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Merry Christmas

May the joy of Christmas
be yours throughout the year!



An Old-Fashioned Christmas Party Is Enjoyed At Hayes Square



CHILDREN gather with Santa Claus in Hayes Square on Sunday for an old-fashioned Christmas Party that included photographs with Santa, holiday cookies, hot chocolate, music by the St. Catherine Children's Choir and the lighting of the square's Christmas tree.

'Townie Santa' Makes Annual Visit To Elderly, Needy Shut-ins

The holiday spirit was much in evidence this past Sunday as volunteers gathered at the Mary Colbert Apartments to prepare for the delivery of holiday packages to 120 of Charlestown's elderly, needy shut-ins.

Last minute packing of juice, milk and bread was undertaken by one crew, while another crew arranged the packages for easy pick up. The last-minute check of the names and addresses of the recipients was made, delivery teams were organized and "Townie Santa" was ready to go.

Meanwhile, at the head-

quarters of Scalli Caterers on Sackville Street, family members and friends gathered to assist Bob and Carol Scalli in the preparation and packaging of over 120 hot turkey dinners that would be delivered along with the Christmas boxes. Even Mayor Raymond Flynn took his turn in dishing out the mashed potatoes.

Teamsters Local 25 provided its van, and retiree Mel Stillman was the driver. The crew that included Ed Connolly from the ILA, loaded the van and began delivery to recipients in the Bunker Hill Housing Development.

Volunteers began delivery at 11 a.m. People from all walks of life, ranging in age from youngsters to senior citizens, were there to help in any way they could. Many individuals and several families were there, helping others as a special holiday project. Many businesses and organizations were also represented, and Charlestown's man at the State House, Rep. Richard Voke.

The volunteers were faced with the awesome task of delivering two boxes containing food items, toiletries and gifts, along with two

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Holiday Schedule . . .

The New Year's edition of *The Charlestown Patriot* will be published on Thursday, Jan. 7. The deadline for news and advertising is Monday, Jan. 4 at 5 p.m.

The staff of the *Patriot* will be on vacation from noon on Thursday, Dec. 24 until 9 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 4. We wish all a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year.

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CHECKING the list of "Townie Santa" recipients before the delivery began last Sunday were committee members (l. to r.) Helen

McLaughlin, Margie Kent, Sheila Jackson, Jackie Fabiano, Barbara Mele and Betty Golden.



SERVING UP THE TURKEY was the crew at Scalli's Caterers on Sackville Street, who cooked and packaged over 150 dinners that were delivered to Charlestown's elderly, needy shut-ins as part of "Townie Santa."

Shown (l. to r.) Michael Strothman, Peter Looney, Mayor Raymond Flynn, Bob Scalli, Judy Evers, Lynne Addison, Carol Scalli, Judi Meaney and Steven Scalli.



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Deadline for advertising and copy is Monday at 5 p.m.

'Recycling In Charlestown' Topic Of Adult Discussion Group

"Recycling In Charlestown" with Janet Shea, steering committee member of the Charlestown Recycling Volunteers, will be the subject of the Adult Discussion Group meeting at 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 8 at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Charlestown ranks second in the city neighborhoods in the amount of material recycled on a per cap-

ita basis. Shea will talk about what can currently be recycled in Charlestown and how and where to do it. She will also talk about the city's plans for recycling, and how recycling can help our planet.

Suggested books to read on the subject include **Fifty Simple Things You Can Do To Save the Earth** by The Earth Works Group, **The Green Lifestyle Handbook: 1001 Ways You Can Heal the Earth** and **The Green Pages: Your Everyday Shopping Guide to Environmentally Safe Products**.

There will be no meetings on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. The staff of the library wishes all a Happy Holiday Season.

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CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

This Week At A Glance

Friday, Dec. 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Sunday, Dec. 27

• 6:30 p.m. — CH.A.M.P.: Charlestown After Murder Program Meeting, St. Catherine Rectory, 49 Vine St.

Tuesday, Dec. 29

• 9:30 to 11 a.m. — Woman's Recovery Group Meeting, Old Kent School, 23A Moulton St.

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

Wednesday, Dec. 30

• 5 to 7 p.m. — Boston Police Community Relations Office Hours, first floor conference area, One Thompson Square

• 6 to 7 p.m. — Rep. Richard A. Voke Office Hours, Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square (use Monument Avenue entrance)

Thursday, Dec. 31

• 8 p.m. — New Year's Eve Party, St. Catherine's Hall, Tufts Street

Friday, Jan. 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Sunday, Jan. 3

• 6:30 p.m. — CH.A.M.P.: Charlestown After Murder Program Meeting, St. Catherine Rectory, 49 Vine St.

Monday, Jan. 4

Curbside Newspaper Recycling Week — Put your newspapers out on your regular trash pick-up day, rain or shine, in paper bags or bundled in string and a separate truck will pick up the newspapers. For information, call 635-4959.

Tuesday, Jan. 5

• 9:30 to 11 a.m. — Woman's Recovery Group Meeting, Old Kent School, 23A Moulton St.

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

• noon to 1 p.m. — Ironsides Toastmasters Meeting, Mass. General Hospital East, 1st floor conference area, Building 149, 13th Street, Charlestown Navy Yard (use 8th Street entrance)

• 7 p.m. — Charlestown Neighborhood Council Meeting, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Wednesday, Jan. 6

• 10 a.m. to noon — Boston Police Community Relations Office Hours, first floor conference area, One Thompson Square

• noon — Lunch Time Films featuring "The Twisted Cross," Visitor Center, Building 5, National Historical Park section of the Charlestown Navy Yard

• 3:30 p.m. — Creative Dramatics for children 6 to 12, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• 6 to 7 p.m. — Rep. Richard A. Voke Office Hours, Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square (use Monument Avenue entrance)

• 7 p.m. — Family Film Series featuring "Mutiny on the Bounty," USS Constitution Museum, Charlestown Navy Yard

• 7:30 p.m. — Court St. Jude No. 1123, C.D.A. Meeting, Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

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Upcoming Events

Thursday, Jan. 7

• 12:15 p.m. — Charlestown Kiwanis Club Meeting, Barrett's on Boston Harbour restaurant

• 7 p.m. — Tufts Street Ladies Club Meeting, St. Catherine Lower Rectory, 49 Vine St.

• 7 p.m. — Charlestown Neighborhood Council Rezoning Committee Meeting, Kent Community Center, 50 Bunker Hill St.

Friday, Jan. 8

• 10 a.m. — Adult Discussion Group meeting and Preschool Story Hour, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Saturday, Jan. 9

• 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Charlestown Recycling Drop-off Center open, in the side parking lot adjacent to Johnnie's Foodmaster, Bunker Hill Mall

Sunday, Jan. 10

• Following 9 a.m. Mass — Holy Name Society Meeting, Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

• 6:30 p.m. — CH.A.M.P.: Charlestown After Murder Program Meeting, St. Catherine Rectory, 49 Vine St.

Tuesday, Jan. 12

• 9:30 to 11 a.m. — Woman's Recovery Group Meeting, Old Kent School, 23A Moulton St.

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

• noon — Brown Bag Bookies, adult book discussion group meeting featuring **Animal Dreams** by Barbara Kingsolver, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• 7 p.m. — Charlestown Neighborhood Council Public Safety/Police Community Relations Meeting, Kent Community Center, 50 Bunker Hill St.

Wednesday, Jan. 13

• noon — Lunch Time Films featuring "The Battle of the Bulge: The Brave Rifle Desert Victory," Visitor Center, Building 5, National Historical Park section of the Charlestown Navy Yard

• 3:30 p.m. — Creative Dramatics for children 6 to 12, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• 5 to 7 p.m. — Boston Police Community Relations Office Hours, first floor conference area, One Thompson Square

• 6 to 7 p.m. — Rep. Richard A. Voke Office Hours, Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square (use Monument Avenue entrance)

• 7 p.m. — Family Film Series featuring "Coaster," USS Constitution Museum, Charlestown Navy Yard

Plan Ahead

Friday, Jan. 15

• 8 p.m. — Dance to benefit the Charlestown Youth Hockey Association, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Saturday, Jan. 16

• 7 p.m. — Family Feud, St. Catherine's Hall, Tufts Street

Friday, Jan. 29

• 7:30 p.m. — Life Focus Center 15th Anniversary Banquet, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Saturday, Jan. 30

• 8 p.m. — World-Famous Hypnotist Frank Santos performance, to benefit The Teen Connection, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Friday, March 5

• 8 p.m. — Dance to benefit the Charlestown Youth Hockey Association, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Saturday, March 6

• 7:30 p.m. — Gladys Corned Beef Dinner, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

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Children ages 5 to 10 are invited to discover winter with stories, games, songs, crafts and surprises . . . all with a winter theme. The program will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 14 at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Good books to read on

winter include **Brrr!** by James Stevenson, **In Winter** by Jane Belk Moncure, **It's Snowing! It's Snowing!** by Jack Prelutsky, **Winter** by Ron Hirschi and **A Winter Day** by Douglas Florian.

To reserve a space for the program, please call 242-1248.

A Christmas Remembrance . . .

WE'RE ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

The tramp on the sidewalk
With no shoes on his feet,
The man in the mansion
With so much food to eat.
The man in the jailhouse
The keeper of the key,
The man in the White House
Is just like you and me.
We're all God's children
Each and everyone,
We're all God's children
So let's all live as one.
The rich man, the poor man
The happy and sad,
The white man, the black man
Both the good and the bad.

The loser, the boozier
The man without a care,
The winner, the sinner
And the man without a prayer.

We're all God's children
He loves us all the same,
We're all God's children
So let us praise His name.



MERRY CHRISTMAS, CHARLESTOWN

— by Ronnie Doe

'Ivory Soul' Performance Highlight Of CHAD Teen Dance



A PERFORMANCE by the vocal and dance group "Ivory Soul" was the highlight of the recent teen dance at St. Catherine's Hall, sponsored by CHarlestown Against Drugs (CHAD). Members of the group are (l. to r.) Shannon Kavanagh, Kendra Sullivan and Dina Scalfani. Shannon is the daughter of Bob and Jan Kavanagh, formerly of Charlestown. (photo by Jeanne Davis)

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Birmingham Receives Award From Children's Advocacy Committee

Sen. Thomas F. Birmingham was honored recently by the Office for Children Statewide Advisory Council at its annual awards meeting held in the State House on Dec. 14.

George Bachrach, president of the OFC Statewide Advisory Council, told the packed audience of over 300 advocates, legislators and citizens, "This award is presented to Sen. Birmingham with sincere appreciation for his tireless commitment and actions on behalf of the children of Massachusetts."

U.S. Sen. Edward M. Kennedy was the keynote speaker for the event.

