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Charlestown JobStart Moves To The Kennedy Center

The Charlestown JobStart office will start the New Year in a new location, moving from the current office at One Thompson Square to the Kennedy Center at 27 Winthrop St.

Charlestown JobStart counselor Sherry Jackson will continue to provide job counseling, referral and placement services. JobStart is a free program of

the Mayor's Office of Jobs and Community Services that provides job-related services to Boston residents.

"We're pleased about our move to the Kennedy Center and feel that we can continue to be an asset to the Charlestown neighborhood at that location," said JobStart Director Dede Ketover.

Kate McDonough, Kennedy Center executive director, said that JobStart will round out the array of services provided by the Kennedy Center.

"We're real glad to help out. We have invested in seeing JobStart continue in Charlestown, and it's a happy coincidence that we're able to help," McDonough

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A Tree In The Yard



THE GRINCH had intended that there be no spirit in the Navy Yard this Christmas, but locals thwarted his efforts when Yard residents Hugh and Judith Chapin donated a great big tree, Linda Smith of The Raymond Group found the cash for its delivery from the North End, Charlie Clabaugh of City Councillor Robert Travaglini's office assisted in coordinating its installation and the Kenney Development Co., the City Public Works Department, the Boston Redevelopment Authority and the National Parks Ser-

vice all helped to place the tree and decorate it for the enjoyment of all. Joining in the spirit of Christmas giving and present for the tree's Dec. 21 placement in the Yard are (l. to r.): three Kenney Development maintenance workers Bill Godfrey, Phil Doherty and John "Skip" Hurley; Robert Kenney Jr., vice president of Kenney Development; Judy Evers of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services; Judith Chapin; Hugh Chapin; Linda Smith; and Charlie Clabaugh. (photo by Kathy Giordano)

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Brown Bag Bookies To Meet

Amy Tan's novel *The Joy Luck Club* will be the subject of discussion at the next Brown Bag Bookies meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 2 at noon at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

A June 11 New York Times book review stated (continued on page 6)

Cadets Deliver Food For Christmas



CADETS from Charlestown High School's new Air Force Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps delivered some 200 cans of food to St. Catherine's Food Pantry on Dec. 20. Approximately 90 ROTC cadets at the high school participated in a two-week food drive before the holidays. Shown (l. to r.) are Sgt. Jerome Barton, instructor, Cadet Staff Sgt. Melissa Levine, Cmdr. David Thoreson and Cadet Sgt. Jason Brown. (photo by Lynn Peters)

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Continuing Education Spring Registration At BHCC

The Bunker Hill Community College Division of Continuing Education will hold walk-in registration for spring semester classes from Jan. 3 to 25.

A wide selection of credit and non-credit courses are being offered at the college's main campus in Charlestown and at the satellite campuses in Chelsea, Medford, Somerville, Winthrop and South Boston. Classes are scheduled to begin on Monday, Jan. 22.

Registration will be held at the BHCC main campus on New Rutherford Avenue on Jan. 3 from 4 to 7 p.m., and on Jan. 4 to 18 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Evening registration will be held on Jan. 9, 11, 16, 17, and 22 to 25 from 4 to 7 p.m.

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Charlestown Community Calendar

This Week At A Glance

Saturday, Dec. 30

- 10:30 a.m. - Showing of the Father Martin film, "Chalktalk on Alcohol - Revised," sponsored by the Kennedy Center's Substance Abuse Program, Senior Lounge, 55 Bunker Hill St.

Sunday, Dec. 31

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

Monday, Jan. 1

- **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

Tuesday, Jan. 2

- 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. - Children's Films, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- noon - Brown Bag Bookies meet to discuss **The Joy Luck Club** by Amy Tan, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Wednesday, Jan. 3

- 6 to 7 p.m. - Representative Richard A. Voke Office Hours, Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square (use Monument Avenue entrance)
- 6 to 7:30 p.m. - Pre-Alateen and Alateen Meetings, St. Catherine's Hall, below the rectory, 49 Vine St.

Kicking Off The Easter Seal Fund-Raising Drive



MASSACHUSETTS EASTER SEAL CHILD Joshua Bailey wishes John McBride of Teamsters Union, Local 25, good luck in his fund-raising efforts for the 1990 Easter Seal Telethon at a recent Telethon Kick-Off Breakfast. The telethon will air on Channels 22, 27 and 38 on March 4. Meanwhile, Massachusetts volunteers are working hard to meet their goal of \$2.1 million. The funds provide Easter Seal services for people with disabilities such as physical, occupational and speech therapy, home health care, summer camp, therapeutic swim programs, special equipment loans, support groups for people who have had strokes, and information and referral services.

Father Martin's 'Chalktalk On Alcohol-Revised'

Charlestown residents of all ages are invited to a showing of the Father Martin film, "Chalktalk on Alcohol-Revised." The film is 45 minutes long, and will be sponsored by the Ken-

neddy Center's Substance Abuse Program. Admission is free.

Come join us at the Senior Lounge, 55 Bunker Hill St. on Saturday morning, Dec. 30 at 10:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, Jan. 4

- 12:15 p.m. - Charlestown Kiwanis Club Meeting, Barrett's on Boston Harbour Restaurant
- 7:30 p.m. - Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion Meeting, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

Monday, Jan. 8

- 3:30 p.m. - Creative Drama Classes for children 8 to 12, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 7 p.m. - Presentation of the Charlestown Navy Yard Master Plan by the BRA to the Charlestown Neighborhood Council Aquarium Committee-of-the-whole, Kent Community School, 50 Bunker Hill St.

Tuesday, Jan. 9

- 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. - Children's Films, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 7 p.m. - Charlestown Neighborhood Council Meeting, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Wednesday, Jan. 10

- 10:15 a.m. - Adult Discussion Group Meeting and Preschool Story Hour, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. - Boston City Councillor Robert Travaglini Office Hours, One Thompson Square, First Floor Conference Area
- 6 to 7 p.m. - Representative Richard A. Voke Office Hours, Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square (use Monument Avenue entrance)
- 6 to 7:30 p.m. - Pre-Alateen and Alateen Meetings, St. Catherine's Hall, below the rectory, 49 Vine St.
- 7:30 p.m. - Court St. Jude No. 1123, CDA, Meeting, Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

Plan Ahead

Thursday, Jan. 11

- 6 to 8 p.m. - Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy Office Hours, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

Friday, Jan. 12

- 7 p.m. - Basketball Clinic with Jamie Most, sponsored by Charlestown Against Drugs (CHAD), Charlestown High School Athletic Facility, 255 Medford St.

