



Merry Christmas To All . . .

**Capture The Christmas Spirit –
Be A 'Townie Santa' On Sunday, Dec. 22**

"Townie Santa" will be visiting 100 of Charlestown's elderly, needy shut-ins on Sunday morning, Dec. 22 to deliver boxes of Christmas gifts and a hot turkey dinner.

Santa may be any one of several dozen neighbors who will devote this morning to sharing the spirit of Christmas with those who are unable to be up and about. Delivery of the

boxes will begin at 11 a.m. from the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

Persons with cars as well as those who do not have cars are needed for this important task. Those who do not have their own transportation will be paired with a driver to assist in the delivery.

Perishable items will be added to the boxes on Sunday morning, starting at 9 a.m. Several

volunteers are needed at this early hour to assist with the final packing.

All residents, whether newcomers or long-time Townies are invited to be Townie Santas on Sunday. Adults, teens and children are all welcome.

Take an hour on Sunday, Dec. 22 to share in the spirit of Christmas – be a Townie Santa.



Thank You,

CHARLESTOWN

Customers, Clients, Friends & Neighbors
in making 1996 a

MONUMENTAL

year for us!

**YOUR TRUST,
CONFIDENCE & SUPPORT
ARE TRULY APPRECIATED!**

In celebration and to show our appreciation, we are having a drawing and **10** lucky people will be awarded a crisp



just in time for Christmas! We will also be giving out **FREE** Candy Canes to all good little (and big) boys and girls! Please stop by our office at 85 Warren St., today and tomorrow, to register to win and pick up your



The drawing will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 20
You do not have to be present to win • No purchase necessary

MONUMENTAL CHRISTMAS DRAWING

Name: _____ Tel. _____
Address: _____
Check One: I have been naughty I have been nice

Monument Properties

85 Warren St. • Charlestown

617-241-5900

'We're Having Breakfast With Santa'



IT WAS A SPECIAL BREAKFAST . . . It was Breakfast with Santa. Youngsters gathered in Bishop Lawton Hall of St. Francis de Sales Church on a recent Sunday morning and enjoyed games, fun, breakfast and an opportunity to talk to Santa. Shown at the left is Kayla DeRosa with Santa (aka Jimbo Tucker), and on the right Matthew and Tommy Johnson fill Santa's lap. (photo by Kathy Whitehouse)

Warning Tickets Being Issued

The Boston Transportation Department (BTD) has announced that sign

installation for the new Resident Parking Program slated for Charlestown is

completed. Warning tickets will be issued by BTD Parking Enforcement Officers beginning today, Thursday, Dec. 19 with actual parking tickets issued for violation of the Resident Parking restric-

GREEN CAB

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24-Hour Service
625-5000

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Holiday Schedule . . .

The New Year's edition of **The Charlestown Patriot** will be in the stores on Monday, Dec. 30. The **absolute** deadline for news and advertising is Thursday, Dec. 26 at noon.

The regular schedule resumes the week of Jan. 6. Please plan ahead.

Happy Holidays To All . . . The Staff Of The Patriot



**The Charlestown
PATRIOT**
and Somerville Chronicle
AN INDEPENDENT WEEKLY

**One Thompson Square
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Local news and photos are always welcome. This newspaper is not responsible for the return of photos sent for publication. Copy that is not signed will not be published.

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

CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

this week at a glance

Thursday, Dec. 19

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

• 7 p.m. - "Townie Santa" Packing Night - Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

Friday, Dec. 20

• 10 a.m. - Adult Discussion Group and Preschool Story Hour on

"Celebrating The Holidays Together" - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• 7 p.m. - "Townie Santa" Fruit Packing Night - Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

Saturday, Dec. 21

• 1 p.m. - "Angels, Fireflies and Lambs" and "The Littlest Angel" - Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill St.

Sunday, Dec. 22

• 11 a.m. - Delivery of Baskets for Townie Santa - from the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

Tuesday, Dec. 24

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

Wednesday, Dec. 25

Merry Christmas!

upcoming events

Friday, Dec. 27

• 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Create your own 1812 U.S. Navy hat for youngsters 5 and up - USS Constitution Museum, Charlestown Navy Yard

• 6 to 8 p.m. - Family Fun Night - Charlestown Community Center,

255 Medford St.

Monday, Dec. 30

• 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Create your own 1812 U.S. Navy hat for youngsters 5 and up - USS Constitution Museum, Charlestown Navy Yard

Tuesday, Dec. 31

• 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. -

Children's Films - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

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

Wednesday, Jan. 1

Happy New Year!

plan ahead

Saturday, Feb. 22

• 7 p.m. - \$5,000 Drawing Dinner-Dance to benefit

Charlestown Catholic Elementary School - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.



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

• 10:30 a.m. to noon - Women's Recovery Group session, Kennedy Center, Old Kent School, 23A Moulton St.

Fridays

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

First and Third Sundays

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

Mondays

• 2 to 5 p.m. - Mayor's Office Hours with Judy Evers, regional coordinator, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St. **Note: There will be no office hours on Mondays, Dec. 23 and 30.**

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

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

Mondays And Fridays

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

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

• 5 to 7 p.m. - Charlestown Ecumenical Food Pantry open, Memorial Hall, 14 Green St.

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

KERRIGAN'S FLOWER SHOP

223 Main Street 242-1300

CASH & CARRY SPECIALS . . .

Poinsettia Plants

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**Christmas Centerpieces
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3 P.M. - 2 A.M.



No Personal Checks



*Happy
Holidays!*

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Charlestown

*"We are back"
to celebrate New Year's Eve with you!*

K. of C. Hall

Tuesday, Dec. 31 • 8 p.m.-1 a.m.

Tickets are \$20 per person or \$35 per couple

\$175 for reserved tables.

Cash Bar • Favors • Hot & Cold Buffet

Music by D.J. Dennis Moore

For tickets or tables, call Rick Walsh or Paul Herrick

at 242-0062 or Billy Boyle at 242-2391

Tickets must be paid for in advance. Don't be shut out.

No tickets sold at door! ☆ Must be over 21

McLaughlin House Seeking 'Secret Santa Friends' For Children

The Dennis McLaughlin House of Charlestown, Inc., is a transitional program for women and their children, in recovery from substance abuse. The program is located in the Armed Services YMCA in the Charlestown Navy Yard and provides transitional housing for up to two years, as well as a wide range of health, mental health, educational, job training, employment, housing, cultural, recreational and social services through collaborations with over 30 other agencies in the Charlestown/Greater Boston community.

The McLaughlin House is planning a Christmas Party for its residential clients on Tuesday, Dec. 24. Last year, the program solicited presents for all of its clients through a number of social service agencies in the community. This year, however, those agencies are struggling financially and are not able to donate gifts for the clients.

In order to make this a "special Christmas" for the McLaughlin House children, the McLaughlin House is seeking people in the community who would like to act as "Secret Santa

Friends" by donating Christmas toys for the children of the McLaughlin House.

If you would like to donate, please drop off toys at the Patriot office before 5 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 23. Gifts may be submitted wrapped or unwrapped. If your gift is wrapped, please mark it with either "girl" or "boy" and add the appropriate age-range for each child.

The 11 boys and their ages are:

Daniel - 2 Amari - 2
 Domonic - 10 Mikey - 2
 Stevie - 2 Kairon - 3
 Paul - 9 Patrick - 10

Dom - 4 Ricky - 3
 John Michael - 1

The 10 girls and their ages are:

Deanna - 2 Haley - 2
 Melinda Lee - 3 months
 Jada - 16 months
 Janaia - 7 Elizabeth - 8
 Ronica - 10 Jaida - 5
 Dakota - 3 Chela - 4

On behalf of the McLaughlin House board, staff and clients, we thank you for your kind generosity and wish you a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year.

For further information, please call Cathy Qualitz or Sharon Paulo at 242-0251.

USS Constitution Sailors Give Young Swabs Lessons In Making Traditional Navy Hats

USS Constitution sailors will help young deck hands (ages 5 and up) create their own 1812 U.S. Navy hats at the USS Constitution Museum on Friday, Dec. 27 and Monday, Dec. 30, from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Using everyday materials, kids will reproduce the traditional black, banded

fedoras still worn by Constitution crew members today. When the kids finish, they can don their handiwork and wear them home!

The USS Constitution Museum's Sailor Hats! program is a staff-supervised, hands-on activity and will be held in the Museum's Figgie Theatre.

For school vacation week, museum admission will be free for children 16 and under when accompanied by an adult. All Sailor Hats! materials will be provided free.

Accompanying adults will be charged \$4 museum admission.

The "Kids Free" School Vacation Week Program is

made possible by generous grants from the Laurence A. Amot Educational Endowment, the William E. and Bertha E. Schrafft Charitable Trust, the Mass. Society of Cincinnati, the Yawkey Foundation and the National Park Service.

For more information, call the museum at 426-1812.



THE REAL ESTATE WEEKLY



Carolyn Sideman, Monument Properties

TIPS FOR FINDING GREAT TENANTS

When you buy an investment property, finding and keeping good tenants is very important. We've found that a little caution during the screening process can save a lot of headaches later on.


Many property owners rely on an intuitive sense of how a prospect feels to them. While this is an important aspect of a landlord's decision-making process, following up intuition with some fact checking is also definitely worthwhile. Have prospective tenants fill out an application giving employment references and the names and addresses of previous landlords. The application should also include written permission for you to run a credit check. In most areas, it is difficult and expensive to evict someone who turns out to be less than a model tenant. Only after you check their references and credit history should you make a commitment to allow them to move in. To keep good tenants, many successful investors charge slightly lower than market rents. They make it up in very low vacancy rates.

If there's a move in your future, the real estate professionals at Monument Properties are ready to serve you. Call us at 241-5900, or drop by our offices at 85 Warren St., Charlestown.

MONUMENT PROPERTIES



Merry Christmas
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 Love...
Kelli



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*Collier's Wishes Everyone
 A Merry Christmas And
 A Happy New Year!*

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 Special trim, feather bones removed **\$5.99 lb.**

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 U-15 lb. **\$9.99 lb.**

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 (Imitation) **\$5.99 lb.**

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 Our Own **\$3.99 lb.**

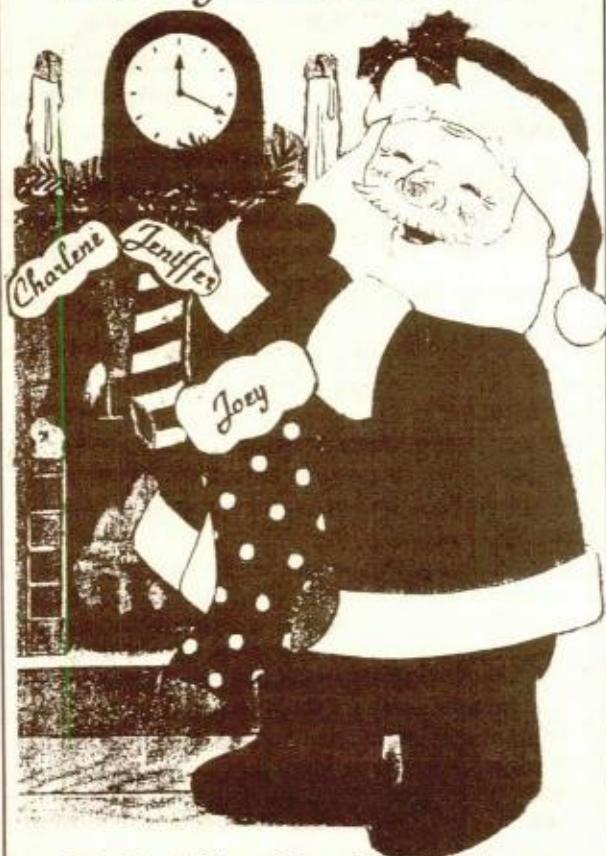
Order Now . . . Lamb Legs • Crown Roasts • Roast Beefs • Prime Rib, etc.
 All Prices Effective Through Dec. 31.