The Office for Children

Statewide Advisory Council is a nonpartisan citizen's group whose purpose is to advise the Office for Children

and state government on children's services. The Office for Children was created in 1972 by Gov.

Francis Sargent to help children who might not otherwise receive critical services.

'The Four Seasons In New England' On Display At South Station



MEMBERS of the Northeast Garden Railroad Society relax after having completed construction of the 16 by 24 foot garden railroad at South Station. The exhibit, which is free, can be seen daily from 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. through Jan. 1. It features 174 live plants, 300 feet of track, three engines, 15

cars, 15 buildings, three bridges and a running waterfall. Members shown here are (l. to r.) George Lamke of Norwell, Harry Van Leer of Woburn, Bill Gagne of Dorchester (kneeling), Manny Ferrante of Everett, Ron Mistrata of Brookline and Harvey Layton of Charlestown.

It's A Girl . . .

Sandra Jackson announces the birth of her daughter, Nicole Marie, on Dec. 7 at the New England Medical Center. The baby weighed 7 pounds 1 ounce and was 18½ inches long.

The baby's grandmother is Sandy Davis of Charlestown.

Nicole Marie was welcomed home by her brothers Jason, 7, and T.J., 4.

Not For Nothin' . . . But Have You Heard . . .



• **The Spirit Of The Holiday Season . . .** filled the air in Charlestown last Sunday as a small, but hardy group of volunteers loaded their cars and trucks with packages and became "Townie Santas" for a few hours, delivering groceries, toiletries, gifts and a hot turkey dinner to some of the community's elderly, needy shut-ins . . . in the true spirit of Christmas.

• **Santa Paid A Visit . . .** to Hayes Square on Sunday afternoon, posed for pictures with the youngsters and listened to some long lists of Christmas wishes. There was the holiday music of St. Catherine Children's Choir, cookies and cakes, hot chocolate and the lighting of the Christmas tree. Families, friends and neighbors took this opportunity to pause from the Christmas rush and enjoy each other's company at this old-fashioned Christmas Party.

• **Our Appreciation . . .** for the Christmas remembrances . . . goes out to the ladies of Court St. Jude No. 1123, Catholic Daughters of the Americas . . . Ned Rosselle from The Red Store . . . Judi Meaney and the folks at the Senior Lounge . . . Bud Coleman and the members of the Charlestown Lions Club . . . Joanne Massaro and the Friends of the Charlestown Branch Library . . . and all who sent us holiday greetings . . . your thoughtfulness was enjoyed by all!

• **Get Well Wishes . . .** go out to Pat Considine who is recuperating from surgery . . . Get well soon, Pat!

• **A Perfect Stocking Stuffer . . .** is the note cards being sold to benefit the Friends of the Charlestown Branch Library. They are scenes of old Charlestown taken from the library's Rev. Wolcott Cutler slide collection. The notes, which are six scenes for \$5, are on sale at the library, 179 Main St.

• **A Horse, Of Course . . .** is the equine park partner of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department Park Rangers. You can learn how he or she is fed, groomed, tacked up and trained for patrol at the Boston Common Ranger Station on Monday, Dec. 28 at 1 p.m. . . . In addition, there will be tours of the mounted unit stables in Franklin Park for youth groups on Wednesday, Dec. 30. The group size is limited to 25 with adult accompaniment. Please call 522-2639 for reservations.

• **Birthdays, Birthdays, Birthdays . . .** galore are being celebrated this holiday season . . . David Ryan Flanagan turns 4 and Jim Walsh will mark his 36th, both on Christmas Eve . . . Mary Maheigan and Ginger Doherty share the honors for Christmas Day . . . Betty Dunphy of Constitution Co-op will celebrate on Dec. 26th . . . Dolly Hudson's big day is Dec. 28th . . . the keeper of the Eden Street Park, John Greatorex, will turn a youthful 82 on Dec. 29th . . . and Barrister Bill Stievater, chairman of the Charlestown Business Association, will celebrate on Jan. 4th . . . Also, belated birthday wishes go out to Laura Settiani and Lillian Thomas . . . Happy Birthday to each and all!

• **Welcome In The New Year . . .** at the gala New Year's Eve Party at St. Catherine's Hall on Tufts Street. An evening of dancing to the music of a D.J. and a Chinese food buffet is planned, beginning at 9 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 31 . . . all for just \$20 per person . . . The good thing about this celebration is that you can leave your car at home . . . and enjoy!

• **The City Readies For "First Night" . . .** the annual New Year's Eve festival that will feature more than 1,000 artists in over 150 performances and displays, including classical, folk and new music; contemporary, ethnic and participatory dance; puppetry, mime and theater; magic, juggling and vaudeville; martial arts; film and video and ice sculpture . . . the activity begins at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 31 with events from Government Center to Massachusetts Avenue . . . There is a Grand Procession 1993 at 5:30 p.m. along Boylston Street from the Hynes Veterans Convention Center to Charles Street . . . and fireworks over Boston Harbor at midnight will welcome in 1993 . . . Programs for event are available with the purchase of a First Night Button for \$7 until Dec. 25, and \$10 thereafter. Buttons are available at CVS, Fleet Bank, Papa Gino's and Store 24.

• **Featured On First Night . . .** will be Charlestown resident William Merrill who plays the piano in accompaniment to the voice of Clara Sandler, who sings songs from Spain and Argentina. Their repertoire includes works by Ginastera, Granados, Gustavino, Obrados and Rodrigo and songs in commemoration of the 500th anniversary of the Spanish Inquisition. Merrill and Sandler will be performing at 9 and 10:15 p.m. on Dec. 31 at the Jorge Hernandez Cultural Center at Villa Victoria, 85 West Newton St.

• **Charlestown On "Chronicle" . . .** is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 11. It can be seen on Channel 5.

Happy Holidays, Charlestown, and The Very Best For 1993!

Merry Christmas
Nana Farrell and Katie
Love . . .
Jack, Christopher, Courtney & Casey

Merry Christmas
Christopher, Courtney & Casey
Love . . . Dad

Merry Christmas . . . **AL**
Love always,
Mary
December 25, 1992

December 25, 1992
Merry Christmas . . . **Kathy**
Love, **Jack**

Happy 20th Birthday
KELLY McISAAC
on December 28th
Love,
Mom, Dad, Jimmy & Erin

I'd like to wish my beautiful wife
Tina Marie Byrnes
and my beautiful son
Steven James Byrnes Jr.
a Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year.
Love and miss you so much,
Steven Sr.

Merry Christmas
Kris Kringle

Merry Christmas
Mom & Dad
I Love You . . .
Cindy

Welcome Home
LESLEY
Love,
Ma, Dad, Jen, Billy, Danny and Lauren

May the Light of the
Christmas Star
shine on you each day
of the New Year.
Bob DeCristoforo

Marsden Represents Members At Boys & Girls Club Founders Banquet

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston (BGCB) officially kicked off its 100th anniversary to be celebrated throughout 1993 with a Founders Award Dinner at the Boston Park Plaza. William O. Taylor, publisher of *The Boston Globe*, was honored at the dinner in recognition of his personal

and professional commitment to BGCB.

Speaking on behalf of the 5,200 BGCB members from the clubhouses located in Charlestown, Roxbury and South Boston with satellite facilities in the Franklin Field and Old Colony housing developments, was Melanie Marsden of Char-

lestown, BGCB's youth of the year. Marsden thanked the event supporters by saying: "You people have not given up hope on us. I thank you for your commitment to the youth of Boston, and I thank you for your commitment to me."

Keynote speaker for the event was Boston Celtics



MELANIE MARSDEN of Charlestown, one of the featured speakers at the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston Founders Award Dinner, presents the evening's honoree, Boston Globe Publisher William O. Taylor, with a gift of art from clubhouse members as BGCB Chairman Russ Epker looks on.

president Red Auerbach and the guest speaker was Massachusetts Senate president William Bulger.

Almost 100 years ago, Frank S. Mason declared: "We want to make life pleasant and profitable for children whose home lives, either from poverty or unfortunate circumstances, are unattractive," when he founded the Bunker Hill Boys' Club in Charlestown with 38 members.

Frances Mosely, president and CEO of BGCB,

echoes that same sense of

purpose today as the agency gears up for its centennial year of celebration. "We are here 99 years later, serving 5,200 of Boston's youth and we continue to strive to improve children's lives in mind, body and spirit. We plan to maintain our presence in the city for the next 100 years and beyond. If there is a child out there who needs our services, we intend to be there."

The anniversary year will be celebrated with a series of special events over the 12 months and a national symposium, "Programs that Work," to be held in the fall. Boston is also the host city for the Boys & Girls Clubs of America National Conference which will take place in April.



AFTER ADDRESSING a crowd of 400 with a moving speech during the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston Founders Award Dinner, Melanie Marsden of Charlestown, BGCA Re-

gional Youth of the Year, accompanied by her mother Marie (Peachie), receives praise and thanks from BGCB Chairman Russ Epker.

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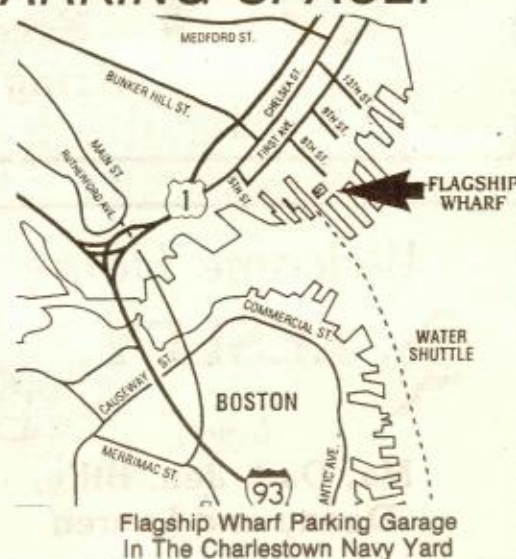
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Charlestown's Elderly, Needy Shut-ins Receive Holiday Visit From 'Townie Santa'

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plastic shopping bags and a turkey dinner to each of the recipients.

As with any task, willing hands make the project easier, and Sunday was no exception. The volunteers included representatives from

the Charlestown Community Centers, The Teen Connection, the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club and the National Park Service.

As the packages were delivered, the volunteers returned to the Mary Colbert

Apartments to report in and see if further help was needed and many went out again for second and third delivery trips. Each expressed delight in being able to take part in this holiday program.

Thanks from several of

the recipients have been arriving. Several have stated that their cupboards were bare, and this delivery of food and toiletries was much appreciated and brightened their holiday.

This program would not

be possible if it were not for the generosity of the residents, former residents, businesses and organizations that donate money, goods and services each year. Also, it is the devotion of a small group called the "Townie Santa" Committee

who work all through the year to plan for this holiday program that makes it happen each Christmas.