Tuesday, Jan. 16

- 7 p.m. - Charlestown Police Community Relations/Public Safety Meeting, Kent Community School, 50 Bunker Hill St.

Saturday, Jan. 20

- 7 p.m. - Second Annual Boys' Club Reunion, Charlestown Boys & Girls Club, 60 High St.

Monday, Jan. 22

- 7 p.m. - Townie Santa Board of Directors meeting, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

Monday, Feb. 12

- 7 p.m. - Annual Meeting of Townie Santa Committee members, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

Friday, Feb. 23

- 6 to 10 p.m. - Charlestown Night at the Monet Exhibit, sponsored by the Charlestown Preservation Society, Tapestry Room, Museum of Fine Arts

Saturday, April 7

- 6 p.m. - 21st Annual Lt. Michael P. Quinn Scholarship Dinner Dance, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

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The Charlestown Boys Club A Brief History — Part 1

by Charlie McGonagle

Over the next few weeks, and in conjunction with the second annual Charlestown Boys Club Alumni Reunion to be held on Saturday evening, Jan. 20 in the High Street building of the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club, a brief history of the organization will be presented here.

The Executive Board of the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club would like to thank Gloria Conway for the continuing cooperation it has received from her and **The Charlestown Patriot** for almost 25 years. Without Gloria's valued assistance, many of our endeavors would be made much more difficult, if not impossible.

Much of the information which will appear here comes directly from a piece of literature uncovered at the club entitled "A Brief History of the Boys Clubs of Boston Inc." April, 1962. Although credit for the pub-

lication should be afforded the author, no name is mentioned in the literature, but we are, nonetheless, grateful.

The Charlestown Boys Club — A Beginning

In earlier times Charlestown had been one of Boston's most attractive suburbs, but with the growth of shipping interests, residential deterioration began to take away from the area. Better homes were being replaced by overcrowded tenements at a rapid rate, and by the mid 1890s, hard times began to grip the entire city of Boston. Soup kitchens and bread lines became a way of life for many, and thousands faced the winters without adequate clothing and housing. With no measure of relief being established on any level, most foresaw nothing but even bleaker times ahead.

It was in this type of environment that the early idea of a boys club in Char-

lestown was born.

The founding of a boys club in Charlestown can be directly related to a group of men who, even in their own adversity, were able to look ahead and envision such problems as gangs, rampant crime, and increased costs to the state in its efforts to combat these problems.

For many boys of the era, membership in street gangs became a common refuge. In some ways the boys were able to satisfy their needs for sociability in the gangs, but because they lived by their own self-prescribed rules, they became a major factor toward rising juvenile delinquency rates.

This was the situation as seen by Frank S. Mason in 1893. Mason was a young Charlestown businessman who became interested in the swelling gang problems and, recalling his membership in a group he had helped to form in his own younger days, the Agassiz Club, he set out to establish an organization based on the premise that youngsters engaging in wholesome activities while under the supervision of men particularly sympathetic to boys' problems would progress socially in a positive manner.

With the aid of several other men who shared his feelings, Mason made a survey of the youth situation in other cities facing similar problems with youth gangs. In the course of his studies, Mason came across an article which appeared in **Scribner's Magazine** and described a boys club which had been founded on New York's East Side. The club, its leadership and its activities seemed to directly

parallel his own idea. The New York club would become the pattern for what

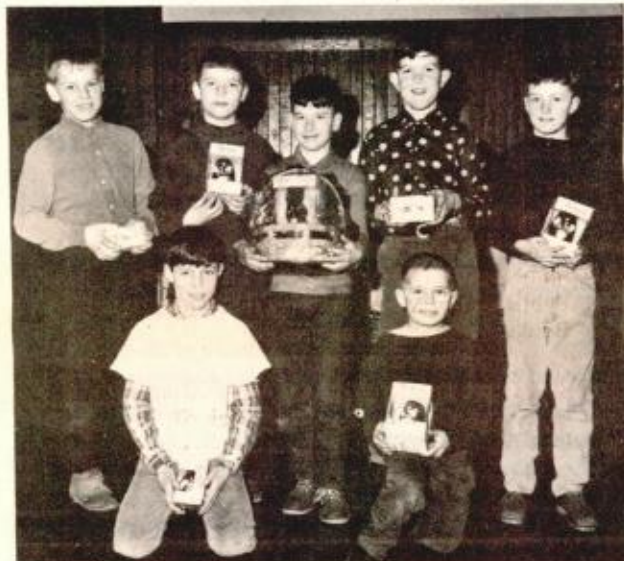
would be known as the Bunker Hill Boys Club of Charlestown.

Next Week —
The Charlestown Boys Club
— The Early Days —



WOODWORKING CLASSES were always popular at the Charlestown Boys Club. This late-1960s class included John Doherty

Ken Russell, Bob Stone, Frank Gauthier, Tom Celata, Bill Simensen, Jack Celata, Phil Carr and George Welch.



THE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT was always a fun time at the Charlestown Boys Club. These youngsters were the winners in March 1967.

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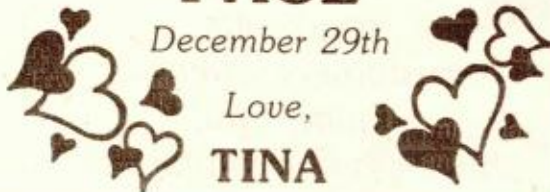
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• **Christmas In Charlestown . . .** brought out the best in most folks . . . there has been much praise for the group of volunteers known as Townie Santa whose efforts gladdened the hearts of so many of the town's elderly, needy shut-ins . . . A Secret Santa spread the Christmas spirit by decorating every tree in the Doherty Playground with a bow . . . and a Christmas tree stands as a welcoming beacon for residents and visitors to the Charlestown Navy Yard . . . while at the Charlestown Post Office, the Christmas



mail was delivered by Santa Claus himself as Jim Barker put aside his Rudolph outfit to don his red suit and beard! There is never a dull moment with Jim on the job!