PARTY PLATTER SPECIAL
 \$2.75 per person - Includes
 all top cold cuts, potato salad and rolls
 10-person minimum




Season's Greetings
 from
MEGAN, ERICA, SELMA and TOM BIRMINGHAM

Merry Christmas



To Jeniffer, Charlene & Joey
Love... Dad,
Nana & Grandpa Fitz,
Dawn, Daniel & Dana

Touch of Irish

AT THE MALL
AT ASSEMBLY SQUARE
SOMERVILLE
For All Your
Last Minute Gifts!
Great Stocking Stuffers!

Spaces Available In Tiny Tots Program

The Charlestown Community Center has a limited number of seats available in its afternoon Tiny Tots Program. This program is for 4 year olds only.

If you would like more information or if you would like to register your

child for the program, please contact Debbie Lent or Alice Smith at 635-5177 or Bob McGann at 635-5169.

Due to the limited number of slots available, seats will be awarded by lottery. The deadline for registering is Dec. 31.

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. 24 at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

George goes shopping with the man with the yellow hat in "Curious George Goes Christmas Shopping"... a boy gives happiness to an older woman on Christmas Eve in "A Christmas Gift"... and

Santa and his toys bring Christmas joy to a household in "The Night Before Christmas."

A boy dreams that his snowman comes to life in "The Snowman," which will be shown only at 3:30 p.m.

Suggested good books to read are **The Snowy Day** by Ezra Jack Keats and **The Night Before Christmas** by Clement C. Moore.



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

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



♣ **Our Sincere Thanks...** go out to John Dillon, the Kennedy Center Senior Program and Court St. Jude #1123 CDA, for their holiday remembrances! ... thank you also to our friends who sent Christmas greetings ... your thoughtfulness is much appreciated.

♣ **Christmas Tree Reminder...** The Charlestown Boys & Girls Club continues its annual Christmas Tree sale in front of the High Street building ... The club is well-known for its outstanding array of trees and wreaths along with the personal attention of staff members, volunteers and teens ... and best of all, proceeds from the sale of the trees go to programs for our local youngsters ... Help the kids out by buying a tree or a wreath!

♣ **Holiday Birthdays Aboard...** and they begin on Dec. 21st with Carol Fitzpatrick celebrating her 77th birthday ... Dec. 22nd is shared by Lauren O'Hearn, Kathleen Evers and Mary Donahue ... Tim O'Connell and Rita Greco will party on Dec. 23rd ... Christmas Eve will be the big night for Sheila "Snuggles" Walsh ... Christmas Day is the birthday of Ginger Doherty ... Sally Finigan, a resident of the Mary Colbert Apartments, marks her birthday on Dec. 26th ... Dolly Hudson will celebrate 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!!!

♣ **Belated Birthdays Wishes...** to Leslie Frost who celebrated his birthday in the sunny south on Dec. 17th ... Hope it was a happy one!

♣ **A Special Holiday Greeting...** and get well wishes to Catherine O'Brien who is recuperating at her Oak Street home following surgery.

♣ **The CharlesNewtown Christmas Stroll...** will be aired on Cablevision channel A-23 tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 20th at 6 p.m., and on channel A-3 on Monday, Dec. 23rd at 8 p.m.

♣ **What Are You Doing New Years, New Year's Eve?** ... How about staying right here in town? ... Bunker Hill Council #62, Knights of Columbus is hosting a party on New Year's Eve, beginning at 8 p.m. ... For an evening of food, favors and fun it is a most reasonable price - just \$20 a person or \$35 a couple ... Don't be left out, make your reservation with Rick Walsh or Paul Herrick at 242-0062.

♣ **Restaurant Happenings...** Artisans is alive and well in the Bunker Hill Mall, offering the finest in coffee and tea in a bright, attractive setting ... The second annual Toys for Tots party at The Warren Tavern saw the collection of a truck load of toys for the program, so says Bob Seabury. Also, the Tavern is holding a New Year's Eve celebration with pickies, a buffet and entertainment for just \$20 per person ... And, how about an escape from the bah-humbug happenings of the holidays? One of the area's best kept secrets is just a short ride up Broadway in Somerville to number 76 and Vinnie's. Don't be fooled by the deli and subs sign, just go to the back of the store and you will find an Italian oasis, featuring Sicilian-style cuisine. Vinnie's is open for lunch Monday - Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., and dinner Tuesday - Saturday starting at 4:30. It's worth the trip up Broadway!

♣ **1997 Calendar Of "Art From The Heart"...** The calendar is the artwork and poetry created by homeless guests at the St. Francis House. Each month displays colorful expressions of the hopes, joys and pains of the poor and homeless who seek help at the shelter. Calendars can be bought by charging by telephone at 542-4211. Purchases of the calendar support the work of St. Francis House, New England's largest day shelter, whose mission is to care for those who cannot help themselves and to assist those who are capable of becoming self-reliant, functioning members of society.

♣ **The 23rd Annual Auto Palace World Of Wheels Motorsports Exposition...** will be held at Boston's Bayside Expo Center from Jan. 3rd through 5th. Show hours are 5 to 11 p.m. on Friday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is \$9 for adults, \$4 for children ages 4 to 12 and free for children under 4.

♣ **Thought For The Week...**

Have The Merriest Of Christmases!

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 1996.

TOGETHER we have made the world a little brighter!

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

1996 - 1997 Officers

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around the town

★ Neighborhood Council Meetings Monthly Meeting

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

Items on the agenda include a presentation by AT&T Wireless to erect an antenna on top of 30 Monument Square. Also, representatives of the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club will be on hand to outline the proposed renovation of its High Street facility.

Development Committee On Parcel R-87

Chairman Tom Cunha has announced that three proposals were submitted to the city's Public Facilities Department by the Nov. 13 deadline. The prospective developers will outline their plans at a meeting of the Development Committee at 7 p.m. on Jan. 9 at the America Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

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

★ **Community Office Hours** . . . Judy Evers, regional coordinator from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, will not be holding office hours on Mondays, Dec. 23 and Dec. 30 at the Charlestown Branch Library.

She will resume office hours on Monday, Jan. 6 from 2 to 5 p.m. to discuss problems and answer questions relative to city issues.

★ **Special Hours At The Post Office** . . . For your holiday mailing convenience, the Charlestown Post Office at One Thompson Square will be open for extended hours this Saturday, Dec. 21, from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. It will also be open on Sunday, Dec. 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

★ **Board Of Appeal Hearing** . . . A petition will be brought before the city of Boston Board of Appeal at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 7 in Room 801 at Boston City Hall:

• Kathleen E. Wright and Marie Goulin are seeking per-

mission to change the legal occupancy of 98 Baldwin St. from a one-family to a two-family dwelling. (BZC-18552)

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

★ Making A New Year's Resolution To Quit Smoking?

. . . The Mass. General Hospital Quit Smoking Service can help you succeed! They are offering an eight-session program which begins on Tuesday, Jan. 7 at 5:30 p.m. Some topics offered are: preparation for quitting, stress reduction without cigarettes, strategies for preventing weight gain and avoiding relapse. These can be combined with the nicotine patch or gum. A telephone support line, individual counseling and ongoing resources are available.

For more information about location and cost, call Jennifer at 726-7443.

★ Be A Tutor . . .

If you speak English, we need you. Students are waiting. Open orientation for volunteer English-as-a-Second Language (ESL) tutors with the City-Wide Friends of the Boston Public Library, Tuesday, Jan. 7 at 6:45 p.m. in the Mezzanine Conference Room, Central Library, Copley Square. For further information, contact CWF at 536-5400, ext. 341.

★ Central Artery/Tunnel Update . . .

Closure Of New Northern Avenue Bridge

The new Northern Avenue Bridge will be closed through Saturday, Dec. 21, except eastbound between 6 and 10 a.m. and westbound between 3:30 and 7 p.m.

Closure Of Cross Street

Cross Street will be closed between Atlantic Avenue

and Commercial Street from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. from now through Friday, Dec. 20.

★ **'Tis The Season** . . . Mayor Thomas Menino will present awards this evening, Thursday, Dec. 19, to this year's winners in the "Festival of Lights" competition. This is a city-wide contest that celebrates the holiday season and creative spirit of Boston.

The Charlestown winners in the contest are Kathleen and Vincent Taormina of 25 Salem St.

★ **Close Up Seeks Local Alumni** . . . The Close Up Foundation of Washington, DC wants to contact Mass. residents who have participated in its Washington government studies program. Former participants can join a nationwide alumni network involved in Close Up's work educating citizens about the democratic process.

"Since 1974, some 11,700 Mass. residents have traveled to Washington to take part in Close Up," said Linda Cottle, the foundation's manager of alumni relations. "In establishing an alumni network, we hope to involve these former participants in making programs available to even more people from Mass."

The Close Up Foundation is a nonpartisan organization which offers citizenship education programs for middle and high school students across the country. This year, an anticipated 25,000 middle and high school students and teachers will participate in Close Up programs in Washington, DC where they will develop a greater understanding of the American system of government and of current issues. Former Close Up students, teachers and staff members are asked to contact Cottle at 1-800-CLOSE UP ext. 659.

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CHRISTMAS 1996

White Chocolate Cheesecake

Luxurious and creamy, chocolate wafer crust and topped with white Belgian Chocolate shavings.

8-inch (serves 6-8) \$17.50
10-inch (serves 10-12) \$27.50

Christmas Provence Apple Tart

Tart Granny Smith apples layered over sweet apple filling. Baked in pastry crust.

10-inch (serves 10-12) \$20.50

Chocolate Raspberry Extravagance

A holiday version of our delicious dessert! We've added more raspberries inside and out.

Elegant choice!
8-inch (serves 6-8) \$17.50
10-inch (serves 10-12) \$27.50

Sweet Potato Chocolate Pie

A sweet potato custard filling with bittersweet chocolate nestled in a flaky crust.

\$14.50

Holiday Ginger Spice Cake

A three-layer spice cake with an applesauce filling and topped with rich ginger cream cheese frosting.

(serves 10-12) \$24.50

Cranberry Orange Bundt Cake

Our buttery pound cake loaded with cranberries, orange zest and baked bundt-style.

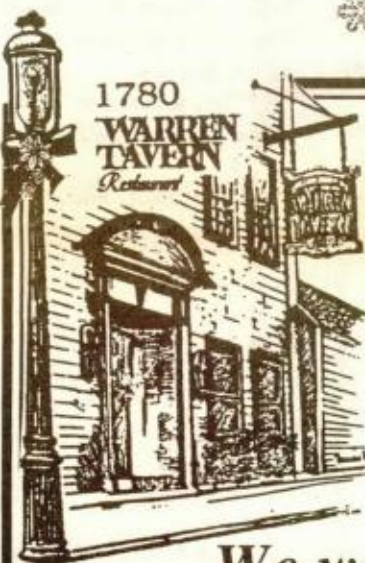
\$18.50

ORDERS TAKEN UNTIL 1 P.M.
ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22.
Thank You & Merry Christmas!

HOURS:

Monday, 6:30 am to 2 pm
Tuesday-Friday, 6:30 am to 5 pm
Saturday, 8 am to 3 pm Sunday, 8 am to 1 pm

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS
from
Roger & Bob Seabury
and
The Tavern Staff!

We would like to thank everyone
for supporting our
second annual Toys for Tots party . . .
thanks to your generosity, we were able
to provide a truck load of toys!

Join Us For . . .
NEW YEAR'S EVE

7 to 9 p.m. - Extensive Hors D'Oeuvres • 9 to 10:30 p.m. - Buffet

Entertainment by Matt Browne

Complimentary Champagne at Midnight

☆ \$20 per person . . . For reservations, call 241-8142 ☆

STOP BY AND TRY OUR NEW WINTER MENU!

