SELMA and TOM BIRMINGHAM

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



· Christmas In Charlestown . . . was celebrated in many ways last Sunday despite the snow covering on Saturday . . . Brave souls scraped the ice off their windshields and began the pleasant task of delivering Townie Santa packages. The number of people was less than usual, but the spirit was great! . . . The sun came out for the Christmas Concert at St. Mary's and the weather was just fine for the Newtown Stroll . . . Hayes Square will be the scene for the final community celebration of the season with a party at noon on Sunday, Dec. 24th, and all are welcome!

· Residents Are Reminded . . . that residential stickers will be on sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 30 at the former Revere Sugar facility at 333 Medford St. These are being issued by Massport to Charlestown residents for a \$5 fee, and will reduce the bridge toll to 30¢. . . You must bring along your vehicle, registration, driver's license and proof of residency . . . For more info, give a call to 242-7979.

· Holiday Birthdays Abound . . . starting today, Dec. 21st, the big day for Carol Fitzpatrick . . . Dec. 22nd is shared by Lauren O'Hearn, Kathleen Evers and it will be the 75th for Mary Donahue . . . Barrister Tim O'Connell and Rita Greco will party on Dec. 23rd Sheila "Snuggles" Walsh turns the big 5-0 on Christmas Eve and this will be the 100th birthday of Irene Howard . . . Christmas Day is the birthday of Ginger Doherty, and Mary Maheigan will celebrate her 88th birthday . . . Dolly Hudson will party on Dec. 28th . . . Dec. 29th is the big day for John Greatorex . . . and New Year's Day is Dot Burke's birthday . . . The best of birthday wishes to you all!

· Congratulations . . . to Gregg "with three Gs" Nolan and his special lady, Kim! Wedding bells are in the near future and, by the way, try again for the Bay

· Get Well Wishes . . . go out to Terry Ring who is a patient at Mass. General Hospital. We know she would appreciate receiving cards from her many friends and they may be sent to Terry in Room 930 of the White Building, Fruit Street, Boston, Mass. 02114 . . . Also, as Rev. Isaiah Sears sends his Christmas greetings, he would certainly like to hear from his friends while he is at Youville Hospital, 1575 Cambridge St., Cambridge, Mass. . . . The best to you both!

· Our Sincere Thanks . . . go out to Mary Wilkins and St. Mary's Parish, Joan Rae and St. Francis de Sales Parish, John Dillon, Court St. Jude #1123, CDA, Dennis and Melody Callahan and the Senior Lounge for your holiday remembrances!

· Shop At The Library . . . There's no need to leave town to do your holiday shopping. Support the Friends of the Library by purchasing gift items. There is a second series of six note cards from the Rev. Wolcott Cutler slide collection, a multi-purpose canvas tote and a leather bookmark . . . They will be on sale at the library through Saturday.

· Auditions . . . Skaters are invited to audition for "The Wizard of Oz" at the FleetCenter at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 28th. To register or for more info, call Judy Thomas at 813-349-4848 . . . The Winthrop Players will hold auditions for "Uncle Vanya" at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 3 and 4. For info, call eves at 539-1423.

 Thought For The Week . . . Our very best wishes go out to you and yours this holiday season . . .

Happy Holidays And The Very Best For 1996!



Lauren-Kate O'HEARN J You must've been a beautiful baby, cause baby. look at you now! Happy Birthday on December 22! Luv Ya, Mom & Everybody



around the town

by Gloria S. Conway

★ Neighborhood Council Meetings . . . Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Neighborhood Council will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 2 at the K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

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

★ Office Hours... Judy Evers, regional coordinator from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, will be on vacation until today, Dec. 21. If any resident has an issue or concern, they should call Mayor Menino's 24-hour service at 635-4500.

Office hours resume on Monday, Jan. 8 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

★ Postal Service To Deliver Sunday, Dec. 24 . . . Don't be surprised to see a U.S. Postal Service carrier knock on your door on Sunday. To make sure all your important holiday mail gets delivered on time, many area post offices will be delivering parcels, Priority Mail and Express Mail on Dec. 24.

"Perishable items like fruit and cheese will receive special attention," said Boston District Manager/Postmaster Paul W. Lanzi. "Our goal this holiday season is to make sure that all our customers get their gifts on time and in good condition."

Lanzi explained that Express Mail is delivered seven days a week 365 days each year. At this time of year the carriers also take out other parcels as well.

Mail volume was expected to reach its peak on Dec. 18, although processing plants report continuous heavy volume. "We are looking for a real busy week, but we are prepared and ready to meet or exceed our customers' holiday expectations," concluded Lanzi.

★ Safety Rules For Christmas From The BFD... Fire Commissioner Martin E. Pierce Jr., and the entire Boston Fire Department wish the citizens of Charlestown a happy, fire-safe Christmas, and urge that the general public adopt the following safety rules for the holiday season.

 Purchase a tree that has not dried out from prolonged storage (i.e. a small, fresh cut tree). It is not unusual for the tree that you buy to have been cut several weeks before you had a chance to select it.

Keep the tree outside with cut end of the tree trunk in water until ready for use, and remove to the outdoors away from the house as soon as possible after use.

3. When ready for use, place the tree securely in a stand that contains a water receptacle for the cut end of the tree trunk, and keep the water receptacle filled by checking at least once a day. Before placing the tree into the stand, make a diagonal cut that removes an inch or two from the base. This will allow the tree to absorb the water more efficiently.

 Use a stand that will support the tree and reinforce the stability of the tree by running a wire near the top of the tree to the wall. Place the tree away from fireplaces, radiators, electric heaters, etc.

Do not place the tree where it might block a door or an exit.

7. Do not use candles or other open flame on or near the tree.

 Use only lighting sets approved by a National Testing Laboratory. The most common ratings are from Underwriters Laboratories and Factory Mutual.

 Check lights each year before using.
 Look for frayed wires, loose connections and broken sockets. Discard if defects are found.

10. Make sure that electrical circuits are not overloaded and avoid plugging too many cords into one outlet.

11. Do not use flammable decorations on your tree or elsewhere in your house.

Make certain that all lights are out when the tree is unattended.

 Remove flammable Christmas wrapping immediately. Do not attempt to burn wrapping or decorations in the fireplace.

 Do not run extension cords under rugs. They may overheat and cause a fire.

They may overneat and cause a fire.
 Do not allow smoking near the tree.

16. Use no more than three strands of lights on a single extension cord to avoid overloading outlets.

17. A means of fire extinguishment should be at hand, i.e., fire extinguisher, bucket of water or garden hose.

18. Use care when placing decorations which use bulbs, especially in windows, where curtains could easily ignite.

19. Remove tree as soon as possible.

Every day that a tree remains indoors, it becomes a little bit drier and more of a hazard. Dispose of the tree by giving it to the rubbish collector or bring to a recycling center. Do not attempt to burn your tree in your fireplace.

20. Electric-powered space heaters should not be placed near combustible material. Liquid-fueled space heaters are illegal for indoor use in Mass.

 Fireplaces should be inspected and cleaned once a year to clear out soot and creosote that can ignite and burn.

The best way to protect your family from a fire tragedy during the Christmas season, as well as throughout the year, is to make sure that your smoke detector is working and practice fire drills.

Call the fire department immediately in the event of fire . . . 911 or to contact the fire department directly, call 536-1500. Remember . . . the best gift of all is a "Fire Safe" home!

Have a safe and happy holiday season!!

★ "Pack It In" Program . . . The "Pack It In" program of the MGH-Bunker Hill Health Center is offering weekly support groups for smokers who have quit or are trying to quit. The groups will take place at the Charlestown Community Centers, 255 Medford St. on Wednesday evenings from 7 to 8 p.m.

If you would like help in quitting, please call the MGH-Community Health Associates at 889-8541. A five-week program is offered at the Health Center on Wednesday nights from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.



We wish all of our friends and neighbors,



HappyHolidays and a healthy New Year.