• **On The Other Hand . . .** a person (or persons) spent Christmas morning breaking car windows. A Cordis Street resident told of heading out to a convenience store on Christmas only to find his car and several more on the street with broken windows. It is a cruel act any day, but it sure spoiled Christmas for a number of residents.

• **Found: One Wiseman . . .** next to the dumpster at Constitution Co-op Apartments. The over 4-foot plastic figure is waiting at the Co-op. So, if you see a Nativity scene with only two wisemen, you now know where the third member of the trio spent Christmas.

• **The Christmas Season . . .** will extend well into January in the pages of the Patriot. Photos of the many holiday events will be featured in upcoming editions . . . so you can enjoy the warmth of the Christmas season during the bleak days of winter.


• **And Now Onto New Year's Eve . . .** with a party planned at the Knights of Columbus hall here in town. The evening will feature a Prime Rib Dinner and entertainment by the D.J. Connection - all for \$25 per person. For tickets, contact Ed Lynch or Tom White at 242-9673 . . . Gentlemen Jims at One Mystic Avenue in Charlestown invites all to its New Year's Eve Party featuring a free buffet, favors and noisemakers . . . and Charlestown's own Paula Wiles and the Dream Machine will entertain at the Malden Elks hall at 37 Florence St. Tickets, which are \$35 a couple and include a Chinese Buffet and party favors, may be obtained by calling Paula at 242-0429.

• **Boston's Annual First Night Celebration . . .** will once again fill the streets from City Hall to the Prudential Center featuring over 1,000 individual artists at over 50 indoor and outdoor locations. Charlestown will be well represented as the Charlestown Working Theater presents two performances of its new production "The Construction of Boston" at the Boston Conservatory Theater. The celebration will conclude with a minute-by-minute and then second-by-second countdown to 1990 with a blazing laser light and sound show on the East side of the Custom House Tower, timed to the lighting of the 500-foot landmark at the stroke of midnight that will kick off the grand finale fireworks display over Boston Harbor.

• **A Special Celebration . . .** will take place this weekend as Kathleen Bridget Evers marks her birthday with a gala dinner party. Kathleen turned 15 on Dec. 22. Best wishes, Kathleen, and have a great day!

• **Charlestown Men . . .** who spent their younger days enjoying the fun and friendships at the Charlestown Boys' Club will gather at the club on Jan. 20 for the second annual reunion. Last year's event met with rave reviews from the 250 or so in attendance, and tickets are going fast. Don't be left out, contact Jerry Steimel at 242-1775 to reserve your ticket today!

• **As 1989 Draws To A Close . . .** we at The Charlestown Patriot wish to thank our loyal readers and advertisers for your support during the past year. We would also like to extend a special thanks to Ronan FitzPatrick, John Dillon, Charlie McGonagle, Michael Tognarelli and all who contributed news, features and photographs. You are all very special and we wish
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Neighborhood Council Meetings

AQUARIUM COMMITTEE-OF-THE-WHOLE

The Boston Redevelopment Authority will unveil its proposed Master Plan for the Charlestown Navy Yard to the Aquarium Committee-of-the-Whole at an informational meeting on Monday, Jan. 8 at 7 p.m. at the Kent Community School, 50 Bunker Hill St.

MONTHLY MEETING

The Charlestown Neighborhood Council will hold its monthly meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 75 West School St.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

Chairman Mel Stillman has announced that the Public Safety Committee meeting will be held in conjunction with the Police Community Relations meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. at the Kent Community School, 50 Bunker Hill St.

The meetings are open to the public, and all are welcome to attend.

First Church In Charlestown Holds Annual Christmas Bazaar

photos by Michael Tognarelli



Oregon Man Leaps To His Death From The Tobin Bridge

An Oregon native assigned to the USS Constitution in Charlestown jumped from the Tobin Bridge at

about 7 p.m. Christmas Day. Airman Apprentice Allen W. Wilson, 20, leaped to his death on the Char-

lestown side of the bridge, despite pleas from rescue workers and police officers called to the scene.

Wilson reportedly told officers that his wife had left him and he did not want to live, just before he plunged 150 feet from the bridge's lower deck into the Mystic River. A U.S. Coast Guard helicopter, Boston Police and Fire boats searched for his body that night. State Police divers finally located Wilson's body late Tuesday morning in deep water near the bridge.

According to police reports, Wilson had been drinking and was depressed.

Brown Bag Bookies To Meet

(continued from page one) that "this first novel about women born in China before 1949 and their American-born daughters is a meditation on the divided nature of emigrant life." The characters "sing with a rare fidelity and beauty."

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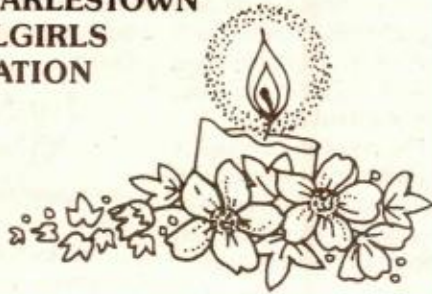
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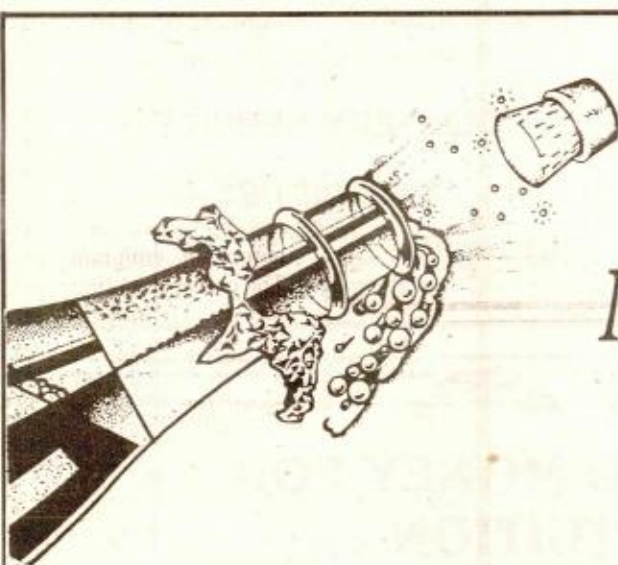
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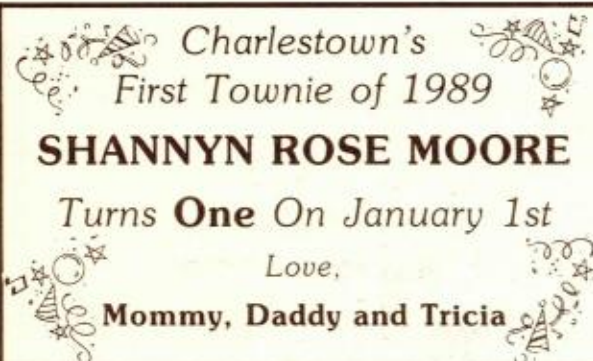
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Rita Houghton, education coordinator for the African Tropical Forest, Metro-Park Zoos, will be the guest speaker at the Adult Discussion Group meeting at 10:15 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 10 at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

The tropical forest in Franklin Park Zoo is a state-of-the-art place of ed-

ucation and interaction with another continent. Houghton will talk about the zoo and the importance of this brand-new living display.