The Townie Santa Committee extends its thanks to all who participated in any way.





On Sunday, Dec. 20, "Townie Santa" visited 120 elderly, needy Charlestown shut-ins to deliver Christmas boxes and a hot turkey dinner. The committee extends its sincere appreciation to each volunteer for taking time to share the "Spirit of Christmas."

★ THE STAR ON THE CHRISTMAS TREE ★ IS ALMOST SHINING

The star at the top of the Christmas tree will soon be shining brightly thanks to the generosity of the residents, former residents, businesses and organizations of this town. As is the nature of this community, there has been an outpouring of resources, both in contributions and in the untold hours that volunteers worked to make this undertaking a success.

Donations are still welcome and will continue to be publicly acknowledged. Please make checks payable to "Townie Santa," and mail them to P.O. Box 482, Charlestown, Mass. 02129.

Donations have been received from:

Mildred and Joe Kirk
In Memory of James P. Collins
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Fifty Years Ago In Charlestown . . .

Fifty years ago, the country was in the midst of World War II. The late Sylvester B. Colbert was service secretary of Bunker Hill Council No. 62, Knights of Columbus during this period, and updated the membership with happenings at the Knights Clubhouse on High Street and with fellow Knights stationed around the world.

Here are some of the writings from Mr. Colbert in the K. of C. letter dated December 1942.

• We are in the season of Christmas, and although we knew it was Yuletide, it was hard to realize it. For the first time in our recollection, there were no lights in the houses, no Christmas trees in the windows and with the dim-out regulations, the streets were, and still are, quite. It is a very different Christmas from the one we knew in the "piping times of peace."

• The Clubhouse has become the Charlestown headquarters of the Red Cross, the entire third floor being given over to their work.

• William J. Monahan has been appointed chairman of the Charlestown Ration Board by the Mayor of Boston. William H. Sheehe is one of his associates on the Board. What with tires, fuel oil, gasoline, coffee, sugar and canned goods about to be rationed, the boys will be pretty busy from now on.

• Joseph F. Monahan goes down in the record as the first member of the Council to make the headlines. If you happened to be listening to the radio one day this month, you would have heard something like this: "During a visit to a hospital in Northern Ireland

a short time ago, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt spoke to a patient from Charlestown, Mass. named Joseph F. Monahan. After the usual introduction, he inquired, "How's Tommy Qualters?" (Qualters is another former Charlestown boy who was an aid to the President, and is now a Major in the Army Air Corps.) Having found a common interest, the President's wife and Private Monahan held quite a conversation." This item was columned in a great many newspapers throughout the country.

• Daniel T. Doyle is now in the Navy. He was formerly one of Boston's Finest. We should say he was one of Boston's Finest Police Sailors, as he was attached to the Harbor Police. It was just a step for Dan from one boat to another.

• Edward J. McGah is a Corporal Technician in the Signal Corps. His address is c/o Postmaster, New Orleans, so your guess as to where he is is as good as ours.

• Henry L. Harper is a Boatswains Mate 2nd Class and is stationed at Dutch Harbor, Alaska. The message to him was: "Your port may be rather lonesome just now, Henry, but if and when your Uncle Sam really starts for Tokyo, it's going to be a very, very busy place."

• Edward F. Hurley of Bunker Hill Street is a student flyer at the Concord, N.H. Air Field. Eddie was at the Clubhouse recently and he says there is nothing like being "up in the air with yourself at the controls and all alone."

• William J. "Bill" Hunt is somewhere in the South Pacific. It is common gossip around the Club that

Bill is now Lt. Hunt instead of Staff Sgt. Hunt. We congratulate him and the Army, too, if the information is

correct.

• James W. "Rod" Cotter writes from Miami (continued on page 23)



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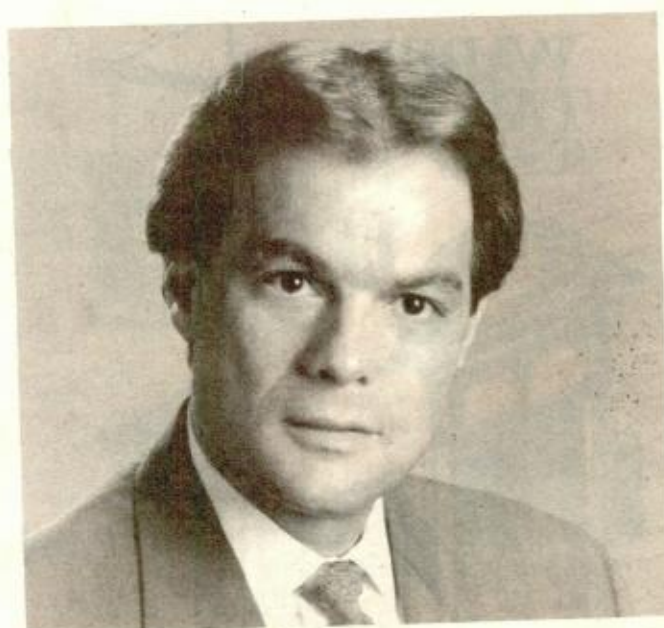
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McLaughlin Will Be Sister Mary Leo On Jan. 6

Charlestown native Patricia McLaughlin will be known as Sister Mary Leo, a member of the Order of the Little Sisters of Hoboken beginning on Jan. 6. Will she be taking her vows to assume the life of a religious? The answer is no.

In the hit musical comedy, "Nunsense," one member of the order, Sister Robert Anne, laments the fact that she has been cast as the "understudy" and there may miss the opportunity to star in the show. So it is that art imitates life... at least for the past eight months... as McLaughlin has been cast as the 'understudy' for all roles in "Nunsense."

This will all change come the first of 1993 when McLaughlin takes on the role of Sister Mary Leo... and she will have the opportunity to star in the show, unlike Sister Robert Anne.

McLaughlin, says she is "thrilled about her new role." She said that she has performed all the roles on a regular basis — not just when a member of the cast was ill, but when a cast member wanted a day off or if there was a benefit performance such as at a festival this past summer in the North End.

As an understudy, Mc-



PATRICIA McLAUGHLIN of Charlestown is featured in the hilarious comedy "Nunsense" at the Theatre Lobby in Boston's North End. Alternating in all the roles as one of the sisters in the comedy performances of the Little Sisters of Hoboken, McLaughlin will be featured in the role of Sister Mary Leo beginning on Jan. 5.

Laughlin said, she had to be present at every performance of "Nunsense," at least through intermission. She is "very pleased" with her new role in the production that revolves around the nuns presenting a benefit evening of song and

dance. From opening curtain to final bows, it is non-stop fun, comedy, song and dance.

McLaughlin has performed a wide range of roles in numerous musicals in theatres throughout New England.

With the Mystic Players in Medford, performances in "Cabaret," "Sweet Charity" and "The Music Man" brought McLaughlin attention. She then won an Outstanding Performance Award for the role of Babe in "The Pajama Game."

Her other roles were in "Arsenic and Old Lace," "Annie" and "Anything Goes" at Stage One in Everett; and "Gypsy" at the

Chelsea Theatre Company. She has appeared in a number of musical cabaret-style revues in area theatres and on the *Spirit of Boston* cruise ship.

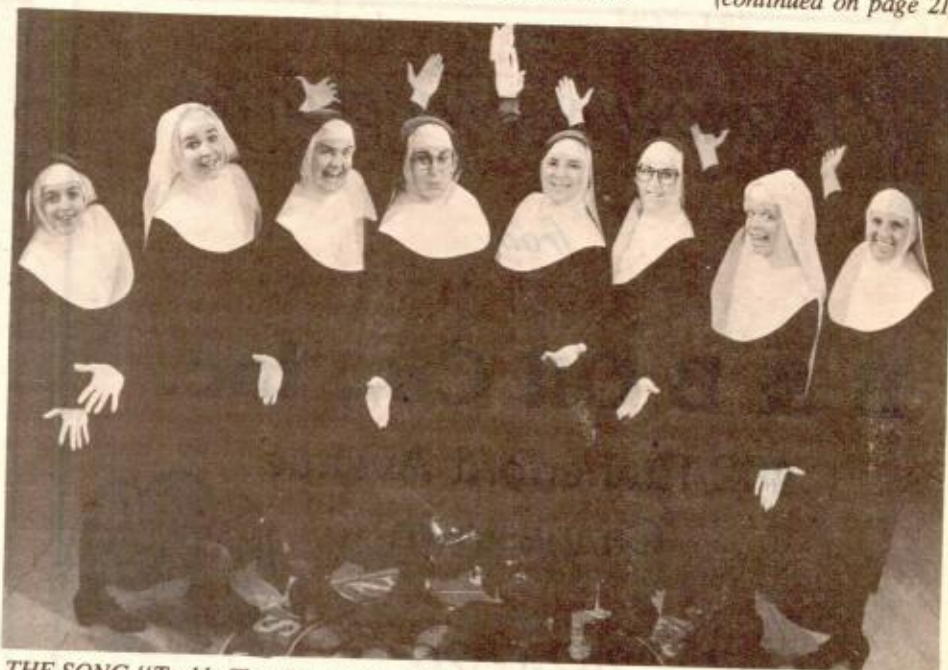
In addition, McLaughlin says she has a 40-minute act she performs with an accompanist... frequently at weddings and other social events.

McLaughlin said she attended St. Catherine's

School in Charlestown for the first and second grades, and then it was a move to Somerville for the family. She and her mother Eleanor now reside in the town.

As for her daytime employment, McLaughlin says "would you believe, I am a part-time bookkeeper at a Jewish temple during the day" and a nun at night. She said her employers at

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THE SONG "Tackle That Temptation With A Time Step" is just one of the mottos to live by in the hilarious musical comedy "Nunsense" at Theatre Lobby in the North End. Shown (l. to r.) Jennifer Simard, Kimberly

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The spirits of Commodore William Bainbridge and Commodore Isaac Hull, stars of USS Constitution's history, will be joined by the likes of Captain Bligh and Captain Queeg at the USS Constitution Museum in January, according to Executive Director Ellen J. Kraft.

Holiday Celebration At The Boys & Girls Club



DREIDEL PLAYING was a part of the recent holiday celebration at the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club. Among the members taking part in the event were Bridgett Chaisson, Matthew Lakeman, Brandon Swales and Shawna Dole.