Tom and Angela Menino

Paid for by the Menino Committee, Mary Cavanaugh, Treasurer



Holiday Greetings



Boston City Councillor
DIANE J.
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Thanksgiving Dinner Shared With Those Alone Or Shut-in





On Sunday, Dec. 17, "Townie Santa" visited elderly, needy Charlestown shut-ins to deliver Christmas boxes with groceries, toiletries and gifts and a hot turkey dinner. The committee extends its sincere appreciation to each volunteer for taking time to share the "Spirit of Christmas."

WATCH THE CHRISTMAS TREE GROW •

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



All donations will be publicly acknowledged.

Donations have been received from:

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In Memory of Hugh and Eileen Duffy

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Volunteers Work To Make Thanksgiving Happy

Thanksgiving Day was certainly a day of giving as the cooks, helpers and drivers worked to make this a special day for those guests who joined together at the Legion Hall on Adams Street and for shut-ins whose doors opened to the delivery of a hot turkey dinner.

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

Sweeney began this Thanksgiving tradition nine years ago, opening the doors of his restaurant on Bunker Hill Street to those alone on Thanksgiving and delivering to area shut-ins. In 1991, he served a limited number of meals out of the kitchen of St. Catherine's Hall. Four years ago, a joint venture was born as the new Legion Hall has the kitchen facilities, dining space and the

generous purse strings of its Killilea Fund to cosponsor and assist Sweeney with his dinner.

The preparation for the dinner began with Sweeney doing the shopping and a crew gathering the night before the holiday to peel, pare and stuff. A total of 60 pounds of potatoes, 1 1/2 bushels of squash and two bushels of fresh string beans were prepared for cooking. Along with the vegetables, 12 turkeys about 225 pounds - were readied for roasting. Tables were set with dishes of candy, and plates of fresh fruit were added.

Thanksgiving Day dawned early and it was back to work for the kitchen crew, cooking the vegetables, slicing the turkey, making the gravy, packaging the rolls and cutting the pies. As noon approached, drivers began the task of delivering over 100 meals to Charlestown shut-ins. In addition, guests began to arrive at the hall and approximately 30 were served a full-course dinner.

According to Jim Conway, chairman of the Killilea Fund, "Bunker Hill Post and its Killilea Fund will support Sweeney and this Thanksgiving Dinner project as long as he is willing to do it. He did a tremendous job in planning and carrying out the dinner and deliveries, and the holiday feast brought great joy as well as a delicious meal

to many who would have otherwise been alone on Thanksgiving."

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

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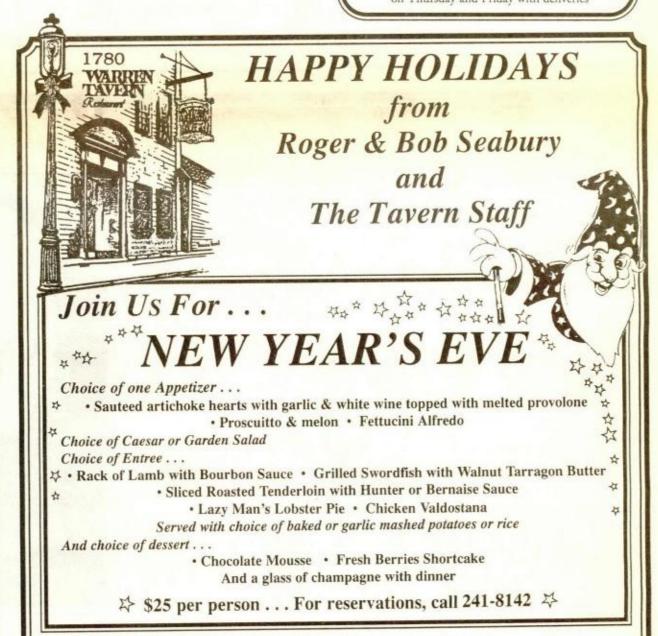
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A Christmas Card For 1995

Among the most treasured customs of Christmas for me has always been the exchange of cards to and from friends near and far. Each year in early December, it has been my delight to try and send at least a small note to each of you and, in turn, have your greetings and snippets of family news. As you know, after Christmas your cards decorate the walls of my home.

I know some of you think this to be odd, but in truth in this way I am kept constantly surrounded and comforted by the most wonderful circle of friends and memories, continuing the true spirit of this season of Redemption long after the last carol has been sung, the presents put away, the candy canes devoured and your beautiful Charlestown decorations safely stored away.

So, please this year accept this as if it were a personal greeting and blessing to each of you. I thank God for having led me to Charlestown for there is no place in the world where such friendship and caring and closeness to God abound.

Thanks for your continued kindness and prayers. I am praying today both for Peace on Earth and for that Peace in your hearts and families and lives that your God will surely grant you because you so deserve it.

> God Bless You All, Rev. Isaiah I. Sears

USS Constitution Museum Invites Young And Old To Share The Thrills Of Cinema Sea Classics

Go to sea with film legends - Spencer Tracy, Clark Gable, Orson Welles - during the USS Constitution Museum's "History for Reel" Film Festival being presented from Tuesday, Dec. 26 through Saturday, Dec. 30. Cinema sea classics will be shown twice daily at 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. in the museum's Figgie Theatre.

For school vacation week, both museum admission and movie showings will be FREE for children 16 and under accompanied by an adult. For adults, the movie showings will be free with museum admission.

The "History for Reel" Film Festival will immerse young and old in the swashbuckling tales of Rudyard Kipling and Her-

man Melville through these academy award-winning big screen adaptations no commercial

The museum, located in the historic Charlestown Navy Yard, is a non-profit educational institution dedicated to preserving the heritage of USS Constitution - widely known as "Old Ironsides" - and teaching about the American spirit and ideals the ship embodies. Last year more than 75,000 children and adults from across the country and around the world visited the museum.

The "Kids Free" school vacation week program is made possible by generous grants from the William E. and Bertha E. Schrafft Charitable Trust and the Mass. Society of the Cincinnati.

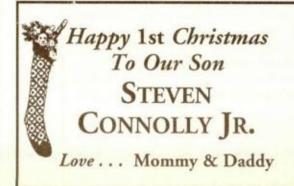
"The Way of the Wind" is the amazing tale of Charles Tobias, who abandons his life as a successful corporate executive to pursue his romance with the sea. This film depicts the trials and triumphs one courageous man encounters as he takes five years to follow his destiny sailing from California to Greece. It will be shown on Tuesday, Dec. 26 and is 125 minutes long.

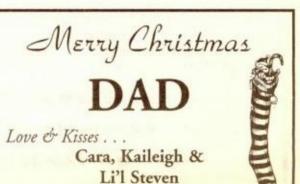
"Moby Dick's" director John Huston magnificently brings to life Herman Melville's beloved tale of Captain Ahab and his search for the legendary white whale. This movie will be shown on Wednesday, Dec. 27 and is 116 minutes long.

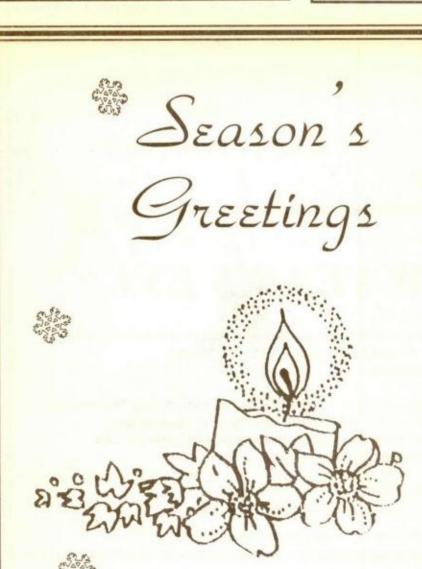
"The Cruel Sea" is the story of hardship, loneliness, danger and challenges that were faced daily by men at war in the North Atlantic during World War II. This will be shown on Thursday, Dec. 28 and is 121 minutes long.

"Captains Courageous" is the award-winning adaptation of Rudyard Kipling's sea classic in which a Portuguese fisherman teaches human values to a millionaire's spoiled young son. Shown on Friday, Dec. 29, this movie is 118 minutes long.