Suggested reading in conjunction with the program includes **Gorillas in the Mist** by Dian Fossey, **Ourselves and Other Animals** by Peter Evans and **World of Birds** by James Fisher and Roger Tory Peterson.

Basketball Clinic Returns Jan. 12

Boys and girls 6 to 16 are invited to learn the secrets of better basketball from Jamie Most, Johnnie's son, and neighborhood enthusiasts at a Friday, Jan. 12 basketball clinic from 7 to 9 p.m. at Charlestown High School Athletic Facility, 255 Medford St.

The clinic is free and is designed to give kids a chance to learn the game or play better. The clinic will emphasize certain skills,

such as lay-ups, passing and how to handle the ball. This second clinic is a Charlestown Against Drugs-sponsored activity, developed by local volunteers in conjunction with The Raymond Group.

JobStart Moves

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JobStart services will be available at the Kennedy Center in January. The office is accessible by the MBTA Main Street bus line. For more information, call the Charlestown JobStart office at 242-3352.

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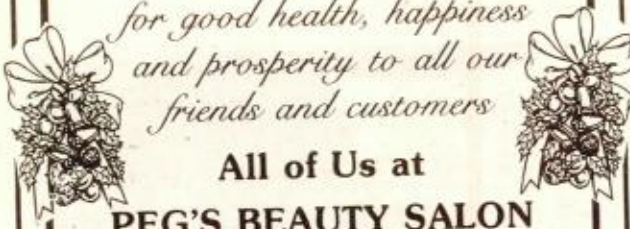



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Christmas At The Charlestown District Courthouse

photos by Lynn Peters

Crowds of children and their parents gathered at the Charlestown District Courthouse in City Square for a Dec. 7 afternoon Christmas party. Santa made a special appearance, dropping in to give gifts to the children and hear

their Christmas wish lists.

Goodies were served up in holiday style while children were treated to face painting as they waited for Santa to arrive by fire truck.

The courtroom on the second floor was crammed full with holiday cheer and party goers from all over Charlestown. The get-together was organized by local court personnel and residents.





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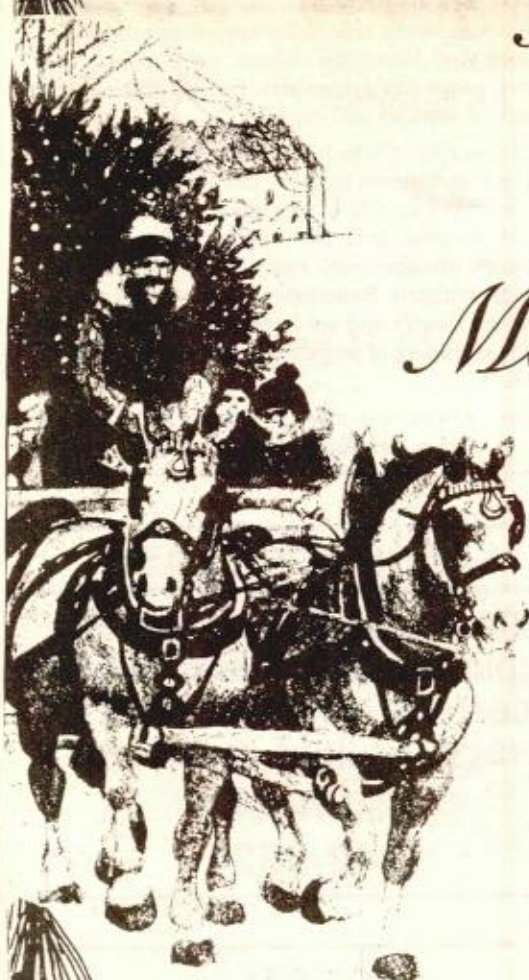
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Celebrating At Christmas Party



LAFAYETTE HOTEL General Manager Liam Madden welcomes Mollie Schnorr of Charlestown to the manager's Christmas party at the Lafayette Hotel.
(photo by Sam Greenwald)



ENJOYING THE FESTIVITIES at the manager's Christmas party at the Lafayette Hotel were Justine O'Donnell, left, and Susan Mellen of Charlestown.
(photo by Sam Greenwald)

'Moments In Charlestown' Presents Three Local Features

Three features, produced by "Moments In Charlestown," will be presented this week on cable channels A3 and A8.

The hour-long feature on the Third Annual Charlestown Christmas Walk will be shown tonight, Thurs-

day, Dec. 28 at 10 p.m. On Friday, Dec. 29 at 7:30 p.m., a production will be aired featuring the Life Focus Center, a program for the retarded and physically handicapped located in City Square.

The Boston Bruins Al-

umni vs. the South Boston Youth Hockey coaches will be shown on Saturday, Dec. 30 at 4:30 p.m. This game, which was filmed at the University of Massachusetts, includes such hockey greats are Brad Parks, Terry O'Reilly and Charlestown's own Joe Fidler.

Children's Films

The Film Program for Children will be presented at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St., on Tuesday, Jan. 2 at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

The features will be "It's Mine," which tells how three frogs discover a new tune; a boy learns that endings bring new beginnings in "When The Wind Stops;" and while waiting to become a butterfly, Polliwog gets a surprise in "The Caterpillar And The Polliwog."

Ramona and Beezus share the death of their cat, Picky-Picky, in "Goodbye Hello," shown only at 3:30 p.m.

The suggested readings in conjunction with these films are: **The Very Hungry Caterpillar** by Eric Carle, **Beezus and Ramona** by Beverly Cleary and **Weather Forecasting** by Gail Gibbons.