THE WARREN TAVERN
Two Pleasant Street 241-8142

Reserved . . . Resident Parking Chairs?

by Lynn Peters

'Tis Christmas. The season for giving. Peace. Love for your fellow man. 'Tis the season for snow in Charlestown and . . . *whoa, whoa, whoa! That's my parking space!*

While every year there is much coffee shop talk and media chatter about the legality of it all, woe to those who heed not the warning of a neighbor's parking marker. Many a modern day battle has been waged along our streets. Some can get pretty scary, depending on how many times you have to bring out your modest shovel against the monster plows, which seem to, gleefully, yes, blissfully, bury you a full foot deeper on each pass. Expletives hang in the air; nasty notes on windshields of the unaware.

Parking in Charlestown is *serious* business. But, taking a risk here, right now we're able to laugh, a little, at our neighbors, at ourselves, before the real winter hits. Right?

Charlestown artist Ann Nall has captured the long-standing, or deep-seated, annual struggle for keeping that spot clear for your car. Nall, a newcomer, says she



CHARLESTOWN ARTIST ANN NALL

has never lived in a place where people stake their parking claims with such gusto until she moved to Charlestown a little more than two years ago.

"It was a hoot," she says of discovering the characters she depicts in her watercolors of actual Charlestown winter watchers. "Everybody's got a story about their chair."

The 47-year-old London native says she was enchanted by this Charlestown tradition. Subjects

were chosen from the "interesting-looking, funny, grungy, the too-elegant and the disgusting," Nall says. "I knew it would be a series."

A carefully selected 17 parking guardians are portrayed in Nall's 18x24 inch *Snow Chairs of Charlestown* poster, on sale just in time for Christmas for \$12. Nall is also donating some of the proceeds of her poster sales to the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club.

Among the original

paintings are our beach chairs, trash cans and those long ago rejected family furnishings brought up from the basement minus any usefulness except to sit as the road art they've become. If you don't recognize your own snow chair, you'll certainly see your neighbor's amusing, yet seriously intended, seasonal sentinel.

Nall says that the idea has been popular, having sold the original poster paintings plus six more. Nall says the poster appeals to everyone, from lifetime to newer residents.

"This has made me feel like I belong," she says. "I feel more connected. I've done something that people want."

Don't dismiss it that a market does exist. Imagine people requesting a painting of their chair, or sawhorse, or trash bucket.

A professional non-profit fund raiser by profession, Nall took art lessons for several years to relieve stress. She has only been painting for three years, which makes her *Snow Chairs of Charlestown* one of her first hits.

"The watercolor technique matches the skills I

have," she says. "It's a wonderfully freeing medium." Nall also says that she especially enjoys capturing the expressions of people's pets.

The intrigue of capturing small moments in time, such as creating portraits from otherwise inanimate doors and stoops and window sills, drew Nall to focus on Charlestown's unintentional winter art.

It was her long-time partner Bill's idea to create a poster from the original watercolors, an idea that has been exciting and fun for Nall. While she says

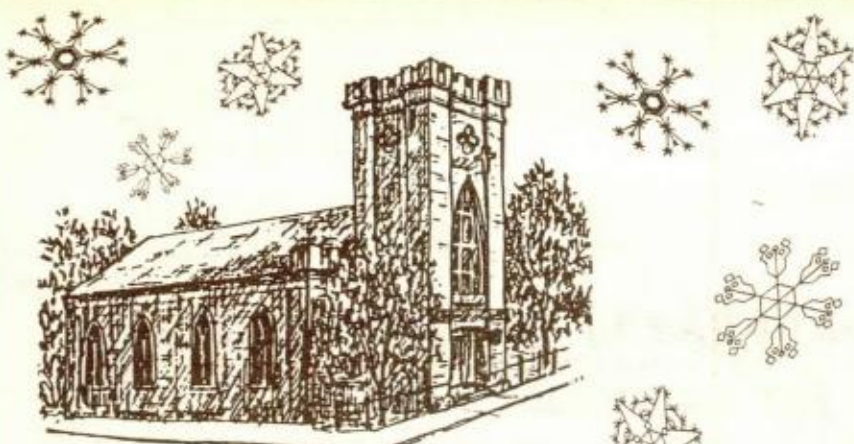
that one day she would like to support herself through art, right now she's just enjoying it.

"I don't escape from anything anymore, I go for pleasure now," Nall says of her art. "One day I'd like to be one of those grand old dames at 80, painting, being larger than life."

In this season of Nor'easters, it will be the chairs that are larger than life, our own little monuments to our everyday battle of the blizzard . . . and the idiot who would even *think* about parking in the spot I just shoveled.



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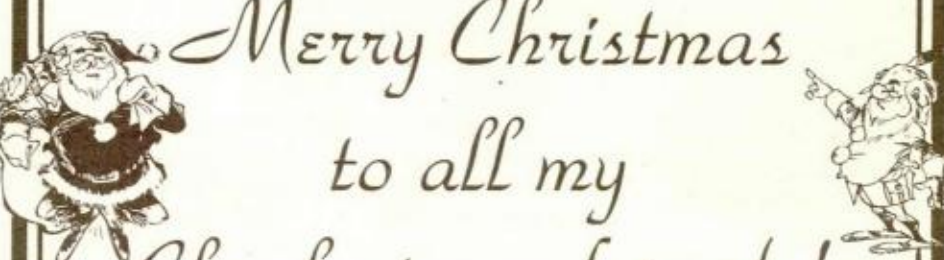
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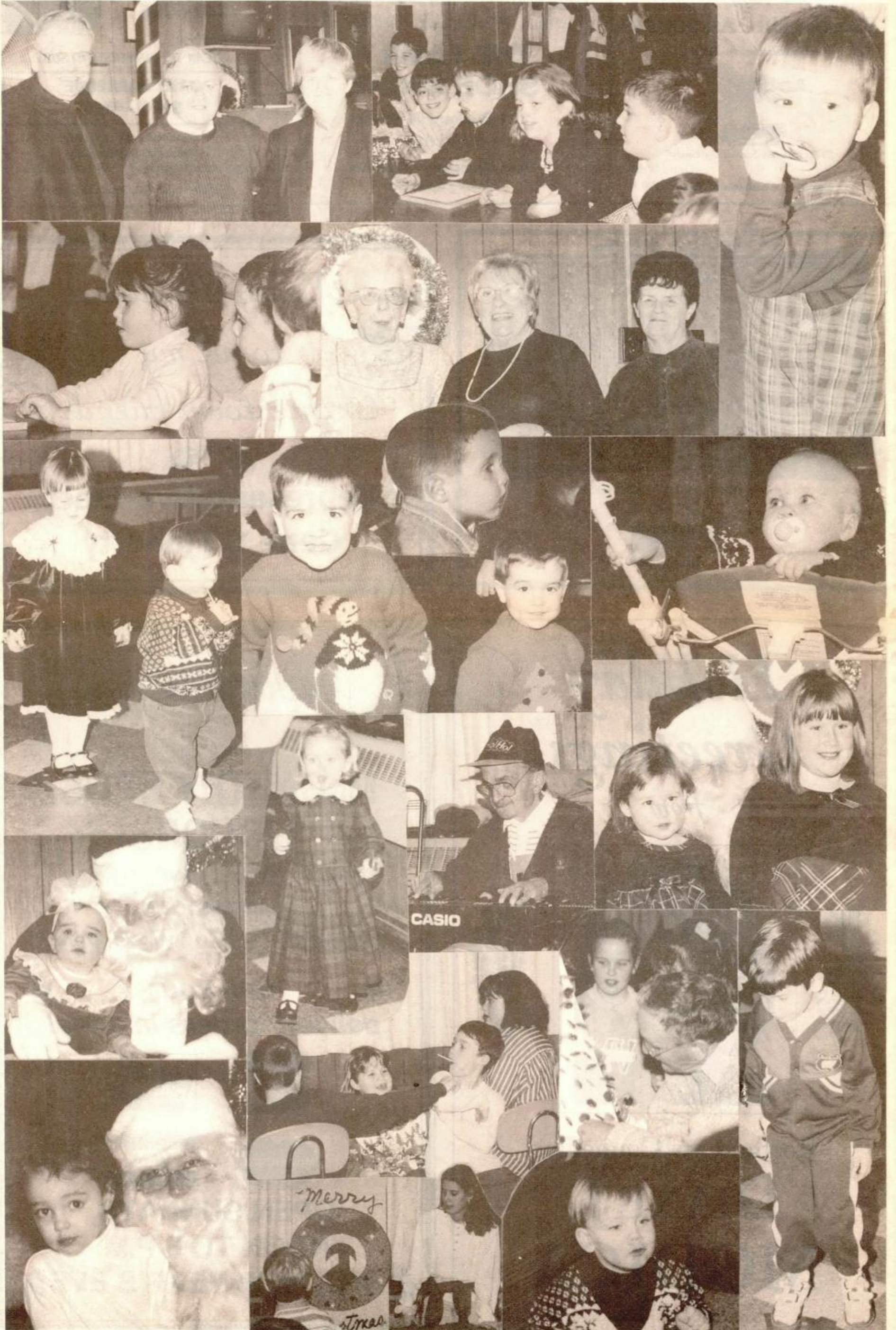
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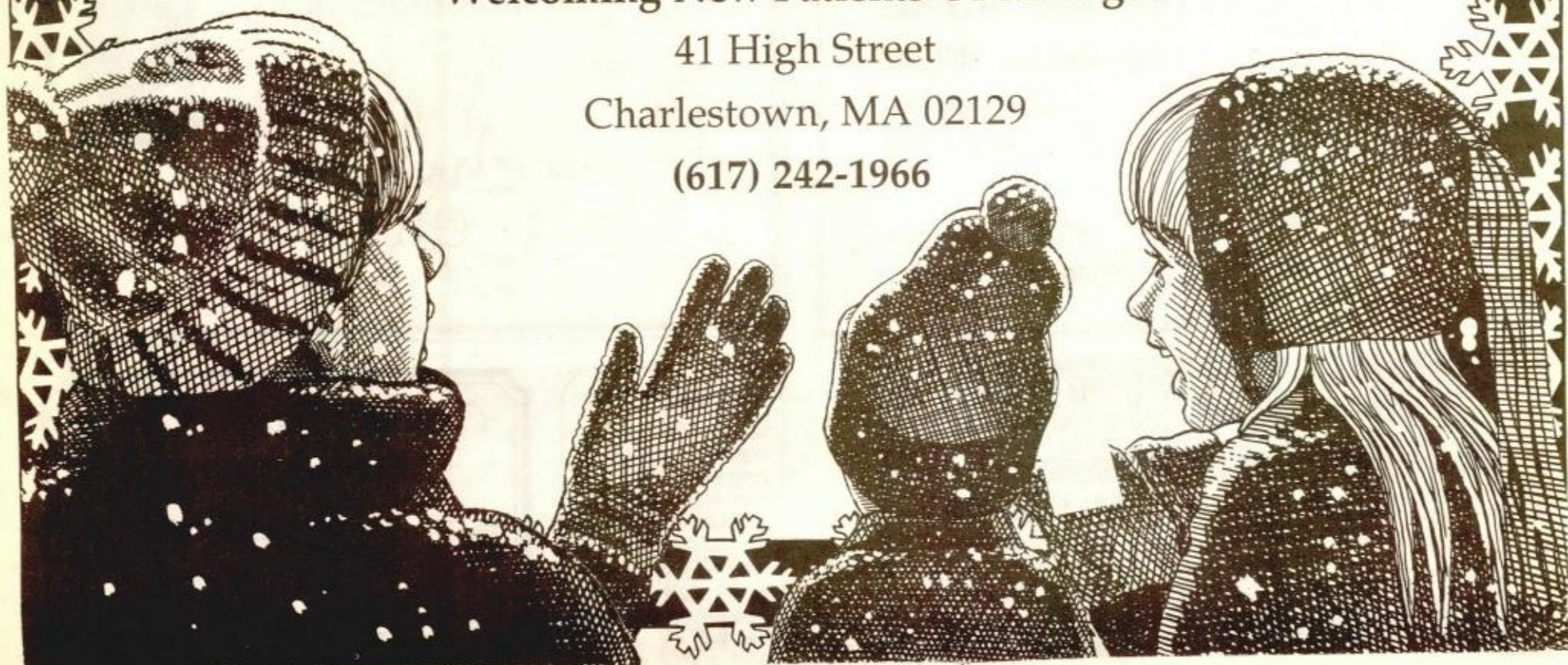
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Applicants must be Charlestown residents and have a high school diploma or GED to be eligible. Potential students are selected primarily on the basis of their willingness to complete the program.