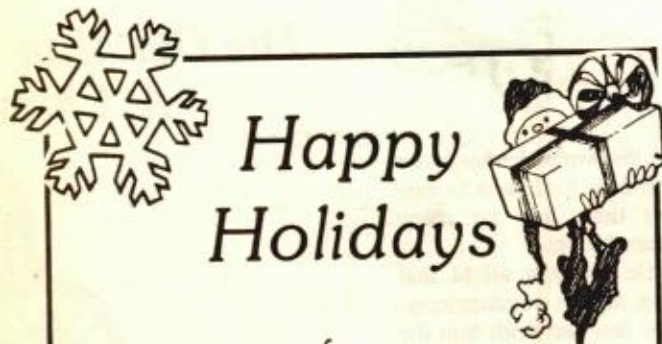
Films will be shown every Wednesday in January at 7 p.m. Free popcorn will be provided courtesy of The Boston Popcorn Company. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for children and museum members. Proceeds will support education programs at the non-profit museum. Tickets are available in advance at the museum or by telephone with a credit card, and at the door the night of the show. Films to be shown are: Jan. 6 - "Mutiny on the

Bounty," winner of the 1935 Academy Award for Best Picture, starring Clark Gable as Fletcher Christian and Charles Laughton as Captain Bligh; Jan. 13 - "Coaster," the true story of a schooner and her crew, from the ship's construction to her seafaring struggles through fierce storms in the Atlantic Ocean; Jan. 20 - "Captains Courageous," the star-studded film version of Rudyard Kipling's classic tale in which a millionaire's spoiled son learns about life from a Portuguese fisherman, starring Spencer Tracy, Mickey Rooney and Lionel Barrymore; and Jan. 27 - "Moby Dick," the screen adaptation of Herman Melville's book of Captain Queeg in his search for the white whale, starring Gregory Peck and Orson Welles, and directed by John Houston. For more information, call 426-1812.

CHRISTMAS IN FLORIDA

'Twas the night before Christmas
and all through the town
No noses were frozen, no snow fluttered down.
No children in flannels were tucked into bed,
They all wore shorty pajamas instead.
To find wreaths of holly was not very hard
For holly wreaths grow in every back yard.
In front of the house were daddies and moms
Adorning the crotons and coconut palms.
The slumbering kiddies were dreaming with glee
That they would find water skis under the tree.
They all knew that Santa was well on his way
In a red Thunderbird instead of a sleigh.
He whizzed up the highways
and zoomed up the roads
In a snappy convertible, peddling his loads.
As he jumped from the car he gave a deep chuckle
He was dressed in Bermudas
with an Ivy League buckle.
There weren't any chimneys
but that caused no gloom
For Santa came in through the Florida room.
He stopped at each house, stayed only a minute,
As he emptied his bag of toys that were in it.
Before he departed, he treated himself
To a glass of papaya juice left on the shelf,
Leaped into the car and put it in gear
And drove over our bridges, singing with cheer
But we heard him exclaim as he went on his way:
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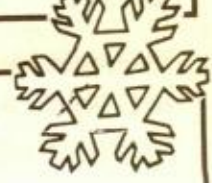


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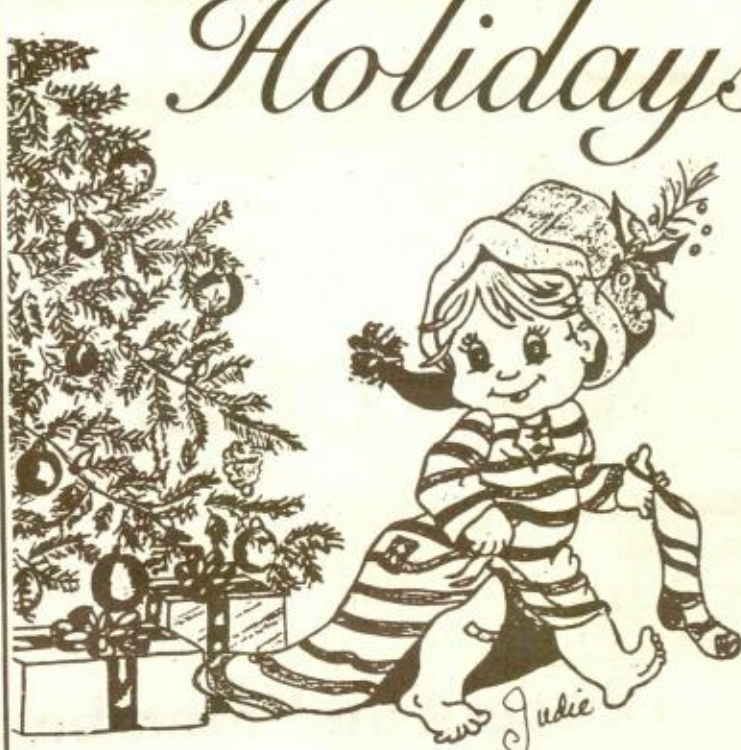
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The Old Man A A Christ

by Charlie McGonagle

The old man sat on the hard wood of the old park bench hunched against the cold, biting December wind, reflecting upon the Christmases of his childhood. He remembered his family and the joys that sharing fostered. His mind tore furiously over the years, and the thoughts of what had been, warmed him, even if only temporarily.

His mother, his father, his brothers and sisters, and in later years, his own wife and children were the building blocks upon which these thoughts rested. As an adult, it was his place to do

for his own which his father had done for him in an earlier time, and for many years he did.

He had lost all of that now, and he was convinced that fate had dealt him the cruelest of blows. He had fallen victim to his own successes, and in doing so, had lost all that was dearest to him. Gone now was his home, his job and, most tragically, his beautiful family.

He would not allow his mind to accept the fact that he was to blame, and with time, the bitterness within him grew.

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The Child — s Story



blame God for those things which had befallen him, he had turned his back on both his God and his church.

The sounds were distant, but through the quiet night, they could be heard. For many minutes he focused his attention upon the lighted steeple and listened to the voices of Christmas as they reached out to him in song.

Soon the sounds of carols faded, but the church's spire continued to glow brilliantly beneath a dark sky whose stars appeared as pinholes poked through a sheet of blackness.

Something from within kept his attention riveted to the lighted steeple, and that same something seemed to lift him from the bench.

Rising, he could feel the weakness age had brought to his legs. It would be several steps before his walk would begin to feel more comfortable. With his eyes lifted toward the steeple, he moved slowly to the church.

He was happy that the midnight services had ended and that the church was empty. It was Christmas Eve, and the doors had been left unlocked. The old man welcomed the wave of warm air which greeted him as he entered. The sound of the door closing behind him echoed through

the empty church and, for just a moment, it startled him.

His eyes traveled up and down the empty pews,

across the many stained glass windows and up to the altar before stopping at the Manger. He was sure it was the same Manger that had

been so much a part of his childhood Christmases.

Slowly he walked down the center aisle toward the altar, the sounds of his worn

shoes shuffling noisily against the carpet.

He began to remember the stable. There would be

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means, but the tattered sleeves of his old overcoat quickly reminded him of what he had become.

The bench was cold and hard, but its discomfort did little to help in his unsuccessful battle against the tears of remembrance.

Partially lost within his cloud of solitude, he could hear the sounds of Christmas piercing the cold air of the wintery night. The steeple of the church of his youth was visible in the distance, for tonight it was lighted against the dark December sky.

For many years he visited the church quite regularly, but because he had come to

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The Old Man And The Child — A Christmas Story

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three wise men, a shepherd boy and several animals standing back from Mary and Joseph who would be kneeling before a makeshift crib. In the crib he would find the Child laying on his back, his arms outstretched with palms opened upward.

Upon reaching the altar, he found everything as he knew it would be. Kneeling before the Manger, he began to curse. Surely all that

he had become was the work of the Child and tonight on this Christmas Eve, he would speak to the Child in words which were not found in ordinary prayers.

The man's whispers soon became shouts, and the sounds echoed uninterrupted through the empty church.

His tirade was finished now, and almost immediately he felt himself being gripped by a strong sense of

remorse. For the first time he felt the tears that his own anger had created, and looking toward the Child asked, "Why, why me?"

Silence followed, and without realizing his own actions, the man reached toward the Child and placed a finger in his outstretched, open palm.

"I'm sorry," the man heard himself saying. "Please forgive me."

The man's thoughts traveled back in time, and as

he had been able to remember earlier Christmases while on the cold, park bench, he remembered again.

"I realize now," he told the Child, "that what I have become is of my own doing. I blamed you for that, and I am truly sorry. What I have never taken the time to do, and should have done many years ago, is thank you for all you did for me before I brought these times upon myself. I had many beautiful Christmases with my parents and with my wife and children. All of that is gone now, but all of this does, and always will, remain a part of me."

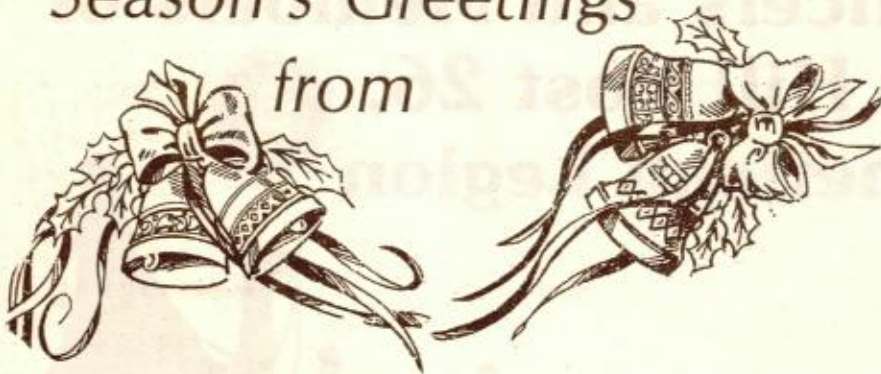
When the pastor came to prepare for the Christmas morning services, he found a figure kneeling before the

Manger as if in prayer. Thinking the man was one of the city's homeless seeking warmth in the church, he approached. As the pastor neared, however, the old man did not move. Nor did he move when the pastor called to him. Only when he was close enough did the

pastor see death in the old man's face. Coming even closer, though, he saw contentment blanketing that look of death.

The pastor's gaze found the old man's outstretched arm, and his eyes followed it to the finger being held tightly in the Child's hand.