"Mutiny on the Bounty," the winner of an Academy Award in 1935, stars Clark Gable as Fletcher Christian and Charles Laughton as Captain Bligh who are pitted against one another in this legendary mutiny. It will be shown on Saturday, Dec. 30 and is 132 minutes long.









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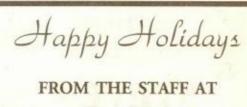
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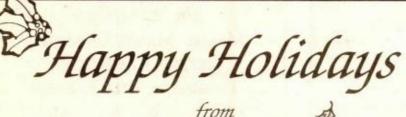
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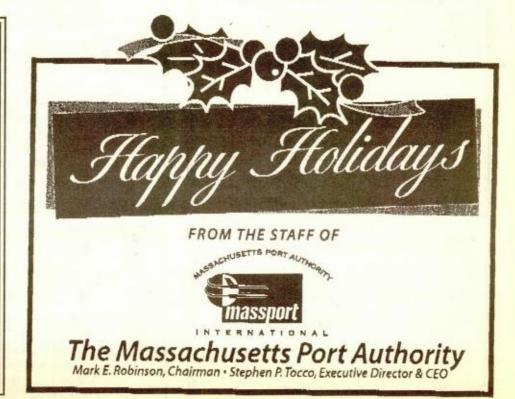




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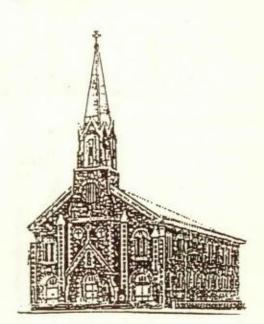




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Christmas Remembrance CHRISTINA M. POOLE

I miss you, my princess . . .

Love, Dad

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Nothing can replace you, nothing ever will, In life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still. Of all the gifts of life, however great or small, To have had you as a mother and a grandmother was the greatest gift of all. We hold you close within our hearts, In there you shall remain, To walk with us throughout our lives Until we meet again. So rest in peace, Ma, and thanks for all you have done, We pray that God has given you the crowns you truly won.

Merry Christmas In Heaven, Ma

Love Ya, Janet

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At Christmas . . . To My Husband EUGENE (BUDDY) **SULLIVAN**

1920

The waiting time for me Is just like it was before. It's the time of day when I'd listen and wait For the sound of your key in the door. It's the time of day when I make believe That soon you'll be home with me, And my world will be lovely and bright again,

The way it used to be. I think of your smile and hear your voice, As plainly as if you were here, And all of the sorrow and grief I know, Just will not disappear. Please God, let me go on pretending, For this is the only way

I can bear the silence around me At the waiting time of day. My First Christmas Without You!

Love . . . "Ede"

Gallagher Named Northeast-10 Freshman Of The Week

Corey Gallagher, of Charlestown and a Bentley College guard, was recently named the Northeast - 10 Conference Women's Basketball Freshman of the Week for her play against UMass-Lowell.

She was selected to the ECAC/ Holiday Inn Division II Weekly Honor Roll following the best performance of her young career.

Gallagher came off the bench to contribute 14 points and nine rebounds, both career bests, in an 8375 win over the River Hawks, an NCAA Division II tournament participant a year ago. The 5'10" forward hit five of eight from the field, including two three-pointers, and also blocked three shots.

For the season, Gallagher is averaging 5.0 points, 3.4 rebounds and 0.7 blocks for the 6-1 Falcons, who are ranked third nationally in the USA Today/WBCA Division II poll, conducted prior to last Wednesday's 61-56 loss to #8 Stonehill. She is playing just about ten minutes a game.

Bentley, which has competed in a record 13 NCAA Division II tournaments, returns to action on Dec. 30 at the University of Tampa. It will be the first of a three-game trip to the Sunshine State, where the Falcons will also face #11 Florida Southern and North Florida.

Gallagher, a 1995 graduate of Matignon High School is the daughter of Jim and Lois Gallagher of Thirteenth Street, Charlestown.

Birthday Remembrance

JOHN "PAZZI" **PASSALACOUA**

1960

January 1st 1995 Gone from our home, that smiling face, Your cheerful, happy ways, The heart that won so many friends, In bygone happy days. You are always in our hearts.

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A light is from our household gone A voice we loved is stilled. A place is vacant in our home Which never can be filled. God gave us a beautiful father -A father who never grew old You were always there with a helping hand. Help us now to accept His plan.

We miss you now, our hearts are sore As time goes by, we miss you more. Your loving smile, your gentle face No one can take our father's place. Lovingly Remembered, Sadly Missed . . .

His Family

Mass being said on Sunday, Dec. 24 at 11 a.m. at St. Catherine's Church, Hayes Square

Christmas Remembrance CHRISTINA M.

POOLE We all love you and always will. We miss you so very much. You will always be in our hearts.

Nana, Aunts & Uncles

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Your Wife Dottie, Kathy, Lisa, Your Sister Mary & Family

'Christmas In Heaven' We've heard of that cold and wintry night,

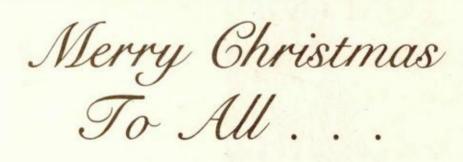
When a bright star shone its heavenly light. Guiding three wise men to a stable far away, Where in a manger a little child lay. This is how the story was told, Our Prince of Peace born on a night so cold. Joseph stood proudly by his side While Mary knelt praying, glowing inside. For this Christmas morn so gentle and mild. Had given birth to this Holy Child. Our Prince of Peace, the holy one, Whose name was Jesus, Mary's son. That is the way the story was told And in time another event would unfold. For one day this little Savior would give up his life, So we may have eternal life

This is why I believe my son is in heaven this Christmas eve, with such tranquility our children have never known, And with Jesus beside them they're finally home. We'll remember their love and try not to feel blue, For some day in heaven our love we'll renew. We will walk together hand and hand, And our children will welcome us home to God's beautiful land. In memory of my son, Patrick.

May he have a joyous Christmas with his grandparents and his new MOM.

Me

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Kennedy Center Offers Free Classes

Students at the Kennedy Center PreVoc Program recently completed a 10week program and will be heading for various training programs in January. During these 10 weeks, they worked on writing and math skills and explored various training programs and career options. In addition, they worked on professional skills such as communication, assertiveness and interviewing.

Graduates of this prevoc

cycle will attend the Business Skills Program in East Boston or pursue careers in the medical field at Bunker Hill Community College. This was the seventh time this program has been offered, and over the last two plus years, many of the graduates have gone on to skills training and then employment.

The prevoc program is an opportunity for students who have been out of school for a while and need to review academic areas, or are uncertain about what kind of training or job they want. It provides a period of preparation before train-

The next class will begin in January, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Anyone who wishes more information about these classes or skills training should contact Patty Gould or Martha Hayden at the Kennedy Center at 241-8866. Come and join the class and start planning your future!

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Donovan Attends Environmental Chemistry Broadcast

Charlestown resident David Donovan recently joined a group of educators from across New England for a seminar at U-Mass., Lowell. Donovan, a teacher at Milton High School, was among the more than 100 middle school, high school, college and university instructors attending.

The seminar, called "Environmental Chemistry," was a satellite broadcast presented by the American Chemical Society (ACS). The broadcast discussed a

series of easy, intriguing experiments that could be used in the classroom to demonstrate basic principles of chemistry.

In addition to attending a pre-broadcast dinner and engaging in professional networking, participants could choose between two other pre-seminar activities. They could perform the middle school or high school experiments to be discussed in the broadcast. These included the effects of weather, the effects of acid rain, the

greenhouse effect and resource recycling. Alternatively, teachers could take a hands-on workshop on introducing polymers and plastics to the classroom, presented by the National Plastics Center & Museum.

The event was sponsored by the Northeastern Section of the American Chemical Society and UMass Lowell's Telecommunications Forum, Department of Chemistry and Center for Field Services and Studies.



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Walsh Installed As Grand Knight



RICHARD WALSH of Sheafe Street, Charlestown, was installed as Grand Knight of the Bunker Hill Council #62 Knights of Columbus at a recent ceremony. Walsh's proud family joined him for the installation services along with Father Daniel J. Mahoney, pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church. Shown front row (l. to r.) Walsh's children Katlyn, Erin and Patrick. Back row (l. to r.) Walsh's parents Frank and Barbara Walsh, Walsh, his wife Cathy and Father Mahoney.