The program is being offered through funding by Mass. General Hospital Community Benefits money.

Spaces are limited to the first 20 accepted residents, so apply immediately. Call Lynn Peters or Karl Smith at the Bunker Hill Community College office of Continuing Education and Business Opportunity at 228-2460 to apply before Friday, Jan. 3.

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tions beginning Monday, Dec. 30. A \$20 parking violation will be given to vehicles parked in resident spaces during the restricted time frame without an appropriate permit.

Signs reading **Resident Permit Parking Only, Monday Through Friday, 8 a.m. To 8 p.m.** have been hung on the following streets:

- Austin Street
- Devens Street
- Harvard Street
- Lawrence Street
- Old Rutherford Avenue
- Park Street
- Prescott Street
- Seminary Street
- Union Street
- Washington Street

Only vehicles bearing current Charlestown Resident Parking Permits in the bottom rear passenger window will be allowed to park in these spaces.

In addition to the designation of

resident parking only spaces, a total of 46 visitor parking spaces are being established throughout the restricted parking area. Signs heralding these spaces will read: **Visitor Parking, 2-Hour Limit, 8 a.m. To 8 p.m., Except Resident Permits.** Vehicles with Charlestown Resident Parking Permits are allowed to park in these spaces for extended periods of time. However, during the restricted time period, all other vehicles are restricted to parking a maximum of two hours at these locations.

Charlestown residents who live in the effected area should apply for a Resident Parking Permit now. Permits are distributed by the Office of the Parking Clerk, Room 224, City Hall. Residents, or their representatives, must apply for the permit in person, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:15 p.m., and Thursdays until 6:15 p.m.

All outstanding Boston parking tickets must be paid before a permit

will be issued.

The following two pieces of information must be presented at the Office of the Parking Clerk when applying for a permit:

• A valid Mass. automobile registration showing your car registered and principally garaged in your name from your current Boston address.

• One of the following proofs of residency bearing your name and Boston address. The proof of residency must be current - postmarked within the past 30 days: Gas, electric or telephone bill, cable television bill, monthly bank statement (excluding mortgage), credit card bill, water and sewer bill. In ensuing years, the permit renewal process can be completed by mail.

For more information on how to apply for a Charlestown Resident Parking Permit, please call the Office of the Parking Clerk at 635-4682.

- Tracey Ganiatsos
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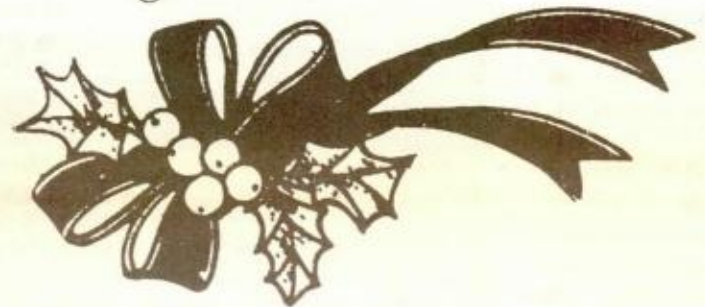


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It's A Girl . . .

Paul and Cathy Canney of Natick are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Caroline Mary, on Dec. 9. She weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces.

The paternal grandparents are Walter and Peg Canney of Baldwin Street, Charlestown.

On Honor Roll At Matignon

Gary R. LeFave, principal of Matignon High School, has announced the honor roll for the quarter.

Charlestown residents Jillian Doherty, class of 1997, Janelle DiFrummo, class of 1998 and Kelli Mahan, class of 2000, received honors for maintaining B- or above in all subjects.

Ward In Group Service Project At Regis

Stephanie Ward of Charlestown, a sophomore at Regis College, was a member of a team which tutored students at the Weston Middle School as part of a leadership class in one of eight group service projects at the Management Department at Regis College.

The team, the Lions, had to arrange the details of the tutoring, which included teaching Metco students in mathematics, science and English. The grade of the individual student was based on the project and written reports submitted upon completion of the project.

Ward is a graduate of St. Clement's High School.

Toys For Tots Party At The Warren Tavern



THE GENEROSITY of Charlestown residents was exhibited once again with an outpouring of Christmas cheer as hundreds of toys were donated to Toys For Tots at the second annual party for that program, sponsored by The Warren Tavern. Santa (whose identity remains a mystery . . . must have been the real one, not just a

helper) was on hand to thank the gathering. TOP ROW: At the left are Rose Sheehan, Dorothy O'Toole and Rose Lyman . . . On the right, giving their wish list to the Jolly Old Man are (l. to r.) Bob Seabury, Tavern owner; Santa; Tom Lyons, director of the New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans; and Roger Seabury, Tavern

owner. MIDDLE ROW: On the right are Maureen McCabe and John Collier . . . At the left (l. to r.) are three Marines, Lyons, Tom White and Jim Conway. BOTTOM ROW: At the left are (l. to r.) Maureen Stillman, Dodie Boyle and Bill McCabe . . . On the left (l. to r.) are Helen McLaughlin, Bob Kavanagh and Peg White.

St. Francis de Sales Happenings

Holy Name Society Scholarship Fund Raiser

We are grateful to all who supported this Scholarship Fund Raiser Turkey Raffle.

The winners of the 25 turkeys are: Bill King, Ed Connolly, Town Shade, Kay Agri, Kathy Andrea, Sandra Taylor, Elizabeth Rountree, Lyn Parziale, Dan Murphy, Dave Walsh, Mark Norris, Lilly Wouman, Whitey King, Virginia R. Muise, Bud Whelan, Bill Coleman, Collier's Meat &

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Beano Gift Certificates

Are you looking for a gift for someone who is hard to buy for this Christmas season? The Beano committee has gift certificates available in any denomination. Please contact Joan Rae at the rectory or at the Bea-

no on Saturday nights.

Christmas Mass Schedule

The Mass schedule for Christmas is: Christmas Eve at 4 and 7 p.m. and Christmas Day at 9 and 11 a.m. The Brass Ensemble will be at the 4 and 7 p.m. Masses.

New Years Mass Schedule

The Mass schedule for New Years Eve will be at 4 p.m., and on New Years Day at 9 and 11 a.m.

Put Your Old Eyeglasses To Good Use

The Charlestown Lions Club has recycled over 5,000 pairs of eyeglasses, making it possible for many who could not afford to buy eyeglasses to obtain them.

If you have any discarded or unneeded eyeglasses or sunglasses and would like to put them to good use, please give them to a local Lions Club member, drop them off at the Patriot office at One Thompson Square, or call Bud Coleman at 242-2063.

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• VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR FINAL PACKING •

The last of the Christmas boxes will be packed tonight, Thursday, Dec. 19, starting at 7 p.m. at the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St. Also, fresh fruit will be bagged on Friday, Dec. 20 - same time, same place.

A few volunteers are needed at 9 a.m. on delivery day to pack the perishable items.

Come on down - all are welcome!

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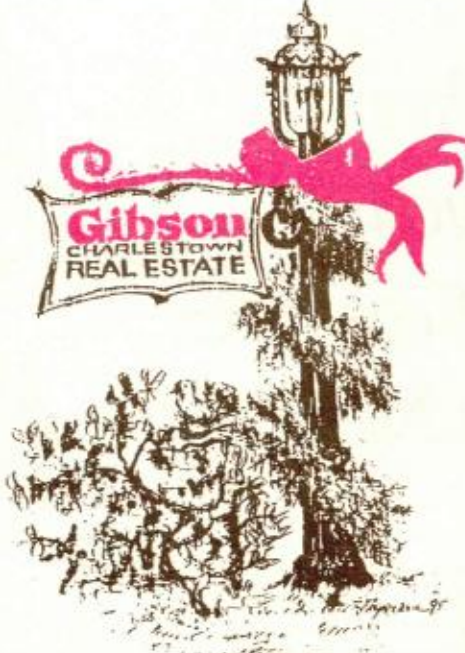
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Exce

by Charlie McGonagle

For a long time, Christmas had been very special to the man, but for the past several years, things had turned dramatically. The day just did not seem to carry the same significance for him as it did when he was younger. From the time of his childhood, when his parents had always made Christmas a memorable event, despite their limited means, right on through his earlier adult years when his own children were growing up, there was a certain, inexplicable feeling that always seemed to permeate the air during the Christmas season.

It was a time when people smiled, and it was a time when people gave, perhaps more than they could actually afford to give, but felt good in doing so. It was a time when even strangers said "hello," a time when doors were held open, a time when waiting cars were waved into busy intersections by motorists looking to be more kind to their fellow man, a time when lighted houses told passersby that Christmas had once again returned, a time when snow fell lightly, even if only in the minds of those whose thoughts of the season were incomplete without a touch of white, and it was a time of friends and of family.

With the death of his wife several years ago, and with his children, families of their own, scattered to cities far away, the man had come to know Christmas only as a time when cards and packages from those far away cities arrived in the mail. For him, what used to be, no longer was. The joy that the Christmas season once brought with it had, in recent years, been replaced with a touch of melancholy. He knew his

situation was not unique, that it was being shared with a number of other people in this world, but it was an emotion he did not care for, and it was one he privately vowed to do something about.

He would go home.

Some fifty years ago his work had taken him to another part of the country, and from that time, he had never returned to the town of his childhood, to the town where his parents had made each of the Christmas days of his younger years so memorable.

He had begun to plan his trip home a full year ago, and with each passing week, the anticipation grew. He had no family there, for all had either died or moved away, and he doubted that any of his childhood friends still lived in the town, and if they did, he was sure they would not recognize him, nor him they. But none of this mattered. What did matter to the man was that he was going home.

By October it had become pretty clear to him. At the desk in his room, he began to map out his plans.

It would be a short trip, perhaps a day, no more than two. Having no family or



A Blessed Christmas to you all . . .



*May the blessings
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t The People



friends living in the old neighborhood, he would arrange to stay at a hotel in the downtown area. Once that was settled, he could plan his trip through his old hometown.

With his thoughts racing back in time, he tried to think of the things that made his youthful years happy ones.

rattling noises would not only be familiar to him, but would evoke old memories as well.

He remembered two of his old schools. One at the top of the town's highest hill, and one directly across from a famous national monument. It would be nice to walk by and take a look at them once again.

He remembered the beach on the river, the one his parents took him to on warm summer days. He began to wonder if parents still did that.


He remembered the streetcars and the steel tracks that carried them over the big hill past the church with the tall, green steeple.

Yes, he was anxious. He was excited. These were the things that were his hometown, and these are the things that would surely convince him that he had come home for Christmas.

It was Christmas morning when he arrived to find the tracks no longer climbing over the hill. The bread plant had long been torn down, and the candy plant had been converted to an office building. The huge bottle which once stood atop the milk plant was no longer there, and both the theater and the huge elevated structure which once stood outside the movie house had become victims to the wrecker's ball. Although the church at the top of the hill was still there, the green steeple had been replaced by one of grey. He walked to the beach of his childhood and found that the area had been filled in, and that a plant of some sort had first opened and then closed on the very spot.

Soon he found himself sitting on a

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Charlestown Residents Pass Massachusetts Bar Exam

Twenty-nine Charlestown residents passed the Massachusetts Bar Exam, administered on July 31 and Aug. 1. The official swearing-in is taking place this week with three ceremonies at Faneuil Hall over a three-day period.

The new lawyers include: Denise Marie Barton, John Edward Bryan, Bridget Kathleen Burke, Paul Delaine Carlson, Paul Thomas Citardi, Alexander Furey, Christopher Galvin, Sharon A. "Sherry" Grancey, Donna Marie

Hunt, Leigh Nelson Injac, Edward Michael Joyce, Jr., Amy Christine Lamberski, David M. Lilienfeld, Kathryn Loebis and Michael Matthew MacDougall.