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• **Happy Holidays** from the Charlestown Working Theater — a very busy place this time of year! CWT is in the last stages of rehearsal for the premiere of an exciting and very funny music theater piece by Boston composer Scott Wheeler — "The Construction of Boston." CWT will be presenting "The Construction of Boston" at the Boston Conservatory Theater for two performances on New Year's Eve as the major theatrical offering for First Night 1990, after which set, costumes and cast will move back to Charlestown for the opening at 442 Bunker Hill St. on Jan. 4.

• Interested in participating in First Night 1990 by helping CWT move scenery downtown and back ... or by putting the finishing touches on audience platforms and stage pieces? You are welcome and encouraged to call the theater at 242-3534. Some carpentry experience is helpful. There is some money available to pay the crew, although volunteers who have some time between now and Jan. 4 are encouraged to contact CWT.

• CWT's recent special event "A Rehearsal of Dr. Jekyll & Mr. Hyde," which sold out three of its four performances, received a lot of praise from the press. **The Boston Herald** called it "powerful and evocative" and Arthur Friedman's review was an unqualified rave!

• Speaking of the **Herald**: Friedman's list of the "best performances of 1989" included the Charlestown Working Theater twice! Tommy Derrah was praised for his work in October's "Fo's Fables" and Frank Licato was included for his portrayal of "Jekyll/Hyde" in December's musical event.

• What a wonderful gift idea! **Three-Play Subscriptions** to Charlestown's professional theater are quite a bargain — starting as low as \$23 for the January through May 1990 season — and make a splendid holiday gift. Your family and friends will remember you all season long! Remember CWT subscribers can pick the night they attend at their convenience, their seats are guaranteed, they always get a discount and priority treatment! Gift certificates are available at the theater office!

• Remember, if you're interested in helping on the artistic or technical side of the upcoming production, **we need you!** Wardrobe helpers, set builders, light hangers, props runners, ushers, ticket takers ... there are lots of ways to get involved.

• And speaking of which ... **Office Volunteer of the Week** is Charlestown resident Dorothy Healy who is volunteering a couple of afternoons a week to help CWT Managing Director Nancy Kathan with the mountains of paperwork and computer entries that have accumulated! Remember, if you have any time to give the theater and are interested in helping with a wide assortment of projects, please call Pat Johnson at 242-3534.

For more information on happenings at the CWT, call Nancy Lee Kathan at 242-3534.



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Achieve Honors

Three Charlestown residents achieved academic honors in the first term at Pope John High School in Everett.

Derek Melendy, a senior, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Melendy of 53 Walker St.; Susan Stella, a senior, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Stella of 24 Lyndeboro St.; and Maureen Wedge, a freshman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Wedge of 9 Cook St., all achieved honorable mention on the honors list for maintaining a 3.0 grade point average or above in all their courses.

BHCC Receives Corporate Gift

The Bank of New England has made a commitment of \$30,000 over three years to the Bunker Hill Community College Foundation in support of the College's Honors Program. The gift, according to President Piedad F. Robertson, will strengthen the enrichment component of the program.

"Since our honors students represent an important resource for the college

February is Black History Month, and a ceremony to mark the occasion will be held at the Charlestown District Court in City Square, site of the first

Bunker Hill Post To Meet

Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Jan. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

and the community, we are taking special care to nurture and challenge their academic talents," Robertson said. "The honors program has demonstrated the importance of providing in-depth, concentrated academic work for the students as individuals, and it has provided the college with an important opportunity to emphasize scholarship, disciplined inquiry and community service."

To Celebrate Black History Month

court of Massachusetts. Scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 15, the event will be sponsored by the Friends of the Charlestown District

Court. The ceremony will honor George L. Ruffin, the first black justice appointed in the north. Ruffin served in

the Charlestown Court from 1883 to 1886. Local dignitaries will be invited to take part in the ceremony.

To all my neighbors and friends who worked with me to give our community an elected voice in city government, I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart.

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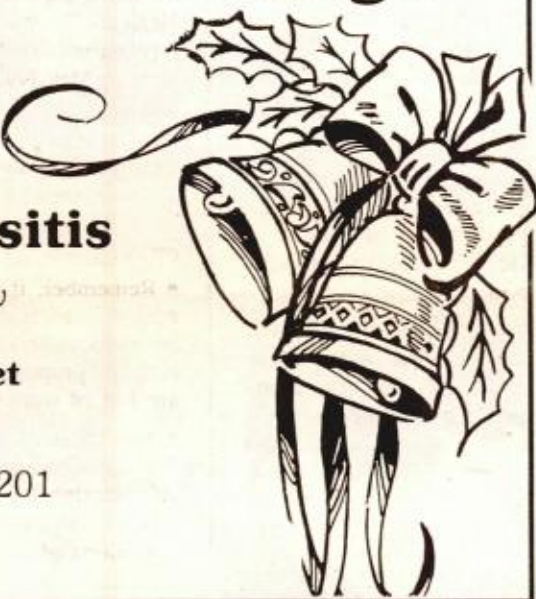
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Kids Connection Treats Seniors To Holiday Dinner

photos by Lynn Peters


Boys and girls of the Charlestown Kids Connection treated seniors at the Golden Age Senior Center on Main Street to a Christmas dinner party on Dec. 7. The kids

prepared the ham dinner, served their guests, surprised them with a Christmas cake, and Santa Claus delivered homemade chocolate lollipops.

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by Patricia Rooney
Clara's adventures in the Land of Sweets and the Land of Snow were experienced by the children of the Harvard-Kent School after writing essays for a contest entitled Why I Deserve To See The Nutcracker. Fifty winning essays were selected, and the composers attended the Boston Ballet's version of "The Nutcracker" on Dec. 8 at the Wang Center.

A special thank you must be given to Fay Lee, assistant principal, for obtaining these very special tickets for the award winners.

Our men and women who serve in the U.S. Armed Forces will have a brighter Christmas away from home because of the With Help-Individual Zoom, or WHIZ Kids, at the Harvard-Kent.

Mary Rudder and Maria D'Itria helped their students make a total of 365 cards and mailed them to military ships and installations around the world. Included among the recipients of these greeting cards will be

crews from the USS Hewitt, USS Forestall and the USS Enterprise, Air Force men and women stationed in Germany, and service people in different branches of the Armed Forces stationed in Korea.