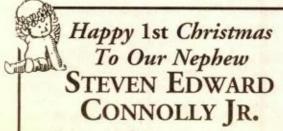
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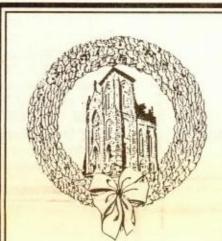
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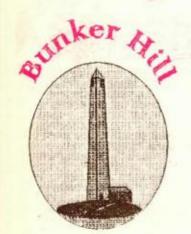


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With me that evening was a young girl of perhaps seventeen. She had just spent the unheard of price (at that time) of forty dollars for a new pair of suede high heeled shoes at Tilken's.

As we opened the front door to leave, saying our goodbyes to Dennis and his parents, the realization of just how much snow had fallen became immediately evident. What also became immediately evident was the fact that new suede shoes and snow are not particularly good bedfellows. It was three o'clock in the morning and, of course, nobody had yet been out to clear their sidewalks.

My immediate goal was Walford Way, for that is where the lovely young lady and the new suede shoes lived. Those familiar with the Charlestown neighborhood know quite well that Belmont Street and Walford Way are not exactly next door to each other, and any attempt at walking the distance in a driving snow storm would be nothing less than exhausting. Factor in a new pair of suede, high heeled shoes to this already perplexing dilemma, and one can begin to guess what I was faced with on the snowy Christmas Eve of many years ago.

Yes, like a pack animal, with the weight upon my back, I began the slow and arduous journey from Belmont Street to Walford Way. Each new doorway along Medford Street appeared as an oasis in an arid desert, and I stopped, first only for short rests, but as my weighted steps carried me toward Pearl Street and Mystic Street, those rests became longer, and as they became longer, my gasping became louder. I was certain that I would be arrested for impersonating a Barnum and Bailey elephant.



The Christmas

I looked skyward. Once the Magi had seen a star in the heavens. I was sure there would be one for me to follow, but looking up, I saw only snow. I crossed Elm at Medford with barely an ounce of energy left, when a sweet little voice whispered in my ear, "Are you tired?"

"No, no," I answered, "the name I speak is but the name of a child who was born nearly two thousand years ago. The gasps you hear are an ancient Irish tradition, the words of which are spoken only on Christmas Eve!"

Through it all, through my suffering and agony, she laughed.

She was almost home, now, and her shoes were safe. It did not seem to matter to her that the young man who began this journey on Belmont Street was now but a battered, beaten shadow of himself. HER SHOES WERE SAFE.

Much of the remainder of the trip, from Polk Street to Walford Way was completed with the help of the connecting project hallways.

We sat at dinner the other evening, my wife Mary and I, remembering that night. We laughed about it. Somehow the laughter brought about by memories comes easily.

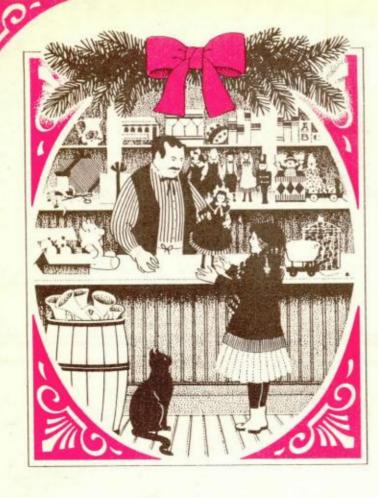
"You made out okay on that deal," she said.

"How do you figure?"

"You carried me one night. I've been carrying you for more than thirty years!"

Don't you just hate it when they are right?

We were new altar boys, me and Jack "Cookah" Lynch. It was to be our first midnight Mass, and we were quite excited about it. Cookah's mother thought that a



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ice glass of warm milk would be just what er son needed to get him through the vening. When that warm milk curdled in is stomach, and relocated itself to the ardwood floor of the church's altar, I, eing Cookah's friend and ally, was given ne privilege of cleaning up.

I haven't seen Cookah for many years, ut how come each time I see sawdust I nink of him?

I do not think that my mother and father emember the dish, but I do. It was the first hristmas gift I ever bought for them with ny own money. It was yellow, it didn't natch a single thing in the house, and it ost twenty-nine cents at McClellan's (the ive and Ten) on Main Street.

My cousin, Mary Williams, and I were ce skating at the "Neck."

When we got home, we were told that ny brother had been struck by a milk truck vhile coasting. It was Christmas Eve. Somehow the news made the day all so nsignificant.

Later we learned that the accident was not as serious as it might have been. Beause it was Christmas Eve, the doctors illowed Leo to come home. A Christmas hat might very well have been tragic had a nappy ending for the McGonagles of Elm Street.

- "So you like her, huh?"
- "Yeah."
- "You going to ask her to go steady?"
- "I guess so."
- "Wait."
- "For what?"

"'Til after Christmas, then you won't have to buy her a gift."



Truth is stranger than fiction. This was a terrible time of the year to find a new girl. If you asked her to go steady with you before Christmas, it was sure to cost you money. If you waited until after Christmas, you ran the risk of losing her.

The terrifying sound of the smoke alarm jolted us from a sound sleep. We had just begun preparing for our first Christmas in our new home. Our younger daughter had recently returned home from college for the holidays, but the sound of the alarm and the frightening smell of smoke managed to move thoughts of this new Christmas into some far away place.

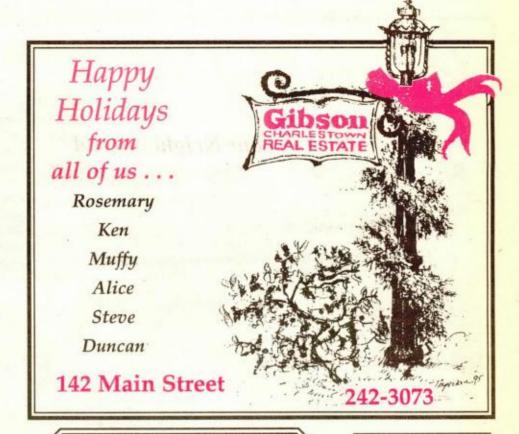
A faulty electric blanket had caused the mattress to begin smoldering sometime during the night, and when we reached her room, we found our daughter backed against the bed's headboard, frantically fighting the flames, which, by now, were jumping from the canopied bed.

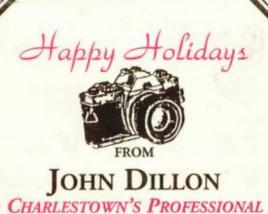
I am still amazed at how quickly the fire department responded to my older daughter's near frantic call.

The burning bed and a few other sundry pieces of furniture were dropped from the window, and after my younger daughter was treated for a broken wrist, and I for a few minor burns, we went on to celebrate not only Christmas, but each new day.

Yes, Christmas is a very special time of year. It is a time when pictures of Christmases past float easily into our thoughts. It is a time when we remember good things and not so good things, happy things and not so happy things, but most of all it is a time of giving and a time for sharing.

The McGonagle clan wishes you all a happy and safe holiday season.





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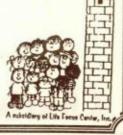
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Boston Park Rangers At The Charlestown Branch Library

Pamela Snow, Boston Park Ranger, Boston Parks and Recreation Department, will be the guest speaker at the weekly adult discussion group meeting at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St., from 10 to 11 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 5.

She will discuss things to do in Boston Parks in the winter and show slides illustrating the variety of activities available in Boston's parks. She will also talk about what the park rangers do.

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

It's A Boy . . .

Mr. and Mrs. John Scales of Charlestown are proud to announce the birth of their son, Brennis Patrick, on Nov. 21 at the Cambridge Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds 14 ounces.

Brennis was welcomed home by his big sisters and brothers, Helen, Kristen, Kerin, George and John.