Also, Prem N. Malali, Jennifer Ann McCoid, Tara J. O'Donnell, Katharine Anne Pacella, David F. Ries, Lisa Allen Rockett, Pamela S. Rothman, Joseph Michael Ryan, Elizabeth Sackett, Dierdre Walsh Savage, Christopher J. Sissons Jr., Tamara Jean Smith, Ashley C. Stanley and Marc L. Terry.

Charlestown Irish History Exhibit Planned

The Charlestown Historical Society has undertaken a new project aimed at exploring the rich history of Charlestown's Irish citizenry and documenting Charlestown's heritage over the past 150 years.

According to Society President Arthur Hurley, the society is seeking to plan and construct a special exhibit that will tell the unique story of the Irish people in Charlestown. Plans call for the exhibit to be a featured display at the Bunker Hill Museum on Monument Square. Exhibit content will be changed and updated periodically to sustain interest not only among museum visitors and tourists, but residents of the town as well.

According to Hurley, a small working committee of society members and interested residents has been established and is now in the process of contacting area universities, colleges, genealogical organizations, public libraries and other repositories of official historical documentation. But Hurley says the real intent is to tell the story of Charlestown's Irish from a family history perspective.

"From one generation to the next, the Irish surnamed families of Charlestown have contributed to and ultimately dominated the everyday life and the leadership of our community for the past century and more," added Hurley.

"That's the story we want to tell."

The focus, according to Hurley, will be a visual timeline that chronicles the arrival of Irish immigrants to Charlestown during the era of the Potato Famine.

The timeline will continue through the Civil War years into the first decades of the 20th century. It will showcase the subsequent transformation of Charlestown from a Yankee maritime-related center of commerce and transportation to a residential enclave where Irish-surnamed families and their members would come to dominate every aspect of Charlestown's life.

Presently the working committee is formulating the scope of the exhibit and simply brainstorming on the aspects of Charlestown's Irish history that would be considered worthy of public display.

Preliminary discussions have focused on visual documentation of the Irish dominance in Charlestown's church, political, public service, social, labor and athletic circles. Hurley says, however, the first objective is to open

the project to all members of the community.

"We're asking for help and inviting folks to contribute their ideas and suggestions. This has the potential to bring people together in a project that I know has long been discussed by many people in the town. While the Historical Society is taking the lead on planning, producing and managing the exhibit, they are only at a concept stage in terms of how we will do so. Our hope is the town will take a real interest in seeing this project to reality and tell us what they think is the best way to tell this story," added Hurley.

Residents and interested friends of Charlestown are invited to contact Hurley at 242-2724 with any suggestions or thoughts on material and information to feature in the exhibit.

The committee is most interested in borrowing family photographs or any visual or printed memorabilia that showcase significant accomplishments by Charlestown Irish during the past century. All borrowed items will be catalogued and returned promptly to the lenders.

Evaluation Of Fall Programs At The Charlestown Branch Library

An evaluation of the Fall Programs at the Charlestown Branch Library will take place at the weekly adult discussion group meeting at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St., at 10 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 19.

The moderator will be Theresa Francisco, Adults' Librarian, who will hand out forms to be filled out to

help evaluate the fall programs and plan the spring programs. Any suggestions for programs are welcome.

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

There will be no meeting on Dec. 27. The staff wishes all a happy holiday season.



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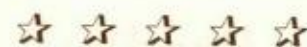
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For we are all so heartbroken.

You gave us all you had to give.

You taught us all the right way to live.

We know your spirit will carry on in our hearts.

So for now we must accept this time apart.

But if we believe as strongly as you did,

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It was a time for alarm, so he called his staff around
Said to search everywhere, from the rafters to the ground
Shocked by the theft, the pastor let his voice be heard
It must be returned this day, and he shouted every word
Now disheartened and unhappy, he thought he'd take a walk
Gazing ahead, saw little Johnny, coming round the block.



Bringing his new red wagon to church with such pride
A little Christ Child, bundled up, and tucked inside
Because he made a promise and prayed with all high might
Evidently that is why "Jesus" got the first ride tonight.


by Mary Livingston

Merry Christmas
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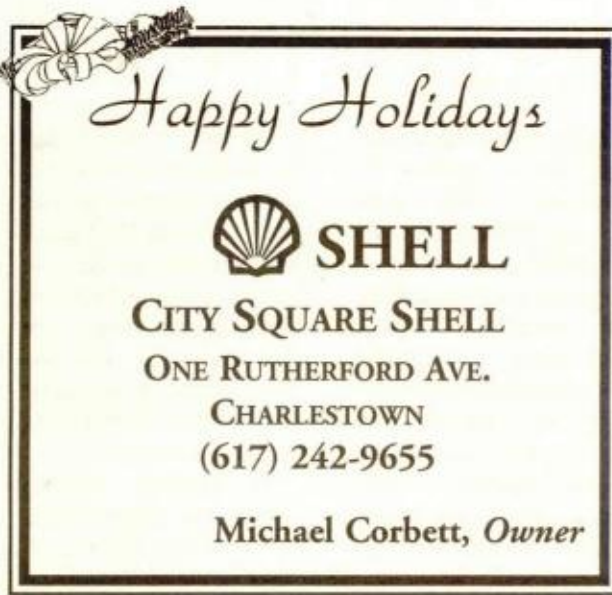
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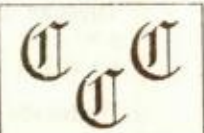
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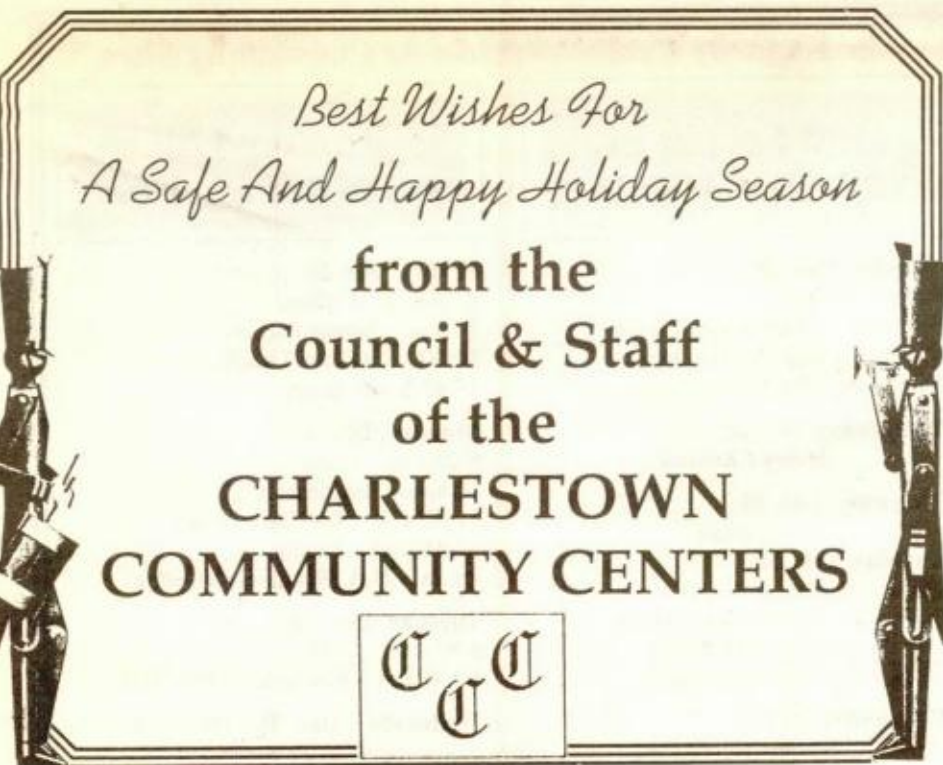
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Christmas Midnight Mass To Be Celebrated At Holy Trinity Church

At the Holy Trinity (German) Church in Boston's South End, Christmas Midnight Mass is celebrated in the traditional way, just as it has been since 1844.

Only at Holy Trinity will a Tridentine (Latin) High Mass be sung at midnight, preceded by a 30-minute carol concert of English, German and Latin Christmas hymns. Music for the concert and Mass

will be sung by the Holy Trinity Choir (German), Holy Trinity Schola (Latin) and Schola Amicorum (Gregorian Chant) with a total of 45 voices. Robert Hill of Lexington Street, Charlestown is a member of the Holy Trinity Choir.

Holy Trinity Church is the only national German Catholic Church in New England and the only church in the Archdiocese

authorized by Bernard Cardinal Law to celebrate the Tridentine Mass each Sunday. The Latin Mass is scheduled each Sunday at noon and the German-English service is at 10 a.m. each Sunday. The church has no parish boundaries.

For the midnight Mass, lighted parking is available in the Shawmut Avenue church lot or in the rear of the Nynex lot off Washington Street.

O'Shea Guest Speaker At Boston Tea Party Celebration

Dec. 16 is very special to Boston Tea Party Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. On that day in 1773, 5,000 citizens stood all day in the cold and sleet, waiting to hear if the governor would turn back the ships with tea, "that baneful weed," or if they would disguise as Indians and dump it.

In patriotic remembrance, the chapter holds its December meeting always on that date, with ex-regents as hostesses.

This year the members assembled at the Marriott Hotel in Copley Place,

lunched in the Gourmelis room, then returned to Bello Mondo where Honorary President General Ann Davison Duffie Fleck presided.

After her mini-concert on the marimba, she introduced Charlestown resident Mon O'Shea, interim president of Bunker Hill Community College, who spoke on "A Forgotten Hero, Dr. Joseph Warren." O'Shea is a vice president of the Bunker Hill Monument Association and served as president of the Charlestown Historical Society.

The afternoon was concluded by the singing of "Blessed Be the Tie that Binds." Each guest was given a special picture of the tea chest, the chapter's original tea chest, which is on loan to the Mass. room at D.A.R. Headquarters in Washington, D.C.

This was another anniversary of that famous event that really started the separation from England. Boston Tea Party Chapter is proud to carry on the tradition of independence and liberty in our great nation.

- Grace Hollett

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Birmingham Files Family Leave Legislation

Senate President Thomas F. Birmingham filed legislation that will assure working men and women the right to take a limited amount of time off work to support children, parents and elderly relatives at important times.

The proposed "Small Necessities Leave Act" will provide employees, working at places of business with 50 or more employees, with 24 hours of unpaid leave on an annual basis. The time may be used to participate in

activities at a child's school, to take a child to a doctor or dentist and to accompany an elderly relative on a health-related appointment.

"Strengthening the family cannot be accomplished with rhetoric about values," said Birmingham. "Parents and children are genuinely supported by being together for meaningful events." He contends, "People should be able to attend parent-teacher meetings, pediatrician visits, nursing home tours and

similarly important, though not cataclysmic, events. This legislation seeks to reduce the extent to which workplace restrictions prevent people from fulfilling basic familial roles."

Birmingham's legislation recommends weaving the new family leave into existing contractual and employer provisions for vacation, sick and personal time. The proposed overlay of existing and new workplace absences allows more flexibility for both employees and employers.

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9:30 a.m. - Swim at the YMCA
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11:30 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch

Wednesday, Dec. 25
Merry Christmas!

Thursday, Dec. 26
Closed

Tuesday, Dec. 31
9 a.m. - Coffee
9:30 a.m. - Swim at the YMCA
10 a.m. - Plastic Embroidery
11:30 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch

Wednesday, Jan. 1
Happy New Year!

Thursday, Jan. 2
9 a.m. - Coffee
9:30 a.m. - Swim at the YMCA
10 a.m. - Crochet
11:30 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch
12:45 p.m. - Bingo

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- A collaboration with the Healthy Charlestown Coalition
- Activities organized by community residents, call with suggestions, 241-8866

55 Bunker Hill St. Drop-in Resource Center

Friday, Dec. 20
8:30 a.m. - Coffee
10 a.m. - Seniorobics
11:30 - Kit Clark Lunch
12:45 p.m. - Bingo

Monday, Dec. 23
8:30 a.m. - Coffee
10 a.m. - Seniorobics
11:30 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch
12:45 p.m. - Bingo
7 p.m. - N.A. Beginners Meeting

Tuesday, Dec. 24
8:30 a.m. - Coffee
10:30 a.m. - Hispanic Coffee Hour

Wednesday, Dec. 25
Merry Christmas!