Well-done, kids and teachers. I'm sure Santa will be putting something extra in your stocking this year.

On Jan. 3, the School Parent Council will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at the school. All parents are asked to try to attend.
Maria D'Itria will lead a workshop and explain the E.M.A.T., Elementary Math and Technological program currently in place at our school. We look forward to seeing everyone at this meeting.

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Boys & Girls Club Dance-A-Thon Benefits Homeless

photos by Kelly Fitzgerald

The Charlestown Boys & Girls Club raised nearly \$400 for the homeless at its Dec. 8 Dance-A-Thon. The money was used to buy Christmas gifts for 50 families staying at the Town

Line Motel in Malden. In addition, the group has received donations from Parker Bros. and Mattel toy companies.

Charlestown youngsters danced hard for the cause.

Several contests were also enjoyed with Surita Rorie winning at musical chairs, Stephanie Cameron taking the freeze dance contest and Shannon Dole winning the limbo contest. Each of the

winners received Wrestlemania tickets.


Joseph Porter from the club's Games Room was instrumental in helping pull the night together and Chris Kurkel, Matt O'Shea and

David Guerra shared some new dance steps with the boys and girls. The children, their parents and friends and the club's staff members all contributed to the successful fund raiser.

Club members with help from the Torch and Keystone clubs and the Library Council, prepared and wrapped the gifts on Dec. 20 for door-to-door deliveries at the motel Dec. 21.



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**From the desk of
Deputy Superintendent Robert P. Faherty
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Monday, Dec. 18

At 1:30 p.m., Officers Hogan and Hennessey responded to the rear of 57 Walford Way where they observed three individuals removing parts from a stolen automobile. As the officers approached, the three fled on foot into the Bunker Hill Housing Development. All three are known to the officers as thieves, and warrants will be sought for their arrest.

During the day, an attempt was made to steal an automobile parked on Spice Street.

Tuesday, Dec. 19

Detectives Donahue and Torres arrested a 19-year-old resident on a default warrant at Charlestown District Court.

Wednesday, Dec. 20

Detective Sgt. Barry and Detective Donahue arrested a 30-year-old Winchester resident on Main Street on a default

warrant.

Friday, Dec. 22

At 1 a.m., Officer Carr recovered a stolen automobile at the Bunker Hill Mall.

At 1:45 a.m., Officer McLean observed a motor vehicle being operated at a high rate of speed on Medford Street. The vehicle then entered a parking lot, and two individuals attempted to flee. One of them, a 21-year-old resident, was apprehended and placed under arrest for operating a stolen automobile.

Detective Donahue arrested a 33-year-old resident at the Charlestown District Court on a default warrant.

Officer Bollen stopped a motor vehicle at Sullivan Square for a violation and found the driver, a 33-year-old resident, to be operating after the suspension of his license. The driver was placed under arrest.

A stolen automobile was recovered by Officer Callahan on Pearl Street.

An automobile parked on First Avenue was broken into during the evening, and a radar detector was stolen. *These incidents are under investigation by the detectives of Area A.*

Residents are reminded: If you know of any drug activity in your neighborhood, call the Boston Police Hot Line at 247-4697. It is not necessary to give your name, and all information will be investigated.

Police / Public Safety Meeting

The Police Community Relations and the Charlestown Neighborhood Council Public Safety Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. at the Kent Community School, 50 Bunker Hill St. All are invited to attend.

Search Underway For 1990 Miss Massachusetts Teen USA

Applications are being accepted for the 1990 Miss Massachusetts Teen USA Pageant, the official preliminary to the nationally televised Miss Teen USA Pageant held in July.

The state pageant will be held at the Sheraton Lincoln Hotel in Worcester in March. All contestants will receive an expense-paid weekend of pageant events at the hotel's convention center. The state winner will receive over \$3,000 in prizes and awards, including wardrobe, jewelry, travel, a modeling scholarship, cash scholarship awards and an expense-paid trip to compete for the title of Miss Teen USA.

and figure. Teens between 15 and 18 as of July 1, 1990 who want further information on how to participate must write by Jan. 15 to: Miss Massachusetts Teen USA Pageant Headquarters, 222 Newbury St., 2nd Floor, Dept. R-1, Boston, Mass., 02116. Letters must include a recent snapshot, a brief biography, date of birth and telephone number.

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At 'Nutcracker' Performance



ATTEND RECEPTION: Gordon MacPherson and Bonnie Tucartin of Charlestown enjoy the festivities at the BMW Night reception at the Boston Ballet's production of "The Nutcracker" at the Wang Center in Boston.

(photo by Sam Greenwald)

Make-Up Archdiocesan Entrance Exam Scheduled At Don Bosco

Don Bosco Technical High School, 300 Tremont St., Boston will conduct the make-up of the Archdiocesan entrance exam on Jan. 6 at 8:30 a.m. The exam, originally scheduled for Dec. 16, was postponed due to snow.

The Mechanical Aptitude Test (MAT), which is required for those planning to apply to Don Bosco Tech, will also be offered. In ad-

dition, students who took the entrance exam on Dec. 9 at a location which did not offer the test may take the MAT on Saturday at Don Bosco.

Marks for both the exam and the test will be sent to the school of the students' choice.

For more information, call Dave Murray, director of admissions, 426-9457, ext. 310.

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THE HOLIDAY BLUES

The holiday season can be a tough time for all of us. Sometimes we find ourselves feeling blue or down, and we're puzzled because we don't understand why we should feel that way at such a happy time of year. These holiday blues can have several sources.

During the holidays we are all bombarded with pictures of how good and perfect life is supposed to be. We are all presented with scenes of people frolicking and enjoying each other's company in television programs, movies, and in radio, television and magazine advertisements. Families are portrayed in blissful harmony. Young couples cavort romantically without a hint of disagreement. Children are shown receiving expensive gifts, which their parents afford with no strain on their pocketbooks. In countless ways we are all given the message that the holiday season is a time when everyone is happy, when disagreements don't exist, and when we all love each other perfectly and without mixed feelings.

In the privacy of our own thoughts, few of us can avoid comparing these images of the way life is portrayed for us during the holidays with what we actually are experiencing. In very few cases does the reality of our lives measure up to the pictures that the media gives us of what we ought to have at this time of year. Our families sometimes fight. Our spouses sometimes grumble and bicker. Our children often request gifts beyond what we can possibly afford. It is this difference between the perfect images of the holidays and our own imperfect experiences of the season that can cause us to feel down.