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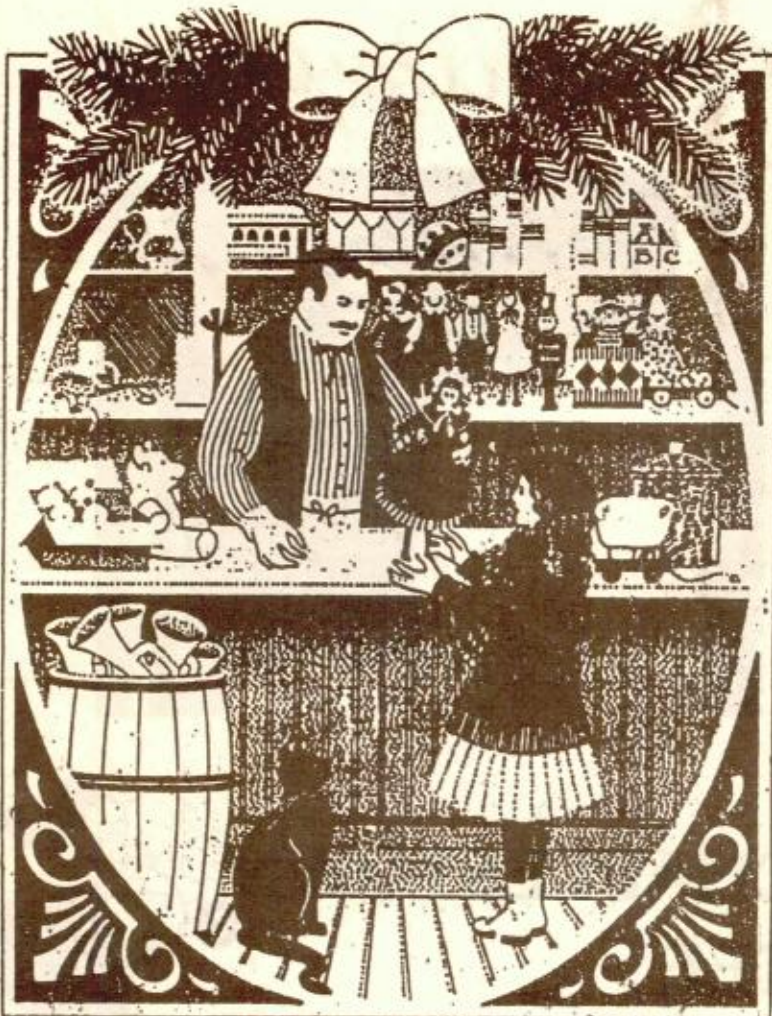
Christine Edwards of Charlestown, an outstanding student at Mount Saint Joseph Academy in Brighton, has achieved honor grades in the first quarter of the 1992-1993 academic year.

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WITHOUT CHRISTMAS

How sad it would be without Christmas,
In a world full of sorrow and strife.
A time for good wishes and greetings
That each year brighten our life.
Especially at the time of year,
When days get cold and dreary,
Comes the wonderful Christmas season,
Again life is bright and cheery.
Trees everywhere with lights like jewels,
Chasing the gloom of night away.
Windows, doors and grounds never lovelier
In such a gorgeous winter array.
People scurrying everywhere,
The quiet days all come alive,
Now the shopper's hunt is on,
They seem busier than bees in a hive.
Plans being made to join loved ones,
Reservations for bus, train or plane.
May all who'd dispel gloom join us,
May this happy time of year never wane.
And when old Santa is seen or mentioned,
With elation children go wild.
What more beautiful sight to see,
Then a smile on the face of a child.
And because of a child this all started,
Born almost two thousand years ago.
Named Jesus — May this season and always
His love on us all bestow.

— Marion Burr



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Christmas Eve Masses - Thursday, Dec. 24

4 p.m. — Special Children's Mass — a Birthday Party for Jesus with music, readings, prayers and sermon especially for children.

midnight — Traditional Midnight Mass with music by the Adult Choir

Christmas Day Mass - Friday, Dec. 25

One Mass only Christmas morning at 10 a.m.

★ New Years ★

New Year's Eve Mass - Thursday, Dec. 31

One Mass at 4 p.m.

New Year's Day Masses - Friday, Jan. 1

Masses at 9 and 11 a.m.

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★ Christmas ★

Christmas Eve Masses - Thursday, Dec. 24

4 p.m. — The Mass will include music by a brass ensemble and the Parish Choir beginning at 3:30 p.m.

7 p.m. — Special Solemn Pontifical Mass with Most Reverend John J. Mulcahy, Auxiliary Bishop of Boston, as the Principal Celebrant and Homilist and music by a brass ensemble and the Parish Choir beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Christmas Day Masses - Friday, Dec. 25

Masses at 9 and 11 a.m.

There will be no 5 p.m. Mass.

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New Year's Eve Masses - Thursday, Dec. 31

Masses at 4 and 7 p.m.

New Year's Day Masses - Friday, Jan. 1

Masses at 9 and 11 a.m.

There will be no 5 p.m. Mass.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH 55 Warren Street

★ Christmas ★

Christmas Eve Masses - Thursday, Dec. 24

5 p.m. — This Mass will be a Family Liturgy with the Nativity dramatization and traditional Christmas music.

8 p.m. — The Mass will include the traditional Holy Family Tableaux and Christmas music by the full choir.

Christmas Day Masses - Friday, Dec. 25

Masses will be at 8 and 11 a.m.

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St. John's Episcopal Church Holds Annual Bazaar



February School Vacation Options At The USS Constitution Museum

Parents seeking activities for their children during February School Vacation Week can look to the USS Constitution Museum in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

The museum is holding a series of half-day Children's Workshops from Feb. 15-19. The workshops, which run from 9:30 a.m. to noon, are

limited to 24 children each. Advance registration is required.

At each workshop, children will learn a different skill and create an item to take home with them. The workshops are:

Feb. 15 - Tall Ship Model-Making
Feb. 16 - Ditty-Bag-Making

ing (a ditty bag is the canvas bag used by sailors to store personal belongings)

Feb. 17 - Knot-Tying
Feb. 18 - Painting
Feb. 19 - Sailor's Hat Making.

The cost is \$7 per workshop for museum members, or \$30 for the series. For non-members, the cost is

\$10 per workshop or \$40 for the series. The fee includes all materials for the workshops, snacks and a different 45-minute historical tour each day.

Call the museum's education department at 426-1812 for information and to register.

Children's Films

The Film Program for Children will be presented at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St., on Tuesday, Dec. 29 and Tuesday, Jan. 5 at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

The features for Dec. 29 will be "Beep, Beep," in which two boys build a car out of crates; the changes in a woman's face are shown in "The Face;" and tiny Morris befriends huge Brawney Balsam in "Morris the Midget Moose."

A boy discovers strange things in his bedroom in "There's a Nightmare in My Closet," shown only at 3:30 p.m.

Suggested good books to

read are *Santa Moose* by Syd Hoff and *Tooth-gnasher Superflash* by Daniel Manus Pinkwater.

On Jan. 5, the features will be "The Caterpillar and the Polliwog," the story of two friends growing up and maturing; the Grimm fairy tale "The Frog King;" and an animated version of the famous folk song "I Know an Old Lady Who Swallowed a Fly."

Captain Smith sails his Conestoga wagon across the country in "The Saga of Windwagon Smith," shown only at 3:30 p.m.

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The Massachusetts General Hospital
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EXPANSION OF MGH SHUTTLE SERVICE EFFECTIVE AS OF JAN. 4



The Mass. General Hospital is pleased to announce the expansion of the MGH Shuttle Service between MGH-Bunker Hill Health Center, the hospital and MGH East.

To enable the expansion of service from 2 to 4 p.m., there will be a minor change in the schedule.

Effective Jan. 4, the shuttle bus will run on the following schedule:

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Sister Mary Leo

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the temple have been most supportive of her acting career, allowing her to remain on in the part-time position when the opportunity for her to wait in the wings as understudy in "Nunsense" came her way last spring.

McLaughlin bubbles with excitement as she talks about her role as Sister Mary Leo in "Nunsense" . . . a must see for all who enjoy good theater and a

fun night out.

Performances of "Nunsense" at the Theatre Lobby, 216 Hanover St. in the North End of Boston are: Wednesday through Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 6 p.m. and 9 p.m., Sunday at 6 p.m., Wednesday matinee at 2 p.m. and Sunday matinee at 3 p.m.

For the holiday performance schedule and ticket information, call the Theatre Lobby at 227-9872.

Figs/Olives Given King Arthur Flour Quality Seal

Figs/Olives of Charlestown has received the King Arthur Flour Quality Seal. According to King Arthur Flour President Frank Sands, the company's quality seal lets consumers know that baked goods they are buying are made with the highest quality flour, King Arthur Flour, and that the flour is chemical free. The colorful quality seal proudly proclaims that Figs/Olives puts the best in everything it bakes, starting with chemical-free King Arthur Flour.

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The grandparents are Emerline Cromwell of Chelsea, Charles Martin of Lynn, Delia S. Richardson

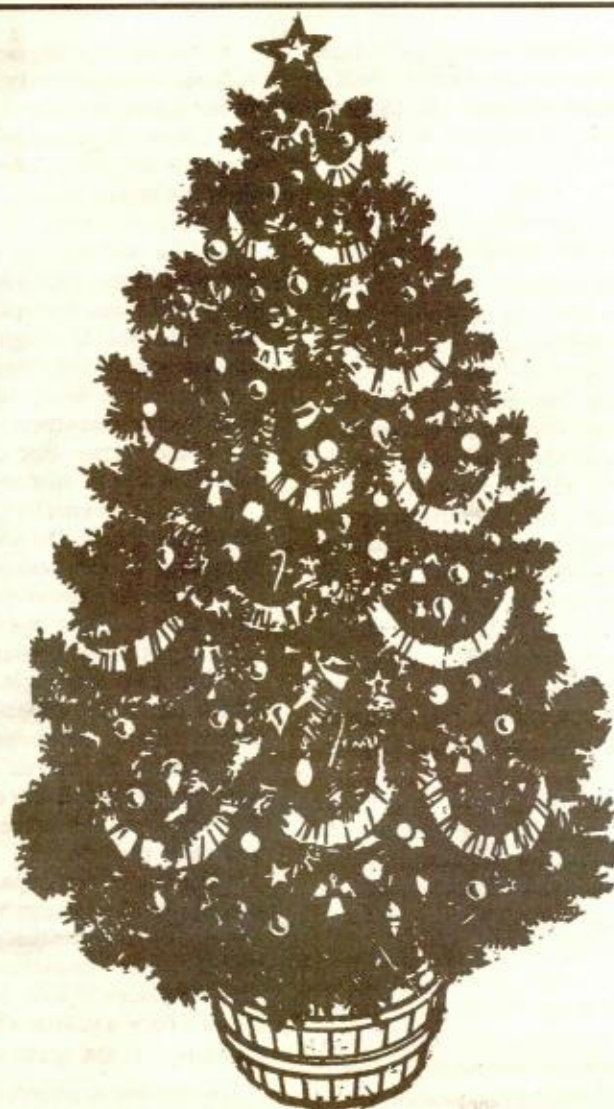
of East Boston and Floyd Richardson of New Hampshire.

The baby's great-grandparents are Marjorie Rosen-

berger of Billerica and Natalie Cushman of Revere.

Mrs. Martin is the former Delia Richardson of Charlestown.

It's A Boy . . .