Thursday, Dec. 26 & Friday, Dec. 27
Closed

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

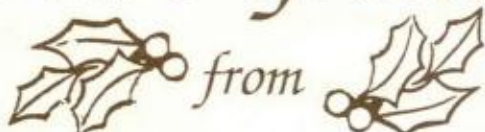
Tuesday, Dec. 31
8:30 a.m. - Coffee
10:30 a.m. - Hispanic Coffee Hour
1:30 p.m. - Podiatrist

Wednesday, Jan. 1
Happy New Year!

Thursday, Jan. 2
8:30 a.m. - Coffee
9:30 a.m. - Bus to Stop & Shop
9:30 a.m. - Drop-In Goal Setting Group
1:30 p.m. - Home Health Aide Training
5 p.m. - Drop-In Goal Setting Group

Happy December Birthday to Herb Baker, Katherine Bryant, Rita Carroll, Ken DeCarlo, Mary Devlin, Dot Durant, Pearl Fielding, Lillian Fopiano, Herba Henry, James Keane, Kay Latremore, Emily Lyons, Mary Madden, Judy Mitrana, Ellen McNamee, Concetta Rinaldi, Laura Settapani and Mary Walsh.

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Christmas Eve Masses – Tuesday, Dec. 24
4 p.m. – Mass
Midnight – Traditional Midnight Mass with Christmas music beginning at 11:30 p.m.
Christmas Mass – Wednesday, Dec. 25
10 a.m. – Mass on Christmas morning
11 a.m. – Spanish Mass

★ NEW YEARS ★

New Year's Eve Masses – Tuesday, Dec. 31
4 p.m. – Mass
New Year's Day Mass – Wednesday, Jan. 1
9 a.m. – Adoration and Benediction
10 a.m. – Mass

ST. FRANCIS de SALES CHURCH
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★ CHRISTMAS ★

Christmas Eve Mass – Tuesday, 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 – Wednesday, Dec. 25
9 and 11 a.m. – Masses

★ NEW YEARS ★

New Year's Eve Masses – Tuesday, Dec. 31
4 p.m. – Mass
New Year's Day Masses – Wednesday, Jan. 1
9 and 11 a.m. – Masses

ST. MARY'S CHURCH
55 Warren Street

★ CHRISTMAS ★

Christmas Eve Mass – Tuesday, Dec. 24
5 p.m. – This will be a Family Mass featuring the Children's Nativity Gospel dramatization, Holy Family Living Tableau and traditional Christmas music selections.
Christmas Day Masses – Wednesday, Dec. 25
8 and 11 a.m. – Masses with Traditional Christmas music selections.

★ NEW YEARS ★

Feast of Mary, Mother Of God

New Year's Eve Mass – Tuesday, Dec. 31
4 p.m. – Downstairs church.
New Year's Day Mass – Wednesday, Jan. 1
8 and 11 a.m. – Upstairs church.

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★ ADVENT SERVICE - SUNDAY, DEC. 22 ★

10 a.m. – Advent Service of Lessons and Carols.

★ CHRISTMAS EVE ★

7 p.m. – The Christmas Carol Sing
7:30 p.m. – Choral Eucharist

★ CHRISTMAS DAY ★

10 a.m. – Service of Holy Eucharist



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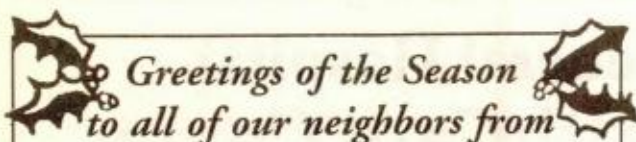


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Charlestown High School Air Force JROTC Earn Awards

On Dec. 11, Charlestown High School's JROTC had its fall Awards Ceremony with over 90 individual awards presented. Marilyn Hurwitz, headmistress at CHS, opened the ceremony by highlighting the cadets' accomplishments since school opened in August.

Faculty members Jack Green, Val Shelley and Ms. Magaletta were on

hand to present various awards. Awards presented were the activity, physical fitness, recruiting and academic ribbons.

Cadets Joanne Medina and Jillian Matarazzo were presented the Cadet of the Month award for October.

Medina and David Lynshue were recognized with the Personnel Appearance Award for October.

Charlestown Natives Inducted Into Malden Catholic Hall Of Fame

The Eighth Annual Hall of Fame ceremonies were held at Malden Catholic High School on Nov. 16 with guest speaker NFL Hall of Famer John Hannah. The Hall of Fame recognized 12 athletes, the 1959 Football Team, Coach Joe Lang and Brother Evangelus as a special contributor.

Francis Doherty, class of '46, formerly of Charlestown, and now living in upstate New York, was inducted for three varsity years each of football, basketball and baseball. He was co-captain on the Catholic League Champion 1945 football squad

and coached baseball at MC while attending Boston College.

Joseph Fidler, class of '70, formerly of Charlestown, and now living in Marblehead, was inducted as a four year varsity hockey forward. He was named to the second team all-scholastic in his junior year and the first team all-scholastic in his senior year for both the Record American and the Boston Globe. He set six North Shore League records in his last regular season game and was captain of the 1970 squad that made it to the Eastern Mass. finals in the Boston Garden.

Much has been happening at the school during the past month.

On Nov. 7, first grade teachers Diana White, Dorothy McCarthy and Mary McDonald took their classes to the Emerson Majestic Theatre by MBTA. The children enjoyed a live performance of *Baba Yaya and the Black Sunflower*, a traditional Russian folk tale about a young girl who learns that people aren't always what you expect them to be.

What's theater without dinner? The teachers treated the children to McDonald's after the performance. It was an enjoyable day.

Parents who accompanied the classes included Noreen Buckley, Susan Breen, Erin Farley, Pamela Black and Lisa Reeder.

The first graders celebrated Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving Day learning poems and songs during morning exercise. Also, Pat Richards' L.D. class enjoyed a Thanksgiving dinner prepared by her classroom teachers, and her children dressed in pilgrim hats and Indian head-dresses. Lauren Zolla came dressed in complete pilgrim dress.

The children from Dot McCarthy's first grade class made butter from cream and they all had a chance to taste their own by putting it on saltines. Maybe future gourmets?

On Nov. 21, Phyllis Warren took half of the fifth grade class to visit the Ferrin Street Senior Hous-

Harvard Kent School News



IT WAS A TRIP TO THE THEATER for students of the Harvard-Kent School. Shown with the students are parents Erin Farley and Susan Breen, teacher Dorothy McCarthy.

The children interviewed the seniors and talked about what it was like for them to be 11- and 12-year-olds. They also entertained the seniors with some singing and refreshments were served. Everyone had a delightful time.

The entire kindergarten class set up a huge Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 25. All the children wore pilgrim headdresses and Indian hats. They had a delicious dinner prepared by the cafeteria staff and parents brought in snacks. They had a festive time eating and singing.

The Busch Garden bus made a visit and the school was crawling with all kinds of reptiles and crawling things. It was a great treat for all the children. There was also an exhibition of Egyptian mummies and artifacts, which was of great interest to everyone.

On Nov. 22. Peace Games coordinators ran a wonderful breakfast for the entire school with music, face painting, sand art and a delicious breakfast made by the cafeteria staff and served by the Peace Games students. Some 162 parents attended. This was a great effort and a huge success.

Mrs. Celona's children, K-II, was the top class in the candy sale. Best sellers were Mason Hayes, K-II; Ryan Stillman, grade 5; and Samantha Kong, grade 3.

On Dec. 6, the Harvard Kent started a food drive in conjunction with the Kennedy Center.

On Dec. 12, all of the fifth graders attended a Christmas celebration at the USS Constitution.

Just a quick note to let you know that the Harvard Kent has a "claim to fame" with one of its wonderful

special needs teachers. If you can find the Dec. 2 issue of *U.S. News and World Report*, you will see an article about Jack McCauley and how he is teaching his class to use a Macintosh computer.

Doesn't sound so unusual until you read that his class is composed of children with Down Syndrome, cerebral palsy, autism and severely impaired vision. If you can find the article, please do. It's always nice to read something about Charlestown that is positive, and this story is. The article also contains a photo of Justin Autabee of Soley Street, who is a student in McCauley's class.

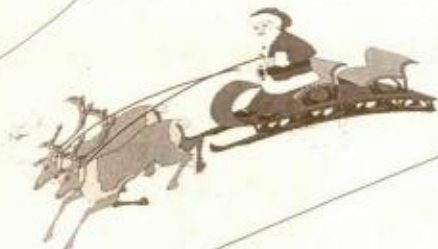
Please look for this column every few weeks. The school is always busy and wants to let you know what's happening.

- Lisa Collins

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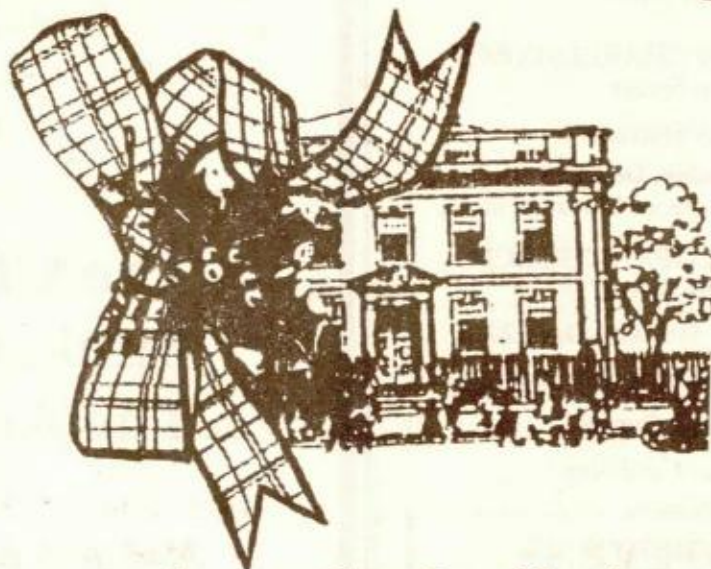


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CHARLESTOWN BOYS & GIRLS CLUB NEWS

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★ ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SALE

Christmas Trees And Wreaths - The Boys & Girls Club sale of Christmas trees and wreaths continues outside of the High Street building. Sales will run on the weekends from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Tuesday through Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. The stand is closed on Monday. Please support the club and your community by buying your trees and wreaths here in Charlestown.

★ WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Shelter Drive - Once again, the Boys & Girls Club is accepting the following donations for its shelter drive, now through January 1997: curtains, pillows and cases, cookware, towels and washcloths, tablecloths, kitchen towels, kitchen towels, plates, dishes, umbrellas, children's books, men's coats, blankets, comforters, sheets and decorative items. Items may be new or used.

We are looking for household items for families who are transitioning from a shelter to more permanent housing. Due to last year's overwhelming response, we will not be accepting clothing except for winter coats and underwear.

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. Anything you have to give will be appreciated and we will distribute the items to various local shelters.

If you can help, please ask for Denise or John when bringing your donations to the club and please leave your name, address and phone number. If you have any questions or would like more information, call 241-3754 or 242-1775.

★ MEMBERS IN THE NEWS

The Boy's Group - jammed their way to the movie theater to see *Space Jam* (a pretty funny movie, by the way). Alex Gaudette, Corey Ferreira, Cory Doyle and Derek Matarazzo all enjoyed the movie (and popcorn and soda) in a Boy's Group Celebration.

The Girl's Group - discovered the Discovery Zone on their field trip. Vanessa Vilfranc, Courtney Ferreira, Chantel Mello, Erin DiNovo and Jillyan Flaherty ran themselves into climbing all over the zone.