There are other reasons for feeling blah too. Often the holidays stir memories of loved ones who have died, or those who are alive but far away and unavailable. Often the holidays stir memories from childhood when life seemed simpler and when our parents, at least in memory, were there to take care of everything and to make things right. Few of us can escape an occasional, or more than occasional, wish that we could be children again, that our parents were still there to take care of us, and that our biggest problem was which present to open first. For most of us, childhood was never as wonderful as it seems in our memories. But even those who are able to recall some of the frustrations of growing up may wish for a kind of childhood they never had and feel depressed by the knowledge that the opportunity for such an experience is forever lost.

For most of us, the blahs remain just that — the blahs. We are struck by a momentary blue moment or mood, but it passes relatively quickly as we appreciate the real rewards and pleasures which the holiday season does offer us. For some, however, the blahs don't go away so quickly. They take hold and don't let go. Anyone who finds himself seriously unhappy for a substantial portion of the holiday period should consider getting some professional help. This is particularly true when a person is bothered by thoughts of doing harm to himself or to someone else. For most of us the holiday blahs will be perhaps a minor annoyance at an otherwise happy time, but for those who are unable to shake free of that down feeling, the Health Center, and in particular, the Community Mental Health Unit, is available to offer help and hope. All you have to do is to call 242-5760 to make an appointment or come up to the third floor of the Health Center. We will take good care of you.

Joseph Whitehorn, Ph.D.
Community Mental Health/Social Service Unit

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- **Quilting** — Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., contact Jean Reilly.
- **Arts & Crafts** — Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., contact Jean Reilly.
- **Flower Arrangements** — Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., contact Jean Reilly
- **Ceramics** — Monday to Thursday from noon to 4 p.m., contact Ann Griffin.
- **Beano** — Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 12:30 p.m., contact Sheila Walsh.
- **Lunch** — Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at noon, contact Dolly Rocco.
- **Knit & Crochet** — Friday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., contact Jean Reilly.

★ TRIPS ★

Join us for a St. Patrick's Day Party at the Beacon Motel on an overnight trip March 7 and 8. The cost is \$95. Contact Sheila Walsh at 241-7513.

BUS TO STOP & SHOP

A bus will be picking up passengers at the Golden Age Center to bring them to Stop & Shop each Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m.



Senior Citizen Lunch Program

The Kit Clark Senior House provides lunches for senior citizens, Monday through Friday, under the Title III Senior Nutrition Program at the Rutherford Avenue Senior Center, 114 Rutherford Ave. and at the Senior Lounge, 55 Bunker Hill St.

MENU

- Friday, Dec. 29** — Cream of leek soup, breaded fish, broccoli, mashed potatoes, sesame twist, plums
- Monday, Jan. 1** — Happy New Year — All sites closed
- Tuesday, Jan. 2** — Chicken a la king, mashed potatoes, carrots, light rye bread, fresh fruit
- Wednesday, Jan. 3** — Salisbury steak with gravy, noodles, mixed vegetables, wheat bread, fruit cocktail
- Thursday, Jan. 4** — Minestrone soup, turkey salad sandwich, chocolate pudding, bulkie roll

Charlestown Residents To Take Part In Senior Dental Health Study

The Harvard School of Dental Medicine in Boston and The New England Research Institute in Watertown are currently conducting a dental health study in New England. A group of Charlestown residents age 70 and over have been selected for participation in the study.

The goal of the study is to learn more about the dental health of people as they grow older. Very little is known about the dental health and dental care needs of older adults, especially those over age 85. Many people in this age group wear dentures or are ill and do not receive dental care. It is important that this population participates in the study so that health planners and providers of dental services can better understand their needs.

The Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Af-

fairs and the Massachusetts Dental Society have endorsed the study and encourage all eligible persons who are selected to participate.

Residents who have been selected for participation will receive a letter describing the study. A member of the staff will then call to ask questions about their dental health. Following the interview, some people will be offered a free in-home dental examination conducted by dentists from the Harvard School of Dental Medicine. This examination is not intended to replace the usual care by their dentist.

The study is funded by the National Institute on Aging of the National Institutes of Health in Washington, D.C.

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★ EVENTS OF THE WEEK ★

Friday, Dec. 29

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

Monday, Jan. 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Tuesday, Jan. 2

- 10 a.m. - Crochet, Senior Lounge
- 11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge

Wednesday, Jan. 3

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

Thursday, Jan. 4

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

★ SENIOR LOUNGE EVENTS ★

Contact Barbara Jamieson or Phyllis Bryant at 241-8866

- **Podiatrist** — Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 1:30 p.m. Sign up in advance, and bring your Medicare or Medicaid card with you.

For more information on senior activities, transportation or homemaker services, contact Judi Meaney, director of Senior Services, at 241-8866.

Senior Citizens Have 'Sea-niority' At The New England Aquarium

Kick off the new year with a free trip to the New England Aquarium. For the third consecutive year, the New England Aquarium's "Sea-niority" program provides free admission to people 60 and over on Mondays from 12:30 to 4 p.m.

Beginning Jan. 8 and continuing through May 21, immerse yourself in the world of water, compliments of the New England Aquarium.

Monday afternoons are the ideal time to visit, when school groups are not scheduled, exhibits are accessible and the atmosphere is relaxed.

The aquarium galleries feature fish from around the world and a variety of habitats. Escape the cold in the Tropical Gallery, highlighted by numerous brilliantly colored fish, or take a trip to the Amazon and see Am-

azon catfish, angelfish and piranhas. Through January, the special exhibit area features "Stick Your Neck Out: A Closer Look At Turtles." "Secret Places, Darkened Spaces," a brand-new exhibit on the tropical rain forest, will open in March.

Free admission to the aquarium also includes special programs such as the dolphin and sea lion show. Regularly scheduled auditorium programs range from marine films to theatrical performances. Don't miss watching divers feed the fish in the 200,000-gallon Giant Ocean Tank and the blackfooted and rockhopper penguins in the adjacent pool.

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By Dr. Kevin J. Loughlin
North End Chiropractic



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Although osteoporosis has received its share of media attention recently, it is still little understood and too often ignored by the majority of women. Young women think of it as an "old lady's condition," and for many older women, irreversible damage has already occurred. The fact is that although no one has to be disabled by osteoporosis, prevention must begin early and women must be well informed about the problem.