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★ Neighborhood Council Meetings . . .

Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Neighborhood Council will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 5 at 7 p.m. at the K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Chairman Peter Looney has announced that the following items will be on the agenda for the meeting:

- The seating of the seven members representing the seven organizations voted upon at the December meeting;
- The election of officers for the council for 1993-94;
- A report from the Boston Redevelopment Authority on plans by BioTransplant Inc. to renovate Building 75 in the Charlestown Navy Yard in order to expand its facility; and
- A presentation by Tony and Peter Costa on their plans to renovate and open the former J.J. McCarthy's at 256 Main St.

Rezoning Charlestown

The Planning and Zoning Committee meeting, originally set for Monday, Jan. 4, has been rescheduled for Thursday, Jan. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Kent Community Center, 50 Bunker Hill St. According to Chairman Tom Cunha, the committee will look at the zoning of Parcel 2 in the City Square area at this meeting.

Cunha said that there will be a public meeting when the preliminary zoning of the City Square parcels is completed. Residents will be asked to vote on one use for each parcel, which will then go to the members of the Neighborhood Council for their vote.

All residents, especially abutters to the City Square area, are encouraged to attend the committee meetings.

Public Safety/

Police Community Relations

Chairman Mel Stillman has announced

that the Public Safety Committee and the Community Relations Officer of the Boston Police Department will meet with residents on Tuesday, Jan. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Kent Community Center, 50 Bunker Hill St.

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

★ **425 Medford Street . . .** A formal agreement has been signed between J.M. Cashman Inc., the city of Boston, the Charlestown Neighborhood Council and the Intervenor in the State Building Code Appeals Board case concerning the removal of glacial till and other Cashman materials presently at the 425 Medford St. site.

The agreement limits Cashman to removing no more than 25 truck loads of material each day between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday only. Each of the trucks containing Cashman material are visually identifiable with a magnetic "C" on the side.

During the week of Dec. 7-11, Cashman removed a total of 92 truckloads of fill from the site.

It is expected that the removal will be completed by Jan. 17. If the materials are not removed by that date, Cashman will inform the Council and the Intervenor.

★ **Have A Safe Christmas . . .** Boston Fire Commissioner Martin E. Pierce Jr. wishes the residents of his hometown, Charlestown, a Happy Fire Safe Christmas and urges all to follow a few simple rules to ensure the safety of themselves and their families during the holiday season.

Pierce offers the following suggestions:

- Place your Christmas tree away from fireplaces, radiators and electric heaters.
- Do not place the tree where it might block a door or an exit.
- Do not use candles or other open flame on or near the tree.

• Use only lighting sets approved by a national testing laboratory such as Underwriter Laboratories and Factory Mutual.

• Check the lights before using them, and look for frayed wires, loose connections and broken sockets. Discard the lights if defects are found.

• Make sure that electrical circuits are not overloaded and avoid plugging too many cords into one outlet. Use no more than three strands of lights on a single extension cord to avoid overloading outlets.

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

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

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

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

• Do not allow smoking near the tree.

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

• Remove the tree as soon as possible after the holidays. Every day that a tree remains indoors, it becomes a little bit drier and more of a hazard.

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

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

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

Pierce states: "Remember . . . the best gift of all is a "fire safe" home.

★ **Travel Safety . . .** MassPike Chairman Allan R. McKinnon urges holiday travelers to drive carefully, observe the speed limit and use seat belts.

In addition, he encourages drivers to take a break and not drive while tired. Supporting this effort, the Marriott Corporation will offer free coffee, tea, hot chocolate and sodas at all Travel Plazas along the Massachusetts Turnpike from 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

★ **Street Reconstruction Update . . .** Susi is still working on the installation of the new gas light poles. The tops have been shipped and they will be installed next.

Susi is also buying stock to hook up the roof drains and a survey is being done to determine the specific types of materials to be used. Work will continue on these items as weather permits.

On the Mead Street Stairs (40 Flights), the Middlesex Corp. has gotten upper and lower Mead Street partially completed and installed temporary sidewalks for the winter. The final paving will be done in the spring. The trees and ground cover are being planted and the area is being cleaned up. The railings are due to arrive in a few weeks, and will be installed as weather permits.

We ask your cooperation in not using the stairs as they are not safe for the general public as yet. The site will be fenced off until the railings are installed.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a healthy, happy holiday.

Questions, concerns and complaints are being handled by Community Liaison Peter Looney at 722-4300 ext. 5674.

BHCC Offering Credits Through Television

Beginning Jan. 31, Bunker Hill Community College will again offer college credits through television viewing on Channels 2 and

44 and cable television.

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to travel to the college campus for regularly scheduled classes.

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Fifty Years Ago In Charlestown . . .

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Beach, Fla. where he is with the Air Corps that he was glad to open a letter from Bunker Hill Council without finding a bill for dues in it. We fooled you that time, Rod.

• Hazen E. McDonald writes he is "fighting the war on the plains of Kansas at present." "Mac," as you may know, was one of the Semper Fidelis boys of 1917-18 and, after a six-week refresher course at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., moved right into the Military Police as a 1st Lt.

• Joseph W. Mulkern is a Navy man now, somewhere on the high seas.

• We received a very fine card from Gerard E. Mullan who is putting in his time at present at Portsmouth, Va. with the Coast Artillery.

• Of course, this is a tough war and we are all in it in some way or other, but for you boys in the Service, wherever you may be, we would like to draw your attention to the terrible sufferings of the "boys" on the homefront.

Picture, if you can, "good old 62" the day before Christmas 1942 — the place, the pool room and

two games of 61 being played by Bill Monahan, Dutch Walsh, Bart Sheehan, Frank "Major" Burns, Bernard "Scoff" McLaughlin and John Flaherty. All have their coats and hats on, some have their collars turned up, but all finish the game before midnight and scam for home to get thawed out. This was caused by a lack of fuel oil. We had run out and had no prospect of getting any for a week.

On Christmas Day, in the cause of humanity and to lessen the chances of pneu-

monia, bronchitis and frost bite, the Grand Knight, in his great wisdom, closed the Clubhouse for the day so the stalwarts couldn't get in. But there were reports that some of them were hanging around outside. The stalwarts were back the night after Christmas playing "whist" with their hats, coats and gloves on. Among these were Syl Murray, John Murray, Bill Monahan, Dutch Walsh, Dr. Quigley, Bart Coyne, Billy Lynn and Dr. Blagden. The stalwarts send

their best wishes to all the boys in Alaska, the South Pacific, Northern Ireland, Africa, the various camps and forts throughout this country and all the ships at sea. They will try to be on hand to welcome you back, but they won't promise to keep the "home fires burning."

1981 REMEMBERING 1992
Sgt. George F. Hoey Jr., B.P.D.

Christmas is:

A time for loving

A time for giving

A time for remembering

And the time I miss you the most.

Always . . . Aunt Edie

Safe Neighborhood Youth Fund Grant Applications Available

The deadline for applying for the next round of city of Boston Safe Neighborhoods Youth Fund Grants is 5 p.m. on Feb. 2. A special pre-bidders conference for interested applicants will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 12 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Piemonte Room, fifth floor, Boston City Hall.

Marcus DeFlorimonte, deputy director of the Safe Neighborhoods Program, will be at the pre-bidders conference to answer questions about the application process.

Mayor Raymond L.

Flynn, who created the program, said the grants will be awarded to non-profit agencies and projects that help develop violence prevention skills and life skills for youth and families.

Copies of the application can be obtained by calling 635-4495.

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(never known to fail)

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RICHARD L. McNAMARA

November 24, 1992

Perhaps you sent a lovely card
Or sat quietly in a chair,
Perhaps you sent a floral piece,
If so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest words
As any friend could say,
Perhaps you were not there at all,
Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console our hearts,
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Our deepest gratitude,
Edda, Deborah, Tammy Marie, Christina
Evelyn and Russell

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Merry Xmas

Happy Birthday

Dearest Son,

Your memory is like the heart of a rose,
The older it gets, the sweeter it grows.
I keep in my heart, your love from the past,
For there it was planted, forever to last.
A smile, a tear, a thought so sincere,
How often we wish that you were here.
I hear your voice, I call your name,
Life without you has not been the same.
And tho, dearest Skipper, we are apart,
You're the one red rose that blooms forever in our hearts.
"Let Thy Light Shine Upon His Face"

Mom, Barbara, Michael,
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We think of you in silence
And make no outward show

But what it meant to lose you,
No one will ever know.

You wished no one farewell
Or even said goodbye.

You were gone before you knew it,
And only God knows why.

A golden heart stopped beating
With tender hands at rest,

Which only proves that God
Takes only the best.

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The happy memories of Christmases past
Bring forth both tears of joy and sadness.
The love, the sharing, the being together,
Tinges our sorrow with a feeling of gladness.
We hope you're happy and that somehow you know,
How very much we miss you, and how we love you so.

Grant Him Peace

Wife Frances, Michael,
Kevin, Keith, Scott,
Barbara and Granddaughters

Patrick,

I'm sorry we didn't have the chance to say goodbye,
It was unfortunate for you to die
With no one there to hold your hand
With no one there to understand.
How it must have felt to be alone
To pass in a place you couldn't call home.
I miss your love, the kiss on my cheek
The silly grin when you would speak.
You were a loving father, a wonderful son,
For this baby, heaven you've won.

Joyous Christmas,
Mom

December 25, 1992

Bryan,

Christmas is here once again, and although you are not here, we have you close within our hearts and in our thoughts as well.

We'll try to get through this day, because that is all that we can do, with our loving thoughts and memories that still break our hearts in two. I think they will forever, because that's all we have of you.

xo xo xo

Love you,
Mom, Dad & Mike

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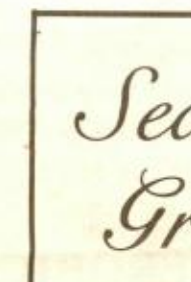
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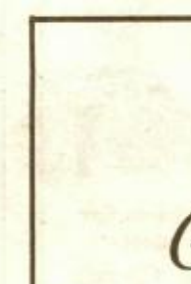
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Discount Tickets Offered To 19th Annual World Of Wheels

ADAP and Auto Palace automotive stores are offering discount/presale tickets to the 19th annual Budweiser World of Wheels motor-sports exposition at Boston's Bayside Exposition Center Jan. 8 through 10.

"There's always something for everyone at the Budweiser World of Wheels," says show chairman Dick Royer. The show draws more than 100,000

people to Bayside every year to view a host of features, including more than 300 brightly painted and chromed cars, trucks, vans, off-road and specialty vehicles; feature vehicles like the Batmobile; and special attractions like TV stars.

Auto enthusiasts can pick up advance sale discount tickets to the show at more than 50 participating Auto Palace and ADAP stores.