Christmas Celebration - Another successful and delicious holiday meal was prepared for our Christmas celebration. April McMillan excelled, once again, with her now famous roast beef dinner. There were

many other elves, led by Kim and Fallon Leonard and Kelleigh Harrington, in the kitchen peeling, mashing, sauteing, slicing and dining. They were Samuel Ruiz, Katie and Holly DiFava, Kristina Matarazzo, Brian Leonard and Jennifer Neal.

★ SPORTS REPORT

Girls Ball Hockey - The girls team pulled the upset of the year as they beat South Boston 4-3, in front of their large and hostile crowd. The game was dominated by Michelle Caine's goaltending and Julie Grzelcyk's three goals, including the game winner with only 51 seconds left on the clock. Congratulations girls on a great game, which put them in the league finals.

Boys Ball Hockey - The boys escaped a scrappy Dan Marr Club in the first round of the playoffs with a 4-3 win in overtime. Down 3-2 with 56 seconds to go, Ryan Connolly scored to put the game into overtime and Andrew Grzelcyk kept the family tradition alive with the game-winning goal in overtime. A great game was played by all and the boys will meet South Boston in the finals.

Basketball Tryouts - Both the boys 15 & under and boys 12 & under teams will have their first tryout on Friday, Dec. 27 at 1 p.m.

in the gym. The girls 16 & under team will have tryouts on Saturday, Dec. 28 at 1 p.m.

Hockey And Flag Football League - Any teens interested in either hockey or flag football leagues should talk to Derek or Stephen in the gym.

Swim Team - Congratulations to the swim team on their big win over the West End House over the weekend. Team record is 3 wins, 2 losses and 1 tie.

★ TEEN NEWS

Teen Center - The Teen Center will close at 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 20.

Keystone Club - On Thursday night the Keystone members helped out packing boxes for Townie Santa. Members included Lauren Brennan, Chris Connors, Jacque Neff, Lauren O'Hearn and Lesley Southern.

Teen Rap - The "Rappers" are preparing for the "Great Boys vs. Girls Debate" of the year today, Thursday, Dec. 19 at 6:30 p.m. Come up and join us!

Tournaments - are held every Tuesday and Thursday night at 7 p.m.

Happy Holidays to all our members, parents and supporters in the Charlestown community. The staff at the club members wish you all the best in the New Year!!!

Ice Skating Lessons At MDC Rinks

Ice skating classes for boys and girls ages 5 and up, and adults, are available at MDC rinks throughout the area.

Learn beginner, intermediate and advanced skills using figure or hockey skates. Classes are held at many rinks including Cambridge, Everett, Lynn,

Medford, North End and Somerville.

The seven-week series is \$75 for children and \$85 for adults, which includes lesson and practice time.

For registration information, call Bay State Ice Skating School at the MDC at 890-8480, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



CHAD Tennis News

The 1996 Charlestown Against Drugs (CHAD) tennis season came to an end last Saturday, when the local kids disposed of the North Meadow Racket Club with a very convincing win of 7 matches to 1.

It was a great performance by everybody on the team, from top to bottom - a performance that showed the big improvement of all the players. "The kids are getting better," said team captain, Tom Desmond. "And you know what? They'll continue to improve so quickly that it's going to be scary... So far, we've only scratched the surface of their talents, and their

potential is going to be unlimited."

Judging from last week's performance, who could blame him if he sounded excited about the kids' future in the sport.

The CHAD squad will take the next two weeks off because of the holidays and then start the new year with matches scheduled against Winchester, Woburn, Westford and other towns in the area.

Team participants for last week's match were Catherine Garvey, Jimmy Garvey, John Fabiano, Ryan Meany, Phil Jones, John Jones, Seth Stulgis, Brian Knowlak, Sean Rea and Bob Yandle.



CHAD Junior Bowling League News

by John Dillon

Some real exciting action took place in the Charlestown Against Drugs (CHAD) Junior Bowling League last week.

The Red Store pulled off a surprise upset of Cricket's team in a 6-2 thrashing. Although being seriously undermanned due to the flu, Kaileigh Burke single-handedly took on Cricket's team, won six points and had a great day bowling a 209-triple. Top bowler for Cricket's was Marianne Kissane with 205. Danny Kissane was the runner-up with 200.

The American Legion pulled itself into contention with an 8-0 shut out of the Charlestown Patriot. Top bowler for the American Legion was Jessica Grace with 222. Runner-up was Andrew Foley with 210. Top bowler for the Patriot was

Craig Gaudette with 258 and Sara Johnson was runner-up with 150.

In the next match, McCarthy Brothers outlasted the Bunker Hill Real Estate team for a 6-2 win. Top bowler for McCarthy Brothers was Matt Paley with 257 and Jared Silva was runner-up with 185. Top bowler for BHRE was Mike Shackford with 240 and Shawn Burke was runner-up with 172.

Diane Modica's team kept moving up in the standings by demolishing Jenny's team in an 8-0 shut out. Here is another case where the entire Modica team all bowled over 200, which is a rare occurrence, so I will list all the bowlers and their scores: Chris Chiampa 277, Richie Burns 263, Colleen Hoell 230 and Candice Eatherton 215 - for a total of 985 pins - the highest three-

string total of the year. I just want to say "Great bowling kids!" Top bowler for Jenny's was Jimmy Kissane with 267. Kerri McGuire was runner-up with 178.

The Kennedy Center dumped the Shamrocks for a 6-2 win. Top bowler for the Kennedy Center was Brendan Grace with 200. Runner-up was Joey Burke with 199. Top bowler for the Shamrocks was Jon Paul Awbrey with 222 and David Grace was runner-up with 200.

Bowlers of the week are Chris Chiampa, who tries very hard and this week Chris is the number one bowler with 277, Jim Kissane 267, Richie Burns 263, Craig Gaudette 258, Matt Paley 258, Padraic Locke 248, Mike Shackford 240, Colleen Hoell 230, Jon Paul Awbrey 222 and Candice

Eatherton 215.

Bowlers trying the hardest are Quinn Evers 139, Katy Locke 140, Michelle Williams 142, Tom Fasano 146, Ryan Stillman 151, Kathleen O'Hearn 160, Nicole Chiampa 170, Sheilann Williams 193, David Grace 200 and Andrew Foley 210.

Our Christmas Party is this Saturday, Dec. 21.

See you all on Saturday, we bowl at 11:30 a.m. sharp!

Standings

	W	L
Cricket's	49	23
Diane Modica	44	28
Red Store	43	29
American Legion	42	30
McCarthy Bros.	38	34
Jenny's Pizza	36	36
Kennedy Center	30	42
B.H. Real Estate	26	46
Chas'n. Patriot	24	48
Shamrocks	20	52

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♣ **Terry Christmas** . . . No, you didn't read it wrong. Dec. 25 we say Merry Christmas, but on the third Sunday of December, we say Terry Christmas! For the fourth straight year they lined up at the "Winter Palace" on Medford Street with wide eyes of anticipation. The siren of the fire truck announced his arrival, and as soon as he came into view, the cold afternoon air had a special warmth. Santa Claus, good St Nick, was here for a brief pre-Christmas visit, just to make sure everyone was not naughty, but still very nice. And once again, Terry Ring had unleashed all the joy, and all the spirit, and all the love of Christmas on her Newtown Charlestown community a few days early. Terry Ring is a beautiful person. If you look up the word caring you will see her name. She has always been this way, and she will always be this way. She will be the first to say that her committee and her helpers are the ones to be thanked, but they will be the first to say, "Thank you, Terry." Thank you for what has become an annual Charlestown tradition, thank you for caring about your neighborhood and your neighbors. Thank you for brightening the eyes of so many youngsters and thank you for con-

tinuing to believe in the goodness of our young people, especially the teens. The Andy Puopolo Elves are really your elves. Terry Ring is the true meaning of what Christmas really is - Love! Terry Christmas!

♣ **Charlestown High Lights** . . . Congratulations to our high honors and honors students for their academic achievement during the first marking term. High honors were awarded to Charlestown residents Jillian Matarazzo and Ian Urquhart. Named to the honor roll were Phil Jones, Derek Staples, Joe Wilson, Jillian McGonagle, Heather Slavin and Kalidia Reyes. Joe Wilson and Kendrick Wilson were recognized for perfect attendance.

♣ **Pro Line** . . . Keith Tkachuk scored his 13th and 14th goals of the season as the 12-15-4 Phoenix Coyotes dropped the Toronto Maple Leafs 5-3. The win earned Phoenix back-to-back victories. The Coyotes had downed Ottawa 4-2 on Friday evening.

Florida got a big win Sunday by defeating Edmonton 6-3 to stay atop the Atlantic Division with 43 points, but Philadelphia with a 6-0 shut out of the Bruins are close behind with 40 points.

Only comment on the departure of Roger Clemens - business as usual.

♣ **New England Sports Lodge** . . . Thanks to the New England Sports Lodge of B'nai B'rith, I was able to take a group of youngsters from the North End and Charlestown to the Boston Celtics Triple OT winner versus Toronto. It was a great night with a great group of teenagers, and the B'nai B'rith message of "Brotherhood Through Sports" was very much alive! The Andy Puopolo Club has found a new friend, and we know this friendship will continue to grow. Special thanks to Mitchell Marcus.

♣ **Light A Life Buttons** . . . The annual city of Boston Light A Life Button campaign to help raise money for AIDS Hospices around the city. Buttons are \$1 each and are being sold at many locations throughout the city. Members of the Andy Puopolo Club are selling these buttons around the town. Thank you for supporting this holiday fund raiser.

♣ **ROTC Earns Awards** . . . On Dec. 14, the Charlestown High School ROTC Drill

Team took second place and the color guard took third place in the annual Quincy High School Drill Competition. Members of the color guard unit are Joanne Medina, Daisy Sousa, Richard Escobar and Mauricio Salmoran. Members of the drill team are Natalie Piñeda, Daisy Sosa, Soraya Linares, Yarelly Alvarez, Mauricio Salmoran, Ivan Pellecer, Richard Escobar, David Lynshue and Jillian Matarazzo.

♣ **Special Thanks** . . . A great job was done by the Andy Puopolo Club Elves who helped out at Sunday's Christmas Newtown Stroll. Among the participants were Dede Arroyo, Corey Hollien, Butchie Black, Bob Scadding, Anthony Shea, Angel and Jimmy Mento. Thank you for your help!

♣ **Tidbits** . . . Frankie McPherson, watch out for the reindeer on the roof, your friends . . . Billy Kempton and Jamie Strickland, how was the Fish Pier? . . . "Mel Gibson" will be signing autographs at Haymarket station. Check the bus schedule . . . Billy Stella's new nickname - "Mellow!"

Smile!

Charlestown Gym Hockey News

Standings - Dec. 14

	W	L	T
Bunker Hill Florist	10	1	1
The Horseshoe	9	2	1
Bunker Hill Insurance	8	3	0
Bryan's Pals	6	4	2
Main St. Furniture	6	5	1
Jimmy's On Top	6	6	0
Dunny's Pals	5	6	1
Grant Photo	4	6	1
Kerrigan's	3	9	0
Li'l Al's	2	8	1
T. J.'s Kids	1	11	0

Jimmy's On Top

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The Whole Team

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Keiran Kelly

Jennelle O'Donnell

Patrick DeRosa

Ashley Simpson

Melanie Cain

Michael Cain

Kelsey Johnson

Michael Newhall

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We'd like to remind the parents that when they registered their kids, they made the commitment to get them to their games. We've had quite a few games this year being forfeited due to the lack of players. This really isn't fair to the kids who always come.

We'd appreciate it if you'd try a little harder to get the players to their games.

Thank you,
The Charlestown Gym Hockey Board

Players of the Week - Dec. 14

Bryan's Pals	The Whole Team
B. H. Florist	Molly Tobin
	David Goscinak
Bunker Hill Insurance	Had A Bye
Dunny's Pals	Michael Lacey
	Jimmy Vesey
Grant Photo	Courtney Ferreira
	Corey Ferreira

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A Note Of Thanks

Dear Gloria,

A note of thanks to all my family, friends and neighbors for the flowers, cards and especially their prayers, while I was hospitalized for a month with pneumonia and complications.