1995 Festival of Lights

A Citywide Celebration of Boston's Creative Spirit

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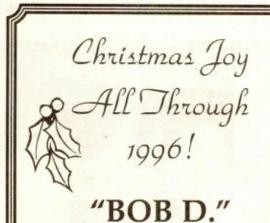


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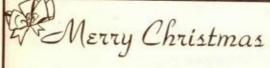
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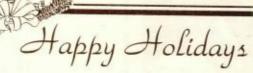
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New Year's Day Mass - Monday, Jan. 1 Mass at 9 a.m.

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* New Years *

New Year's Eve Masses – Sunday, Dec. 31
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New Year's Day Masses – Monday, Jan. 1
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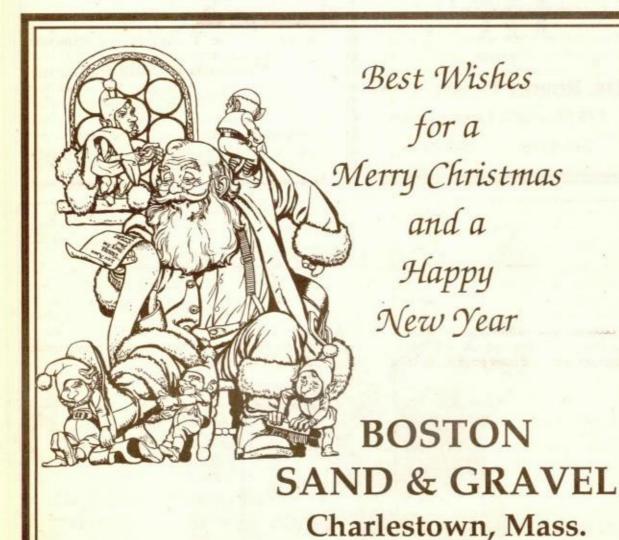
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Gold and Frankincense and Myrrh. Did they kneel, and call you Sir? Herod must have been upset, That he hadn't found You yet!

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by William Walsh

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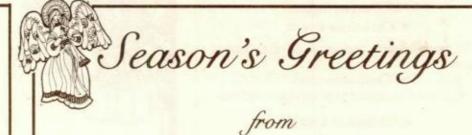
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+ HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Friday, Dec. 22 - Club closes at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 23 - Club will be closed. Tuesday, Dec. 26 - Club will be closed.

Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Dec. 27, 28 and 29 -Club will be open from noon to 6 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 30 - Club will be closed. Tuesday, Jan. 2 - Club will be closed. Wednesday, Jan. 3 - Regular hours resume.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Boys & Girls Club will be hosting its annual Christmas Party for club members ages 6 to 10 on Friday, Dec. 22. This is always a festive affair with cookie decorating, holiday games and a visit from Santa. We hope all our club members will stop by and join in the fun. The club will close after the party at 6 p.m.

♦ GENERAL NEWS

Shelter Drive - The Boys & Girls Club will be accepting the following donations for our shelter drive now through January. We are particularly looking for household items for families who are transitioning from a shelter to more permanent housing. Women and children, who are victims of domestic violence often must leave their possessions behind when seeking safety and need whatever the shelters can give them to help start

From Jerry's Desk...

First, I'd like to thank everyone who supported the Boys & Girls Club this holiday season by purchasing their Christmas Tree from our stand on High Street. I know that it might be possible to pay a little less somewhere else, though, I'm sure you won't find a more beautiful tree at another location. But isn't it more in the Christmas spirit to give your money to a place that helps the young people in the community, rather than boosting some corporation's bottom line? All the money from our tree sales stays in Charlestown and helps the club keep its doors open. It's a very important fund raiser for us and we hope to see even more Charlestown faces at



our stand next year. Thanks again to everyone who came by this year, all 500 of you!

Second, everyone at the club, both board and staff want to wish everyone in the community the very best for this holiday season. We enjoy working with the youth in the community all year round, but I think Christmas is the best time to celebrate their energy, spontaneity and generous nature. I think that Christmas brings out the child in all of us and we hope that everyone finds a little extra time to spend playing with their children this holiday season.

Merry Christmas from all of us at the club.



over. We 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.

A special thank you to Stacey Ainsley, Fallon Leonard, Kim Leonard, April McMillan, Leslie Southern, Patrick Gould, Pauline Coleman and Lauren O'Hearn for their volunteerism in this and other programs for the homeless. Items needed are as follows: curtains, pillows and cases, blankets, comforters, sheets, decorative items, plates, dishes, cookware, towels/washcloths, tablecloths, kitchen towels, mens' coats, x-large sweaters/sweatshirts, womens' nightgowns, umbrellas and childrens' books.

Items may be new or used. If you have any questions, call 241-3754 or 242-1775.

CHAD Junior Bowling News

by John Dillon

I would like to thank all the little elves from the CHarlestown Against Drugs (CHAD) Junior Bowling League that brought Dotty and I a little gift and presented it to us at our Christmas Party on Saturday. Between eating all the good food, we did manage to bowl three strings.

In the first match of the day, the American Legion shutout the Red Store 8-0. Top bowler for the American Legion was Craig Gaudette with 230. Runner-up was Michelle Williams with 151. Top bowler for the Red Store was Jean Wall with 234. Runner-up was Billy Burrill with 216.

In the next match, Mc-Carthy Brothers defeated the Shamrocks 6-2. Top bowler for McCarthy Brothers was Jon Paul Awbrey with 211. Runner-up was Sheilann Williams with 201. Top bowler for the Shamrocks was Jimmy Kissane with 268. Runnerup was Dan Kissane with 175.

Moving along to the next match, the Kennedy Center shutout Jenny's 8-0. Sean Cronk was top bowler for the Kennedy Center with 236. Runner-up was Mike Simensen with 207. Shawn Burke also had a nice string of 206. Top bowler for Jenny's was Mike Shackford with 213. Runner-up was Jessica Grace with 174.

During the next match, the Bunker Hill Real Estate team defeated Diane Modica's team 6-2. Top bowler for BHRE was Chris Chiampa with 203. Runner-up was Jared Silva with 184. Top bowler for Modica's team was Stephen Wall with 242. Runner-up was Alex Gaudette with 170.

In the final match of the day, Cricket's team shutout the Charlestown Patriot 8 Top bowler for Cricket's team was Matt Paley with 246. Runner-up was Padraic Locke with 229. Top bowler for the Patriot was Derek Matarazzo with 235. Runner-up was John Harrington with 202.

Bowlers of the week were: Jim Kissane 268, Matt Paley 246, Stephen Wall 242, Sean Cronk 236, Derek Matarazzo 235, Jean Wall 234, Craig Gaudette 230, Padraic Locke 229, Billy Burrill 216 and Mike Shackford 213.

Bowlers trying the hardest were: Katy Locke 193, Casey Durham 194, Brendan Grace 169, Mark Dillon 178, Marianne Kissane 200, David Grace 172, Shawn Burke 206, Sheilann Williams 201, John Harrington 202 and Jared Silva 184.

There will be NO bowling for the next two weeks due to Christmas and New Year's weekends. Bowling will resume on Saturday, Jan. 6, which is the last day of the first half of the season. This game will determine a championship team for the first half.

Hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

See you all on Jan. 6 at 11:30 a.m. sharp!

Note: It was great to see Jean Wall at the bowling alley on Saturday after her unfortunate accident last week. Welcome back, Jean.

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Standings

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McCarthy Bros.	52	28
Red Store	48	32
Cricket's	44	36
Kennedy Center	42	38
American Legion	39	41
B.H. Real Estate	38	42
Jenny's	37	43
Shamrocks	37	43
Diane Modica	33	47
Chas'n Patriot	30	50

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▲ Christmas Masses - St. Catherine's will celebrate the birth of Jesus at the Christmas Masses on Sunday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve, at 4 p.m. which will be the children's Mass featuring carols, the Christmas Pageant, special guests and an exciting atmosphere; Midnight Mass with choir music beginning at 11:30 p.m - this tradition has been very well received in our community; on Monday, Christmas Day, Dec. 25, the morning Mass will be said at 10 a.m., featuring the traditional Christmas Carols, and a Spanish Mass at 12:30 p.m. as our new Hispanic residents celebrate their first Christmas Mass at St. Catherine's.