Spectators with these tickets can go directly to ticket takers without buying tickets at the show. Discount/presale tickets will be \$7 for adults and \$2 for children 6-12, a \$1 discount off regular admission.

The still growing list of special attractions at the Budweiser World of Wheels includes personal appearances by racing celebrities, FOX-TV star Brian Austin

Green of "Beverly Hills 90210," NBC-TV star Mark-Paul Gosselaar of "Saved by the Bell," Show & Street World Calendar girl Brandi Downs; a dozen local bands performing live; the American Dream Calendar Girl Contest; famous race cars; the Batmobile and Penguin's Yellow Duck vehicle from the movie "Batman Returns" and costumed characters from that movie; Tiny Toons cartoon characters; Pontiac performance and concept vehicles and much more.

The Bayside Expo Center is easily reached by car or public transit. Bayside is located off Exit 15 of the Southeast Expressway near the MBTA's Red Line JFK/UMass stop. Free shuttle buses will operate continuously during show hours between Bayside and the JFK/UMass station.

Show hours are 5 to 11 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 8; and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 9 and 10. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$3 for children 6 to 12 and free for children under 6.



Pop Warner Team Photos Great Christmas Gifts

Photographs of the three Charlestown Pop Warner Football teams would make great Christmas gifts for the players and/or relatives.

Anyone interested in purchasing the 8" x 10" colored photographs for \$7 each should contact Jack Schievink at 241-7767.

BOB D'S BEAT

by

Bob DeCristoforo

■ **Christmas . . .** Time for a word game. They say one picture is worth a thousand words, but if you were asked to find one word that is worth a thousand pictures, that word would be "Christmas!" Think about it . . . say the word "Christmas" . . . and what do you see?

In Charlestown, there are a lot of beautiful pictures . . . Townie Santa . . . the Christmas Walk . . . Midnight Mass . . . the old-fashioned Christmas Party at Hayes Square . . . the Christmas tree in Thompson Square . . . the sale of Christmas trees and wreaths at the Boys & Girls Club . . . watching the excitement in young kids' and old kids' eyes when they open a gift or give a gift . . . the decorated poles on Main Street in honor of someone special . . . Christmas dinner with all the fixings . . . the beautiful poinsettias . . . the Nativity scenes outside our churches . . . Christmas bazaars, parties and get-togethers . . . walking around Monument Square . . . the sparkling lights in the Navy Yard and the tree aboard the USS Constitution . . . church bells . . . opening that first Christmas card . . . remembering a white Christmas and hoping for snow this Christmas . . . Santa Claus, who does exist . . . and, most importantly, the beautiful picture of family and friends.

Say the word "Christmas" and put the word "Merry" in front of it, and you'll know what this beautiful time of the year is really all about.

■ **New Year's Eve Dance . . .** The Boys & Girls Club is planning to have a New Year's Eve Teen Dance at the club. Tickets are available, and transportation home will be provided. For details, call 242-1775.

This is an opportunity for our teens to have a great and very positive New Year's Eve with their friends from all around Charlestown . . . as well as a safe and sound New Year's Eve.

■ **Reunion '87 . . .** Congratulations to Christopher Columbus High School Class of 1987 who will celebrate its fifth year reunion at Destinations in Boston on Dec. 27th. Members of this fine class from Charlestown include: Richard Burke, Joe Cowan, Billy Crotty, Jimmy Goggin, Lenny Hoey, Carol Howell, Jacquelyn Murray, Greg Nolan, Shayne Noone, Carla Ryan, Patricia Stillman, Christine Walsh, Danny Ward and Sue Wrenn.

■ **High School Notebook . . .** Off to a fast start, Corey Gallagher had 22 points to lead Matignon past Cathedral in a Catholic Central League game.

Don Bosco defeated a scrappy Dom Savio 5-2 in the home opener at UMass-Boston before an enthusiastic crowd. Bosco needed two early third-period goals to break the close game open. The Varsity Bears have five Townies in their line-up: senior Shawn Connolly; juniors Phil Coleman, Paul Myers and Mark Mansfield; and sophomore Jason Smith.

Charlestown High openers were all successes. Joshua Smith had two goals and an assist in the hockey shutout versus Hyde Park. Selina Salazar led the girls team past Dorchester 44-20 and the boys basketball team defeated Dorchester 47-41 behind the offense of Frank Patten and Tarig Abdultawab.

Boston Latin was defeated by Lincoln-Sudbury 77-72 in the Dual County opener. Jamie Smith should have a very good year for Latin.

In a non-leaguer, Pat Wood and the Bosco Bears were defeated by Dom Savio.

Jamie Carroll had two goals and an assist as Snowden defeated Brighton.

■ **Tidbits . . .** Happy Birthday to Brian Houlihan. — Thanks to the MWRA grant, the Bunker Hill Teen Center has a beautiful, real live Christmas tree with bright lights. It is great to see not only new faces gathered around the tree, but also many old familiar faces. Remember, our welcome mat really means "Welcome!"

— Charlestown Pride '93 is getting ready to roll. — Start working on those college applications and financial aid forms.

— Happy Holidays to all Townies away from home . . . you're not forgotten.

See You Next Year!

Shape Up For The New Year At The ARMED SERVICES YMCA

The new Armed Services YMCA in the Charlestown Navy Yard is offering a winter session of fitness and swim classes, beginning **Monday, January 18**. Register for classes in person from **Saturday, December 26** through **Friday, January 15**.

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★ Beginner Swimming, Thursdays from 7 to 7:30 p.m.

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News From The Charlestown Boys & Girls Club



242-1775

• THANKS

Thanks to everyone who supported the Boys & Girls Club by buying their tree and wreath at the club this year. This is an important fund raiser for us and for our Keystone youth leadership group. We wish everyone a Merry Christmas and all the best in the New Year . . . which just happens to be our 100th!

• HOLIDAY HOURS AT THE CLUB

Holiday hours at the club will be as follows:
Thursday, Dec. 24 noon to 5 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 25 closed
Saturday, Dec. 26 closed
Tuesday, Dec. 29 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 30 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 31 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Friday, Jan. 1 closed
Saturday, Jan. 2 closed
Tuesday, Jan. 5 regular hours resume

• FOOD AND CLOTHING DRIVE

Starting this week and going until New Years, we will be holding a food and clothing drive in the games-room. If you have any clothing and/or nonperishable items that you can donate, drop them off at the club and we will make sure they get to the proper place.

• NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA

On New Year's Eve, we will have a dance in the Teen Center from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Tickets are \$7.50 per person, which includes a buffet dinner and a mandatory ride home at 1 a.m. The doors will close at 9 p.m. and no one will be admitted after that.

• YARD SALE

Due to the storm, the Yard Sale that was originally scheduled for Dec. 12, will be held on Saturday, Jan. 9. If you already bought a table, it will still be available for you on the 9th.

• GIRLS CAPTURE CHAMPIONSHIP!

Last Wednesday, the 17-and-under girls ball hockey team captured the New England Area Program Council League championship for the second year in a row. With outstanding performances by Christine Locke, who had two goals, and Colleen Walsh in net, the girls held on to their one-goal lead despite very strong play by the Dan Marr squad. With their goalie pulled, the tough Dan Marr team was able to heat up its offense, getting a barrage of shots off in the final minute. However, netminder Walsh would have none of that — turning away shot after shot, Walsh was able to cool down the attack. The final score was Charlestown 4, Dan Marr 3.

• BASKETBALL TRY OUTS

Try outs for the Boys & Girls Club traveling basketball team are as follows:
Girls 17 and under: Tuesday, Dec. 29 at 4:30 p.m.
Boys 12 and under: Wednesday, Dec. 30 at 4 p.m.
Boys 15 and under: Wednesday, Dec. 30 at 6:30 p.m.

• EDUCATION/CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

Bo Knows Winners

Congratulations to our geography champions!
In grades 1, 2 and 3, first place went to Ashley Carr and Timmy Hickey with 233 points; and Brian Morrison took second place with 225 points.
In grades 4, 5 and 6, John Ahearn took first place with 225 points; second place was won by Kyle Eggleston with 150 points; and Kelly Poliskey and John Harrington captured third place with 140 points.

Holiday Party A Big Success!

On Dec. 16, staff, club members and volunteers in the Education/Cultural Enrichment Department celebrated the season. About 60 young people learned about different holiday celebrations, including: Christmas, Chanukah, Kwanzaa, Luciadagen and Posodas. They decorated cookies, made ice cream sundaes, played dreidel, made ornaments and decorated our library Christmas tree. Everyone had a lot of fun.

Upcoming Events

— Annual Art Exhibit: Bring your favorite art creation to Beth for our yearly Art Show on Tuesday, Dec. 29 at a time to be announced.
— An International Dance will be held on Friday, Jan. 8.

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Suffolk University Chemistry Essay Contest

Suffolk University's Department of Chemistry is sponsoring its annual essay contest for students in public and private high schools in Massachusetts who currently take a chemistry course or have taken chemistry in the past.

Dr. Maria T. Miliora, professor of chemistry and coordinator of the contest, said cash prizes of \$500, \$250 and \$100 will be awarded for the top three essays on the topic, "Chemistry and Gender Issues."

The essays must be 1,000 to 2,000 words, typewritten and accompanied by an official entry card bearing the high school seal. The deadline is Feb. 26. Entries should be directed to Dr. Maria T. Miliora, Chemistry Department, Suffolk University, 41 Temple St., Boston, Mass. 02114.

Essays will be judged by the chemistry faculty members of Suffolk University on the basis of creativity,

strength of argument, persuasiveness, knowledge of chemistry, quality of presentation and proper citation of sources (if used). Awards will be presented at a luncheon in May.

For further information call Tracy Dixon at 573-8447.

A Christmas Remembrance . . .

BABY'S FIRST CHRISTMAS



Hang up the baby's stocking,
Be sure and don't forget,
For the dear little dimpled darling
Has never seen Christmas yet.

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— by Rose Trider

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Main Office - 255 Medford St. - 635-5169

ACTIVITIES

- **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 and Thursday from noon to 3 p.m., contact Pat Venezia.
- **Beano** — Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 12:30 p.m., contact Sheila Walsh.
- **Lunch** — Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at noon, contact Sheila Walsh.
- **Knit & Crochet** — Friday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., contact Jean Reilly.
- **Liquid Embroidery** — Monday from 10 a.m. to noon, contact Reed White.

UPCOMING EVENTS

See Sheila Walsh on the following events ...

- New Year's celebration in Sturbridge, Dec. 30 to Jan. 1. The cost is \$270, which includes five shows and six meals.
- Atlantic City Trip, Feb. 28. The cost is \$109, with a \$30 coin bonus.
- Irish Bash at the Nashua Tara Hotel, March 21 to 23. The cost is \$265, which includes a concert with the Clancy Brothers, six shows and seven meals.