Osteoporosis is not, strictly speaking, a disease. It is the end result of a prolonged process in which bones thin and become increasingly porous. Unfortunately, the bones of the spine are often the first to show osteoporotic changes. As the vertebrae get weaker and more porous, they gradually become deformed and eventually may actually collapse. Often several vertebrae collapse at a time, pulling the rib cage toward the hips and creating kyphosis of the upper spine, the so-called "dowager's hump." In such cases, women may lose as much as two inches of their height in a matter of weeks; overall, they can actually lose up to eight inches in height which results not only in physical deformity and severe pain but in emotional pain and crippling as well.

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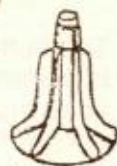
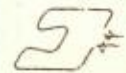
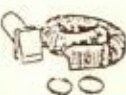
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Thank You

I want to thank Ann Flyer for the job she did on Thursday of giving out fruit baskets at the General Warren Apartments. She delivered all the baskets to the ones who could not get out. They were nice baskets.

Thanks again.

D. Munroe

To The People Of Charlestown

Thank you so much for your donations and support of our Annual Christmas Bazaar here at St. Catherine's. With rising costs in so many areas, we depend heavily on our fundraising activities — in particular, the Christmas Bazaar.

May this Holy Season be one of peace, hope and joy for you.

Sincerely,

Carol J. Powers, Cathy Chase,
Susan Cannizzaro and Sister Catherine

Thank You All

Dear Gloria,

I would like to thank the Charlestown Community Schools, the Bank of New England, all the men, including the Teamsters Union men who chaffered so many of us to and from the Elderly Christmas Dinner at the K. of C. hall, and all those who helped to make this a special day.

The dinner, the orchestra and the service were excellent! It was just great to have an award presented to you, Gloria. You will never receive enough of those!

Last, but most appreciated, is my gift of lunch for two at the Four Seasons Hotel. Each of my daughters has a December birthday and will enjoy an extra joint celebration there this year.

Sincerely, and wishing all of you your very best holiday yet.

Ruth E. Duffy

Keeping The Spirit Of Christmas

To the Editor,

I would like, through the pages of your wonderful community newspaper, to express my appreciation and gratitude to the Townie Santa program.

On Sunday morning, Dec. 17, I heard a knock on my door, and when I answered three young men were standing there. One of them was only about 12 or 13 years of age. He was loaded down with heavy packages and a delicious hot turkey dinner for me.

You will never know what a great boost that was for my morale, being 83 years old and living alone.

God bless those three young men and all the other men and women who work so hard each year to keep the spirit of Christmas alive and make sure that Charlestown's elderly are not forgotten during this Christmas Season.

Thanks again,
E. McN.

Our Thanks

Dear Gloria,

The council and staff of Charlestown Community Schools would like to thank everyone who volunteered their services and made donations of money and space. It is due to this united community effort that Charlestown Community Schools was able to offer this Christmas Holiday Party for our senior citizens.

A special thanks to our corporate sponsor, The Bank of New England, for co-sponsoring the party, local businesses and friends who made donations, the Elderly Commission, Mayor's Office of Business and Cultural Affairs for sponsoring Dick McManus and The Irish Revolution, the Knights of Columbus, Marty's Caterers, Kerrigan's Flower Shop, Bunker Hill Florist and the Teamsters.

We would also like to thank **The Charlestown Patriot**. Without your help it would be extremely difficult to access all the services to this event.

Sincerely,

Beverly Gibbons
Elder Service Director

What Most People Don't Realize About The Black Watch

To The Editor,

An advertisement in the **Patriot** for several weeks featured a promotion of the Black Watch/Argyle & Sutherland Highlanders performing at the Boston Garden. What most people may not realize (Charlestown being a predominantly Irish section of Boston) is that these so-called musicians are in fact soldiers in the British Army.

The Black Watch and Argyle & Sutherland Regiment have served 19 tours of duty in Ireland since June 28, 1970. They are no ceremonial unit. Their sole purpose in Northeast Ireland is the subjugation of the nationalist (predominantly Catholic minority) by means of intimidation, harassment, torture and murder, all documented and proven in world court forums (see **Shoot To Kill** by the International Lawyers Inquiry). Also, the methods used by the British Army to maintain control of Northeast Ireland have been investigated and condemned by Amnesty International, the European Commission on Human Rights, and most recently Britain's own Stalkee Report.

The British Army occupies six counties of Ireland against the will of the majority of Irish people.

The purpose of this letter is to remind those in Charlestown, who believe in and work for the cause of a united, free Ireland that this performance is not a ceremonial music show. It is a propaganda play by the British government, a public relations exercise produced by British military imagemakers.

As for the entertainment value, let the record speak for itself: 18 civilians murdered by these, again, so-called musicians.

My condemnation could never be overstated. Only until Ireland is free shall we continue to resist British colonialism in Ireland.

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P.S.: I'd like to hear from either pro or con.

Thank You

Thank you, Townie Santa! I appreciate your generous gifts and thoughtfulness. God bless you all.

M.B.

Thank You, Townie Santa

Dear Townie Santa,

I would like to let the Townie Santa people know how very much I appreciate the efforts they made this year for my mother. This was her first Christmas in 45 years without my father, who passed away recently. It was an especially difficult time for her, and you brought her some much-needed holiday cheer.

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Honored For McGrath Scholarship Fund-Raising Efforts



HONORED FOR FUND RAISING - Lisa G. Chapnick (center), director of the city's Public Facilities Department, presents a certificate of appreciation to Robert Francis (left), chief of the Municipal Police Force, for his efforts in raising several thousand dollars for the Robert J. McGrath Scholarship Fund, which was established in 1988 in the name of the late Charlestown Municipal Police officer. Sgt. Frank DeRosa (right) is the director of the McGrath Scholarship Fund, which so far has raised \$14,000 for local high school students. This past year, \$1,000 awards were given to three Charlestown students: Brian McGrath, Robert's younger brother who attends Boston College High School; Michelle Gibbons who attends Matignon High School; and Lynn O'Brien who attends St. Clement's High School. Students can apply for McGrath Scholarship Awards through the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club. (photo by Jann Van Horne)

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