▲ CYO Basketball - As we enter the third week of our regular season we are thankful to all the boys and girls who play CYO Basketball on our five teams.

This week we highlight our Cadet Girls team coached by Susan Essex. Players include Jessica Brassil, Courtney Burke, Kerrie Locke, Kelleigh Mahan, Susan Mc-Clellan, Bonnie O'Leary, Xaymara Saez, Kristen Scales and Jean Wall.

We are now on a Christmas break and games will resume as follows: Sunday, Dec. 31 - Cadet Girls vs. St. Brendan at 2 p.m.; and Junior Boys vs. Sacred Heart at 4 p.m. Both of these games will be played at the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club.

Tuesday, Jan. 2 - Junior Boys vs. St. Joseph at 7 p.m. at Kingston Elementary.

Saturday, Jan. 6 - Cadet Boys vs. St. Brendan at 2:20 p.m. at Pierce.

▲ CYO Ice Hockey - We now have 20 young men playing on our CYO Hockey Team. Our first league game was played on Dec. 16 vs. St. Theresa's of West Roxbury. We came from behind to capture a 5-4 win. Congratulations to the team. Their next game is this Saturday, Dec. 23 at 1 p.m.

▲ Roller Skating Party During Christmas Vacation - The next outing to Rollerworld in Saugus will be on Thursday, Dec. 28. Buses will leave St. Catherine's Church at 3:45 p.m. and return at 7 p.m. We will skate from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person and includes transportation, skate rental and admittance. You may bring your own rollerblades. A snack bar is available. Parents and other adults are more than welcome. Tickets will be on sale Sunday, Dec. 10 at St. Catherine's Rectory.

▲ Three-Day Ski Trip - The CYO

will host a three-day ski trip from Friday through Sunday, Jan. 12-14. A bus will leave St. Catherine's at 4 p.m. on Friday and return around 7 p.m. on Sunday. We will ski two days at Sunday River in Bethel, Maine, and spend two nights at the Town & Country Motor Inn. The cost is \$180 per person which includes two nights lodging, a two-day lift ticket, three meals (two breakfasts and one dinner), transportation and ski rental. If you have your own skis, the cost is \$160. The deadline for leaving the deposit of \$50 and your name is Sunday, Dec. 31 at St. Catherine's Rectory. We need at least 30 skiers to make

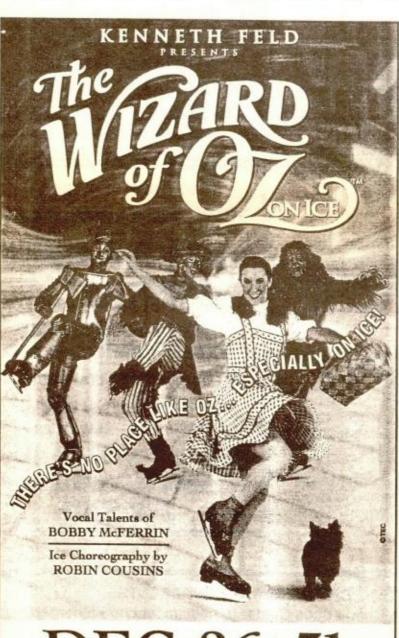
this trip a reality. The trip is restricted to those 13 years of age and up.

▲ Building A Mile Of Pennies - Each year, during the four weeks of Advent, St. Catherine's Parish collects pennies (rolled or unrolled) from all parishioners and friends. These pennies are put toward trips for our altar servers who sacrifice much of their time to be present at our services.

The money from the mile of pennies has subsidized each altar server's trip. Your contributions may be brought to the rectory at any time or you may call the rectory at 242-1750 and I will have them picked up at your home.

Charlestown Gym Hockey Update

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As I wish you and your families, my friends, the most beautiful Christmas Day and season ever, I've been thinking about that star that shone so bright. I am also thinking about the star(s) that shine so bright around our town and neighborhood. Through your love, care and actions, you truly understand what His birthday is really all about. You shine just as bright because you are the meaning of Christmas. You light the way for so many, and you continue to shine all year round. You always find room at the inn. Where you are there is, and always will be, Christmas.

May this season be as bright as all our beautiful Christmas Stars, and may the light from the Christmas Star shine on each of you throughout the New Year.

A special wish to all of you away from home: You are very special people, and very special friends, and you are especially thought of during this time of year. May you also be brightened by the light of the Christmas Star, and please have a Merry Christmas.

◆ Mentor's Luncheon . . . The annual Christmas Mentor's Luncheon for Charlestown High mentors and hosted by Liberty Mutual, took place on Dec. 14. Participating Charlestown High students were: Adote Akpabie, Dennis Person, Ernesto Linares, Dede Arroyo, Eristine Egidio, Jesse Lebron, Andres Kwong, Elias Ortiz, Oanh Le, Thu Hang Nguyen, Heather Hallorani, Juan Santos, Kevin Macomber, Boris Santos, James Greatorex, Mohammed Karna Kamara, Choyah Hendrickson, Jing Ya Liu, Jason Chiu and Phong Lu.

ADSL Basketball . . . Andy Puopolo-Charlestown Pride will have a team in the All Dorchester Sports League 17 & under basketball league, which will take place at the Dan Marr Boys & Girls Club beginning Sunday, Jan. 7. Boys 14, 15, 16 and 17 years of age will be eligible to sign up. If you are interested, and willing to make a solid fullseason commitment, see me at the Boys & Girls Club during the Christmas school break. The roster will be limited.

♦ Charlestown High Lites... The winter sports season has begun and the Townies are off and running. Watching the action from a much different perspective this season, I have noted a very enthusiastic group of young men and women led by an equally enthusiastic and very qualified coaching staff. Charlestown will be heard from come tournament time.

For openers, the Girls Basketball Team shook up South Boston tipping the City Pointers 40-37. Nicole Matson's 23 points led the Charlestown scoring attack.

Members of the Girls Basketball Team are: Aliana Antoine, Isha Bland, Sharelle Davis, Natalina DePina, Claressa DuBerry, Alexandre Duperual, Detricka Gayle, Chayah Hendrickson, Ronnette McFarland, Gina Mendes, Nicole Matson, Verma Oquendo, Sonia Roach, Tuva Silcatt and Roxanne Wade.

The Boys Basketball Team goes into the week at 2-0 solidly defeating Arlington 76-38 and Dracut 52-38. Scott Clark's 25 points and Anthony Walker's 20 points were the top scorers in the Arlington opener. Gamel Gaitor and Ed Walker chipped in 11 each as the JV topped Arlington 78-58

Members of the Boys Basketball Team are: Nick Souffrant, Anthony Walker, Scott Clark, Desmond McDuffie, Hugh Coleman, Ian Urquhart, Mark Roberts, Ed Walker, Mike Thompson, Lamont Harris, Jamal Gaitor, Mike Perryman, Jethro Ellison, Mike Coleman, Les Robinson, Dave Adamon, Cedric Warren, Lewis Ramos, DeLineau Luc, Eric Powell, Aaron Clark, Mitchill McCraskey, Damen Graham, Larry Taylor and Ruben Jean.

Despite an opening day 6-5 loss to Latin Academy, the Hockey Townies played a great game losing in the closing minutes. Charlestown goals were scored by Pat Walsh, Ricky Evers, Joe Tallent, Jamie Hutchins and Tim Warren.

Members of the Varsity Hockey Team include: Paul Hennessey, Mike Sweeney, Jamie Hutchins, Tim Warren, Joe Tallent, Pat Lacey, Pat Walsh, Tim Monaco, Steve

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♦ High School Notebook . . . Don Bosco pucksters are off to a great start. The Hockey Bears have defeated Durfee, East Boston and Boston Latin. The Eastie and Latin wins were part of the first annual Chris Iannella Memorial Hockey Tournament hosted by Don Bosco at UMass-Boston. Bosco goaltender Dave McMullen was named Tournament MVP. Charlestown members of the Bosco Varsity Team are Danny Awbrey, Mike Upton, Chris Lent and Shane Coleman. Boston Latin Varsity Townies are Jimmy Mahoney and Kevin Roache.