Christmas blessings and a Happy New Year to all.

Mary Golding

Light The Way

If you walk down my street any evening after Christmas, until Jan. 6, and your children ask you why there are still lights in my windows, I hope you will tell them the story of the Magi (the three Wise Men).

The lights symbolize the star that the three Wise Men followed . . . until Jan. 6, Little Christmas, when the star led them to the stable, and the Christ Child. Perhaps you will keep a light in your window to guide the Wise Men.

"Keep the traditions alive" . . . for future generations.

Helen Harrison

Thanks To All

I would like to thank everyone who participated in the end of the year season raffle drawn on Dec. 6 at the Pop Warner annual Awards Banquet.

Congratulations to the winners in our raffle: First prize, \$100 Filene's Basement gift certificate - Tom Sgro; second prize, pair of Bruins tickets - Brendan Ellis; third prize, Celtics tickets - Barbara Gillette; fourth prize, \$50 gift certificate to Bruins Pro Shop - Judy Evers and fifth prize, handmade afghan - Pat Castronova.

Jack Schievink, president
Charlestown Pop Warner

Thank You, Everyone!

Dear Gloria,

I would like to thank the wonderful group whose efforts resulted in over 250 Charlestown children participating in the Christmas Party at Thompson Square on Dec. 8.

Thank you to Jim DeVellis, Boston City Councillor Diane Modica, Ken Hall, Kathleen O'Hearn, Helen McLaughlin, Amy Chardavoynne, Kelly Gillen, Gloria Conway, Terry Ring, Ann McCarron, Elaine McCarthy, Bill and Nancy Dowd, Barbara Burke, Kay Whelan, Peter Looney, Marie Alves, Francis Kirk, Jennifer Evers, The Rooney Family and Marty O'Brien.

Sincerely,
Judy Evers

My Heartfelt Thanks

Dear Gloria,

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the following businesses and organizations for their donations to the Christmas Party at One Thompson Square which was held on Dec. 8.

They are The Charlestown Patriot, Jim De Vellis, Dunkin' Donuts, Polaroid, Bunker Hill Community College (Marriott Food Services), the 99 Restaurant & Pub, Killilea Fund (A.L. Post 26), Gibson Real Estate, Doyle's, Store 24, CharlesNewtown Christmas Stroll and CHarlestown Against Drugs (CHAD), the co-sponsor of this event.

Sincerely,
Judy Evers, regional coordinator
Mayor's Office Of Neighborhood Services

Thanks For Making 'Taste Of The Town' A Great Success

Dear Gloria,

Once again the Charlestown community has demonstrated its care and concern for the youth of our town at our recent Taste of the Town. This fund raiser is our major annual event. The efforts of many people were necessary to organize this event.

We would like to thank Ann McCarron and Linda Donovan for their work as coordinators. We would also like to thank Terry Ring, Mary MacInnes, Edna Walrath, Judy Evers, Dan O'Neil, Jim Henry, Dan Kelley, Jackie Ring, Kerri Norton, Pat Ring, Michael Monuteaux, Danny Ring and Peter Looney for their help.

Special thanks to Jay Gordon, our guest master of ceremonies from Oldies 103.3 FM, and to our guest auctioneers: Sen. Tom Birmingham, Rep. Richie Voke, City Councillor Diane Modica, Judy Evers and Rep.-Elect Gene O'Flaherty.

We would also like to thank Massport, especially Dorothy Connolly Steele, and Dapper O'Neil for their generosity. The Knights of Columbus continued to provide their usual and so important support. The Echoes performed ad-

mirably. Eighteen restaurants, Wesley's, Olives/Figs, Biga, Barretts, Chow Thai Cafe, Tavern on the Water, Ironside Grille, Warren Tavern, Gabriele's, Duckworth Lane, Lori Ann Donuts, Lyndell's Bakery, Patsy's Bakery, The Harp, Bella Dolci, Dunkin' Donuts and Hoods Ice Cream, put on a truly wonderful selection of their various specialties. Each restaurant outdid themselves. R. Wesley's was the winner of the best of Taste. Biga was chosen for the best presentation. Our raffle winners were first prize - Connie Nelson, second prize - Barbara Kelly, third prize - Jackie Jarvis and fourth prize - Steve Collins.

As everyone can see it took the efforts of many to succeed. We hope we have thought of everyone to thank. If we have left anyone out, we apologize. The winners are the youth of Charlestown who will be able to attend the camp's programs. On their behalf, we thank you all.

Sincerely,
Michael J. Cauley, Ph.D.
D. Scott McLeod, Ph.D.
Camp Bunker Hill

Thanks For The Support Of The Warren Tavern

Dear Roger and Bobby,

Just a short note to say thanks for two things.

As you know, the Bunker Hill Council #62, Knights of Columbus has been active in the Toys for Tots drive for a long time. Most of our revenue from our annual Veterans' Day Supper Club is given to the Toys for Tots, but it can't compete with the time you run. To donate your staff's time, the food and most of all a place to meet is very much appreciated.

Since you have taken over The Warren Tavern, your commitment to the community and the city of Boston has not gone unnoticed. My wife, who is on the staff of the Harvard-Kent School, told me about the fantastic lunches you prepared for all of the fifth graders when they participated in the Penny Drive for "Old Ironsides."

Again thanks for caring for the people of Charlestown and the youth of the city of Boston.

Semper Fi,
Tom White

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For example, the previous tax law allowed an exclusion of up to \$5,250 from the gross income of workers who received educational assistance benefits, but that provision lapsed at the end of 1994. As a result, some employers began treating educational assistance payments as wages, and they withheld social security (FICA) and other taxes on the benefits. The 1996 tax law reinstates the educational assistance exclusion and allows taxpayers to apply it retroactively. So, if your company treated educational assistance payments as wages in 1995 and 1996, you (and your company) may be entitled to a refund.

If you cash in U.S. savings bonds to pay for qualified college expenses, the tax law allows you to exclude bond interest from your taxable income. The previous tax law contained an exception: if your adjusted gross income exceeded \$40,000 (or \$60,000 on joint returns), adjusted for inflation, the interest exclusion began to phase out. However, due to a mix-up in a 1993 tax law, these thresholds were set too low for years following 1992. As a result, taxpayers who lost all or part of their interest exclusion for years after 1992 may want to recompute their taxes for those years to see if they're entitled to a refund.

The new tax law also retroactively affects invalid S corporation elections, involuntary conversions of business or investment property, FICA taxes paid on employee tip income, and a few other business transactions. If you like help reviewing your prior year taxes, give us a call. You may be entitled to a refund.

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Sunday, Dec. 8

A motor vehicle was struck by another motor vehicle while it was parked on Polk Street.

Monday, Dec. 9

A motor vehicle was broken into while it was parked on Cambridge Street. Power tools were stolen.

Tuesday, Dec. 10

A man reported that he was threatened by a student at Charlestown High School.

A man reported that person(s) unknown struck his motor vehicle and fled without exchanging papers.

A motor vehicle was broken into while it was parked on Green Street. A cellular phone was stolen.

Wednesday, Dec. 11

A man reported that person(s) unknown stole his mountain bike from his Bunker Hill Street address.

Police officers arrested a man on O'Brien Court on assault charges.

An employee of CVS in the Bunker Hill Mall will seek complaints in court against a male suspect for shoplifting.

Thursday, Dec. 12

A motor vehicle was struck by another motor vehicle on Roland Street. The driver of the motor vehicle fled the area.

A motor vehicle was broken into while it was parked on Mt. Vernon Street. A tool belt was stolen.

Members of the Drug Control Unit executed a search warrant at a Carney Court apartment, arrested two females and recovered several bags of heroin.

Friday, Dec. 13

A woman reported that person(s) unknown stole her wallet from her desk at a Moulton Street address.

A woman stated that while she was sitting in a taxi, person(s) unknown threw a rock into the cab, striking her in the head.

Officers from the School Police arrested a male student on Medford Street for possession of marijuana.

A motor vehicle was broken into while it was parked on Main Street. A cellular phone was stolen.

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Saturday, Dec. 7

A man reported that person(s) unknown stole his wristwatch from his home on Eighth Street.

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Except The People

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bench in a park, where he had spent many happy hours as a youngster. The park itself had not changed much, and he was grateful for that, but as he looked across the street to the school he once thought of as his, he could see only the condominium complex that it had become.

Funny, he thought he could hear the clanging of a hand-held school bell and see the children running to their assigned spots in the old schoolyard as they waited quietly for the nuns to lead them into the building for the start of another day of classes.

He had seen the old high school. It had traveled the same road as had his grade school.

Where he had thought the trip home would lift his spirits during the Christmas season, just the opposite seemed to be taking place. He had trouble thinking of the name of the novelist who said "you can't go home again," but he had no trouble in thinking that the man was absolutely correct.

Lost in his own feelings of disappointment, the man did not see the young cou-

ple and their children approaching the bench on which he sat.

"Excuse me, sir." The young woman had said the same thing three times before the man realized there was somebody else in the park this early Christmas morning.

"What are you doing all alone here on Christmas Day?"

The man was surprised. He had not expected anybody, and the question left him without an answer.

"Isn't there someplace you should be today?"

"I thought there was," the man replied, "but I was wrong."

She was a stranger. There was no need to explain, and besides, she would not understand.

"You should have a place to be on Christmas Day and a park bench just doesn't seem like the right place."

He was in no mood for conversation, in fact the man was a bit resentful of

her intrusion.

"Look Miss, it's Christmas," and nodding toward her husband and children, he continued, "why don't you go home and enjoy the day."

"Thank you. We will."


The young family began to walk away, and the man's eyes followed. His thoughts now began to run back in time to people, and not so much to places. He thought of his parents, his wife and of his children. He thought of the feelings people bring at Christmas time.

The young family was no more than thirty feet away when the woman turned to come back.

"Would you like to join us for Christmas Day?" she asked.

The man had spent an entire year planning his Christmas trip home. Upon his return he had found nothing to be the same, nothing, that is, except the people.

"That would be nice thank you, very nice."



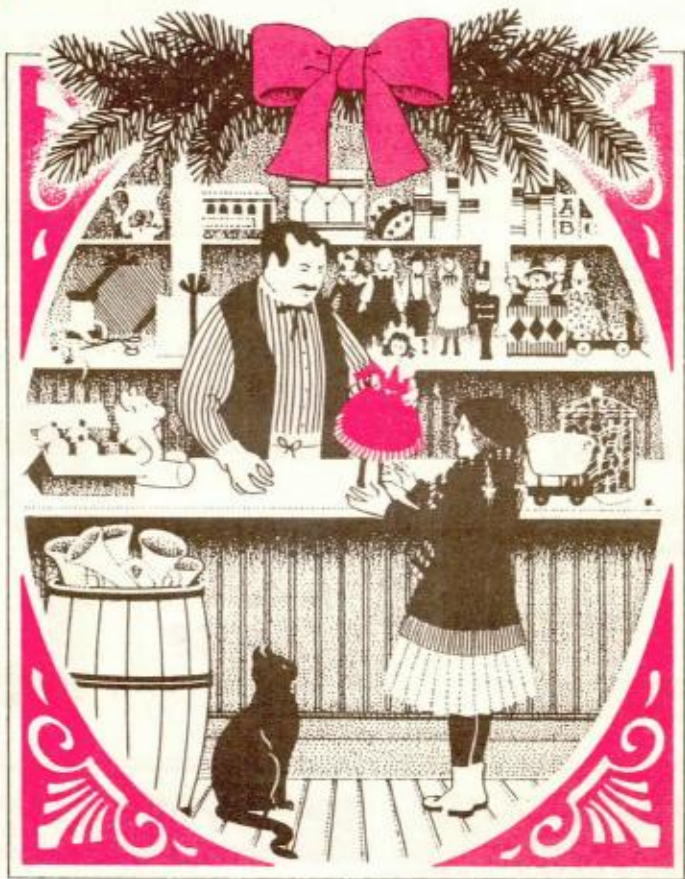
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