Boston Latin Academy is also off to a good start defeating Charlestown 6-5, and stunning East Boston 7-0. Townie-LA hockey members are Chris Breen, Danny Murphy, Peter Golden and Kevin Golden.

Mike Woods is a member of the Madison Park hockey team.

On the hoop side, Nick Smith's Boston Latin Team is 2-0. Mike Collins' Bosco Bears were tipped by Dedham, and way down south, Andrew Ray has found happiness at Cape Cod Tech. CCT is 2-1, and Andrew is averaging 12 points per game.

◆ Pro Line . . . Keith Tkachuk's Winnipeg crew dropped to 14-15-3 over the weekend. The Jets were defeated by Chicago 3-1. Keith looks good in the All-Star balloting and it would be a great homecoming since the All Star Game

will be taking place at our FleetCenter in January.

Tommy Fitzgerald's Panthers moved back into first place in the Atlantic Division. Florida topped Tampa 7-2 and now posts a 23-8-2 record.

♦ Newtowne Christmas Stroll . . . The third annual Newtowne Christmas Stroll was a tremendous event, and the eyes of the youngsters told it all as they met the Claus Family, who dropped by in a pre-Christmas visit checking on all boys and girls and taking down last minute requests. Terry Ring and her great committee did another fine job in organizing the event, and she would be very proud of all her Santa teen helpers, who came down to help out. My thanks to all the great teens who once again didn't let us down. The teens are members of the Andy Puopolo-Charlestown Pride Club.

♦ Tidbits . . .

- Birthday best to Brian Houlihan.
- Melissa Morrissey has become an authority on Christmas Trees.
- Alarm clocks would be a great gift for many Charlestown students this Christmas - right Mark?
 - Joe Burns, no more basketball pump fakes.
- Marc Russell should get an A+ in his new Phys. Ed. class at CHS.
- Shane Fisher, please practice your foul shots during the school break.
 - Monique, how are the donuts at Lori Ann's?

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Mayor Names Canavan Housing Advisor

Mayor Thomas M. Menino recently appointed Patricia A. Canavan of Charlestown, housing advisor for the administra-

Menino says, "Pat has been working extensively on housing issues, focusing on everything from rental, lease purchase, and direct sale projects to looking into bank lending practices, bank disclosure, and technical assistance programs. She has shown an interest in getting involved in all aspects of the issue. The city of Boston will be well-served by Pat because she truly feels for the people she works for and

leaves no stone unturned when looking for ways to help them."

Canavan has been working as a community development consultant and specialist for such groups as Teamworks, Inc. and the N.J. Affordable Housing Network. Previously, Canavan held the position of program officer for the Local Initiatives Support Corp. in Boston for four years, focusing on community-based development corporations.

From 1983 to 1990, Canavan was program officer for the Enterprise Foundation in Maryland and had the responsibility

for evaluating property management systems and helping tenants obtain housing. In 1982 and early 1983, Canavan was program coordinator for the Boston Neighborhood Preservation Program, and from 1979 until 1981 she served as director of research and community outreach for the Mass. Urban Reinvestment Advisory Group.

Canavan received her masters from Tufts University Department of Urban and Environmental Policy in 1980 and her bachelor's from the Harvard University Extension Program in 1978.

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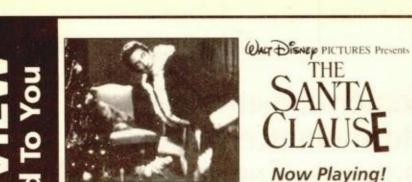
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 Arts & Crafts - Wednesday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Flower Arrangements - Thursday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Ceramics - Monday and Thursday, noon to 3 p.m., Sally Karos

Beano - Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 12:30 p.m., Sheila Walsh

· Lunch - Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, noon, Sheila Walsh

Knit & Crochet - Friday, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

· Liquid Embroidery - Monday, 10 a.m. to noon, Reed White

UPCOMING TRIPS

 On Friday, Dec. 29, there will be a First Night Celebration for seniors from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Transportation will be provided free! Sign up with Snuggles.

BUS TO STOP & SHOP

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

HOUSING, EDUCATION & INFORMATION SERVICE

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

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

The Kennedy Center Services At Community Sites

100 Ferrin St. For Seniors Only

55 Bunker Hill St. Drop-in Resource Center

Tuesday, Dec. 26 Closed

Wednesday, Dec. 27 9:15 a.m. - Bus to Stop & Shop

Thursday, Dec. 28

9 a.m. - Coffee 9:30 a.m. - Swim at the YMCA

9:30 a.m. - Sitting Cises 10 a.m. - Plastic Embroidery/Crochet

11:30 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch 12:45 p.m. - Bingo

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PLAN AHEAD DATES:

Jan. 17 - January Birthday Party - 11:30 a.m.

Friday, Dec. 22 8:30 to 10 a.m. - Coffee 10 a.m. - * Seniorobics 11:30 a.m. - * Kit Clark Lunch 12:45 p.m. - Bingo

Monday, Dec. 25 Closed - Merry Christmas

* for seniors only

Tuesday, Dec. 26 Closed

Wednesday, Dec. 27 9:30 a.m. - Stop & Shop Bus 11:30 a.m. - * Kit Clark Lunch

12:45 p.m. - Bingo

Thursday, Dec. 28

8:30 to 10 a.m. - Coffee 9 a.m. - Drop-In Goal Setting Group

with Linda Hudson 9:30 a.m. - Stop & Shop Bus 11 a.m. - Benefit Assistance

with Colleen Justice

Jan. 3 - Work Works - 5:30 p.m. Jan. 23 - Hypothermia - noon

Happy December Birthday to Dot Durant, Pearl Fielding, Herb Baker, Katherine Bryant, Mary Devlin, Lillian Fopiano, James Keane, Jack Kelly, Kay Latremore, Emily Lyons, Mary Madden, Mary Maheigan, Ellen McNamee, Conchetta Rinaldi, Laura Settipani, Anna Smith, Lillian Thomas and Mary Walsh.

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Thank You For Your Warm Welcome

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Thank you so much for your warm welcome as I begin my challenging days at Charlestown High School as headmaster.

I look forward to cooperation and collaboration with all of you through the years. Making Charlestown High School an exemplary urban school is a common goal.

Sincerely, Marilyn Hurwitz Headmaster

Thank You, Townie Santa

Townie Santa,

Thank you. Christmas with Townie Santa is like when I was a young girl. I felt happiness, love and excitement with all the gifts.

Thank you Santa and his helpers, one and all. Dinner was delicious!

R.B.

Everyone's Invited!

Dear Townies and Friends,

I am writing to invite you to a tree lighting ceremony at Hayes Square on Sunday, Dec. 24 at noon.

I am especially asking any children that can, to make an ornament for the tree, and also requesting donations of cookies or cakes. The Bunker Hill Tenants Task Force will supply the coffee and hot chocolate.

For anyone who is unable to attend, I would like to extend my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

> Sincerely yours, Mary E. MacInnes, chairperson Bunker Hill Tenants Task Force and Board of Directors

Many Thanks To All

Many thanks are being extended to the Daughters of Isabella #1 and to the Bunker Hill Council #62 Knights of Columbus for their concern regarding the following situa-

On Saturday, Dec. 9, the Charlestown Red & White Cab, located on Terminal Street, and the Green Cab, located in Somerville, were called continuously from 6 to 8:15 p.m. for transportation to the Christmas Social being conducted by the Daughters of Isabella #1 at the K. of C. Hall. NO CABS EVER ARRIVED to take four Charlestown residents (one of them physically handicapped), to the K. of C. Hall. The reason for this transportation was that last Saturday night was very snowy, rainy and stormy.

While the four senior citizens waited in vain, the cab companies put these requests at the bottom of their priority list. Why? Because it was just a short haul (one section of Charlestown to another section) which would not generate as much money as the longer haul gets on this stormy night. This is very unfair and discriminatory.

Many, many thanks are also extended to Paul Herrick, a K. of C. member, who was very kind and thoughtful to come after us and to also bring us back home at the conclu-

Also, many thanks to Sandra Griffin, a Charlestown caterer, who had thoughtfully kept our meals hot for our arrival at 8:30 p.m. Dinners had already been completed by the other guests. It was a delicious meal, thoroughly enjoyed, after many phone calls and waiting for over two hours for cabs that never arrived.

It is quite evident that word-of-mouth about this episode will spread throughout Charlestown promptly.

> Sincerely, C. Chase, A. Collins, M. Edwards and M. Little



LEGAL NOTICE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Massachusetts Port Authority invites submission of proposals from qualified persons or firms interested in entering into a Master Lease, Development, and Concession Agreement for the development, leasing, marketing and management of the news and specialty retail concessions in Terminal C at Boston-Logan International Airport. The agreement will be for a period of ten (10) years. Sealed proposals will be received by the Massachusetts Port Authority at or prior to 2 p.m. local time on Monday, February 5, 1996 at the Executive Offices of the Authority, State Transportation Building, Fourth Floor, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116. A pre-submission conference will be held on Thursday, January 4, 1996 at 10 a.m. at the State Transportation Building, Second Floor Conference Room Nos. 2 and 3, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, Massachusetts. Questions asked at that conference will be answered at that time or as promptly as possible thereafter. Proposal documents may be obtained at the office of Ms. Debra Mattar, Manager of Airport Properties, Airport Business Office, Old Tower Building, Second Floor, Logan International Airport, East Boston, MA 02128 (Tel: 617 561-1663). The Authority is soliciting competitive proposals pursuant to a determination that such a process best serves the interest of the Authority and not because of any legal requirement to do so. The Authority reserves the right to accept any proposal, to modify or amend with the consent of the Proposer any proposal prior to acceptance, to reject any or all proposals, to waive any informality and to effect any agreement otherwise, all as the Authority in its sole judgment may deem to be in its best Michael Grieco, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

Thanks To The Sweeney Family

Dear Gloria,

I wish to thank the Sweeney family for making my Thanksgiving Day a special one. I was all alone and it was just so wonderful to see such caring, compassionate people.

My son dropped in later on, and he was so ill that he ended up again at Mass. General Hospital. He has aplastic anemia. I wrote Mother Angelica and asked her to place my son's name and Ryan's name on her prayer list. Aplastic anemia is similar to leukemia. My son is registered at both bone marrow banks. I pray for a miracle for both my son and Ryan. God bless you all, F. Reddington

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If you are audited, you must be able to produce a paper copy of any record, so safe storage and labeling are very important. Keep two copies of any magnetic tape or disk, with one copy stored offsite in a fireproof box or safe. Make sure you label your records clearly with the year and description of the data, and always include a date for disposal. Because you must be able to produce a copy of the data on request, be careful if you upgrade your software or change systems during the retention period. You may have to convert your stored data to the new system, or retain a copy of the original software if that is easier.

The IRS also requires you to keep documentation of the system that generated the records. If you use an off-the-shelf system, the instruction manuals that come with the software should suffice. However, if you build or modify your own system, don't forget to document how it works and how it interacts with other systems to produce your

And remember, even if most of your records are stored electronically, you may still need to save some paper documents such as invoices or expense

Contact our office if you'd like more infor-

NICHOLAS C. PINO, Certified Public Accountant 12 Austin Street Charlestown, MA 02129 (617) 242-2345

THE CHARLESTOWN POLICE LINE



For more information regarding arrested individuals, contact Community Service Officer Bill Smith, 343-4627

From the desk of Capt. Ronald X. Conway, Commander, District A-1, **Boston Police Department**

Sunday, Dec. 10

A man reported that person(s) unknown broke into his car, which was parked on Main Street, and stole approximately \$50.

A man reported that during the night, person(s) unknown broke into his apartment on Walford Way and stole a CD

At 5:55 a.m., officers arrested a white male resident on Mt. Vernon Street for possession of a class "B" substance.

An employee of the Dearborn Academy in the Navy Yard reported that person(s) unknown stole two computers from the school.

A woman reported that three unknown males stole her handbag from her while she was opening her door on Bartlett Street.

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Monday, Dec. 11

An employee reported that person(s) unknown broke into Tuttle's Cleaners and stole money from the cash regis-

Tuesday, Dec. 12

A man reported that during the night person(s) unknown stole a table saw from his house on Bartlett Street.

Wednesday, Dec. 13

A woman reported that sometime during the day, person(s) unknown broke into her house and stole a Bianchi 18-speed bike and a CD cassette player.

A man stated that person(s) unknown flattened all four tires on his car that was parked on Main Street.

Friday, Dec. 15

A man reported that person(s) unknown broke into his house on Adams Street and stole money and jewelry.

A woman reported that a white male posing as a Boston Gas Co. worker stole \$20 from her. This incident occurred on Brighton Street.

Saturday, Dec. 16

At 7:15 p.m., officers from the Boston Housing Police arrested a white male resident on Carney Court for possession of heroin.

A man reported that person(s) unknown broke into his house on Medford Street while he was on vacation and stole

At 11:40 p.m., officers arrested a white male on Alford Street for operating under the influence.

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Children's Film Program

The Film Program for Children will be presented at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St. on Tuesday, Dec. 26 at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

The features will be "Carrot Nose," a tale in which children build a snowman at their Grandma's house . . . "Disney's Wonderful World of Winter" is the story of Stanley the Snowman, who gives a tour of winter . . . and two ice ghosts make people cold during the winter in "Two Frosts."

A poor, homeless girl sells matches on the street in "The Little Match Girl," shown only at 3:30 p.m.

Suggested good books to read are The Summer Snowman by Gene Zion and Katy and the Big Snow by Virginia Lee Burton.

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(photo courtesy of U-Mass Boston)

The Officers, Members and Trustees of the **Daughters of Isabella #1**

would like to take this opportunity to thank our friends for their support throughout 1994 and 1995. TOGETHER we have made the world a little brighter!

> May you and yours have a Holy & Joyous Christmas Holiday!

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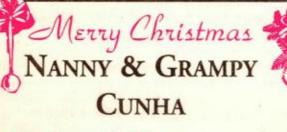
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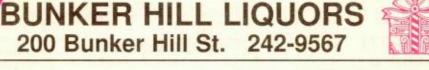
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Heineken case, 24 loose bottles Molson - Golden, Light & Ice case, 2 12-pack bottles

Bud Ice case, 30-pack suitcase Harpoon Ale - All Flavors 24 12-ounce bottles

Pete's Wicked Ale 24 12-ounce bottles Becks Beer 24 loose 12-ounce bottles

O'Doul's Non-Alcoholic Beer case, 2 12-pack cans

\$9.99 plus deposit \$14.99 plus deposit

\$14.99 plus deposit \$13.99

\$13.99 plus deposit

\$13.99 plus deposit Ale \$17.99

\$8.79 plus deposit \$18.99

\$18.99 plus deposit \$15.99 plus deposit \$13.99

\$19.99 plus deposit \$18.99

\$18.99 plus deposit

\$12.99 plus deposit

STILL WINES & CHAMPAGNES

Harvey's Bristol Cream 750 ml. \$9.99
Taylor California Cellars \$6.59
3 liter (all except White Zin.)
Sebastiani Country Wines 1.5 liter \$6.99

Moët White Star 750 ml. \$21.99

Domaine Chandon

Brut & Blanc de Noir 750 ml. \$11.99

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M & R Asti Spumante 750 ml. \$8.99

Great Western 750 ml. \$5.99

Extra Dry, Brut, Pink, Blanc de Blanc

Robert Mondavi Woodbridge
White Zin. & Sav. Blanc case, 1.5 liter \$43.95

Cab. Sav. & Chardonnay case, 1.5 liter \$58.95

Sonoma Vendage Wine 750 ml. 3 for (Chardonnay, W. Zin., Merlot, Cab. Sav.) \$11.99

Fetzer Sundial Chardonnay 750 ml. \$5.99 Simi Chardonnay 750 ml. \$11.99

Mumm's Cuvee Napa Brut 750 ml. \$11.99
KAHLUA COMBO

4-pack 200 ml. \$4.99 / case \$25.99

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