BUS TO STOP & SHOP

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

HOUSING, EDUCATION AND INFORMATION SERVICE

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

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

Free Health Programs For Charlestown Senior Citizens

Boston's Commission on Affairs of the Elderly are offering free health screenings to Charlestown residents 60 years and older during the month of January.

A hearing screening program will be held at the General Warren Apartments, 114 Rutherford Ave., from 10 to 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 7.

On Wednesday, Jan. 13, a

blood pressure screening program will be held at the Senior Lounge, 55 Bunker Hill St. from 10:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

The Charlestown Golden Age Center at 382 Main St. will be the site of a vision screening program from 9:15 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, Jan. 26.

All of the programs are free of charge.



KIT CLARK SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

Senior Center, 114 Rutherford Ave.
Golden Age Center, 382 Main St.
Senior Lounge, 55 Bunker Hill St.

December 24 - January 7

Thursday — Turkey tetrazzini, Italian-style vegetables, whole wheat bread, orange, Christmas cookie

Friday — MERRY CHRISTMAS

Monday — Corn chowder, lemon buttercrumb chicken, cranberry sauce, country-blend vegetables, pumpernickel roll, chilled fruit

Tuesday — Cheese lasagne with tomato sauce, peas, scalloped potatoes, Mandarin oranges

Wednesday — Salisbury steak, baked potato, broccoli, rye bread, birthday cake

Thursday — Seafood salad, potato salad, three-bean salad, mixed-grain roll, fresh fruit

Friday — HAPPY NEW YEAR

Monday — Ziti with meatballs, peas, mixed-grain bread, orange

Tuesday — Baked chicken with onion gravy, red potatoes, spinach, marble rye bread, applesauce

Wednesday — Vegetable soup, breaded fish fillet, tartar sauce, parsleyed rice pilaf, corn bread, butterscotch pudding

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★ EVENTS OF THE WEEK ★

Friday, Dec. 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Monday, Dec. 28

- 10 a.m. - Crochet, Mary Colbert Apartments
- 10 a.m. - Seniorobics, Senior Lounge
- 11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge
- 12:45 p.m. - Bingo, Senior Lounge

Tuesday, Dec. 29

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

Wednesday, Dec. 30

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

Thursday, Dec. 31

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

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Friday, Jan. 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Monday, Jan. 4

- 10 a.m. - Crochet, Mary Colbert Apartments
- 10 a.m. - Seniorobics, Senior Lounge
- 11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge
- 12:45 p.m. - Bingo, Senior Lounge

Tuesday, Jan. 5

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

Wednesday, Jan. 6

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

Thursday, Jan. 7

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

★ HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS ★

Everyone at the Senior Lounge wishes a Happy January Birthday to ... Dot Arsenaault, Joyce Blood, Margaret Brady, Lillian Buckley, Dot Burke, Marion Considine, Leo Cullity, Mary Dennehy, Anna Dole, Edith Fawcett, Dot Kenniston, Helen Mahoney, Theresa Pollack, Alice Roche, Elizabeth Ross, Rita Sullivan, Peggy Tugman, Bob Urquhart and Ann Yaroshuk.

★ UPCOMING TRIP ★

• **Sunday, Feb. 14** — A trip to the Colonial Country Club in Wakefield is planned for Sunday, Feb. 14. The bus will leave the Senior Lounge at 11:15 a.m., and will return at 5 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$35, and includes transportation, dinner with a choice of baked schrod or chicken chardonnay, and entertainment by comedian Paul O'Donnell and singer Ruth Harcovitz.

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

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C.Y.O. & St. Catherine's NEWS

by Father Ron Coyne

• **Children's Roller-Skating Party** — St. Catherine's invites all Charlestown children, teen-agers and adults to join in the celebration of Christmas vacation by taking part in a roller-skating party from 1 to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 29 at Rollerworld in Saugus. Busses will leave St. Catherine's Church at 12:15 p.m., and return around 3:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person, which includes skates, admission and transportation, and tickets are now on sale at the rectory, 49 Vine St.

• **CYO Basketball** — Six teams are competing in the CYO Basketball League this winter.

The Cadet girls' team, with players under 15, is coached by Yvette Modestin. The players include: Kelly Gilgunn, Christine Locke, Nicole Matson, Courtney McLaughlin, Kristen Murphy, Colleen Walsh, Kim Weafer and Maryellen Wood.

We thank these girls for enabling us to have this team compete in the CYO League.

• **Special Thank You** — The altar boys of St. Catherine's wish to thank all their friends and neighbors for contributing to their goal of building a "Mile of Pennies." Your generosity is appreciated.

• **New Year's Eve Adult Dance** — St. Catherine's invites you to welcome in the New Year with us on Thursday, Dec. 31. The doors will open at 8 p.m. and there will be dancing from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. to the music of D.J. Leo Harrington. The cost is \$20 per person which includes a Chinese buffet. There will be a cash bar.

For ticket information, call Sally at 242-1035, Ruthie at 241-9250 or you may purchase tickets at the rectory.

• **Second Annual Adult Family Feud** — People are invited to form teams of five, family or friends, and register to be contestants in the Second Annual Family Feud. The event will take place on Saturday, Jan. 16 in St. Catherine's Hall, beginning at 7 p.m. Anyone willing to be a team captain

should call Mary Featherston at 242-1750 and register as soon as possible as it will be first-come, first-served. The registration fee is \$10 a team, and prizes will be awarded. Spectators will be asked to pay \$2 at the door, and there will be a cash bar.

• **CYO Ski Trip** — The three-day CYO ski trip to Sunday River in Maine will be on the weekend of Friday, Jan. 22 to Sunday, Jan. 24. The trip will include lift tickets for two days, transportation, ski rental, three meals, a pizza party, two dances and two nights in the Sunday River Ski Dorm, located on the side of the mountain. The cost is \$185 per person. There will be about 200 teen-agers in the dorm, and we will be able to take 45 Charlestown teen-agers, 13 to 19. To guarantee a spot, you must leave a \$50 deposit at St. Catherine's Rectory by Dec. 31. For more information, call Father Coyne at 242-1750.

• **High School Boys Olympics** — St. Catherine's will enter the annual High School Boys Olympics at Tufts University on Sunday, Jan. 10 from 1 to 6 p.m. The boys will compete with 12 other parishes in basketball, volleyball, football, relays, etc. All boys in grades nine through 12 are welcome to play for St. Catherine's. If you are interested, please call Father Coyne at 242-1750. We will provide transportation.

• **Christmas Children's Mass** — St. Catherine's welcomes all children to our annual Birthday Party for Jesus at 4 p.m. on Christmas Eve, Thursday, Dec. 24. Our Mass will feature our Children's Choir, Christmas carols and the Christmas Pageant acted out by some of our fifth- and sixth-grade students. Taking part in the pageant are: Sabrina Pinder, Patrick Gould, Melissa Missett, Neal Boyle, Jefflee Hermida, Courtney Burke, Kairsten Burke, Meghan O'Connor, Kristen Golden, Jan Missett, Jen Missett, Christine Keane, Michelle Marino and Christina Biggins. We will have a birthday cake and, hopefully, some special visitors. All are welcome.

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Brown Bag Bookies, the adult book discussion group of the Charlestown Branch Library, will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 12 at noon at the library, 179 Main St.

The book under discussion will be *Animal Dreams* by Barbara Kingsolver. According to Alice Hoffman, this "is a rich, compassionate book filled with political and personal horrors and the hope and magic of everyday life. In this original, engrossing fictional world, Kingsolver examines the nature of evil and innocence, and the very real way mythology can affect a people, a culture, a family, as well as a woman in search of both her future and her past."

Participants are invited to bring their lunches, and new members are always welcome.

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

This is a special thanks to my family and friends for the beautiful flowers, fruit baskets, Spiritual Bouquets and cards I received while I was in the hospital.

Love,
Anna Kent

Our Thanks To The Associates

To The Editor:

On behalf of the Friends of the Charlestown Branch Library, I would like to publicly thank the Bunker Hill Associates for including our group in their annual grant distribution. The grant will support programming for our young readers, a group we feel deserves special attention.

Thank you to President Ronan FitzPatrick and all the Associates and a special thank you to Ed McGuinness who so thoughtfully nominated the Friends.

Sincerely,
Joanne P. Massaro, president

Thank You For Your Help With The 'Adoptions'

Dear Gloria:

The Christmas Walk Committee would like to thank you for all of your publicity on the adopt-a-pole program for the Christmas Walk. The Patriot's articles over the many weeks before the walk brought many "adoptions" and added greatly to the funds for the walk.

We would also like to thank all the persons who adopted poles throughout the town. The funds provided for the actual decorating, funds for other activities and the proceeds will be donated to CHARlestown Against Drugs. Thanks again for your continued support of this event.

Sincerely,
Rosemary Kverek

A Special Holiday Cheer

Dear Patriot:

Although the people of Charlestown give of themselves each and every season of the year, it has been particularly evident to me that the pride engulfing the entire Charlestown community has reached new heights this holiday season. Having participated in a number of events, and having heard reports of other efforts made throughout the community, I can certainly say the people of Charlestown have again demonstrated a commitment to each other that, if duplicated elsewhere, would certainly make this world a better place for all to live.

I would like to both congratulate and thank all those who have made sure that the holiday spirit has been shared throughout the town. Beginning with the Charlestown Elderly Thanksgiving Dinner and the dinner served on Thanksgiving Day from the American Legion Hall, continuing

through the Christmas Walk and into Townie Santa, these events and others sponsored by individuals and groups in Charlestown have given us all a reason to smile.

As one who continually marvels at the will of the Charlestown people to give of themselves so that others may also enjoy all that life has to offer, I truly feel blessed to be able to share in these wonderful displays of selfless contributions. With Christmas now upon us, it is my hope that all those who have brought the true meaning of the holidays to all of Charlestown enjoy for themselves that which they have given others: a special holiday cheer full of warm thoughts and much happiness ahead.

Season's Greetings,
Richard A. Voke
State Representative

Thanks From The Christmas Walk Committee

The Charlestown Christmas Walk Committee would like to thank the Board members of CHARlestown Against Drugs (CHAD), President George Cashman and Local 25 of the Teamsters Union, Red Sheehan, Central Artery/Third Harbor Tunnel Liaison Stephen Collin and Peter Looney from the Boston Redevelopment Authority.

The committee would also like to thank the following people, organizations and businesses whose donations came in too late for listing in the program: Grant Photo and Design, Jeff Young and Associates, Virginia Hume, Michelle Coker, Diane Gilbert, Mass. General Hospital BioMedical Division, Domenic Piso and Apostolica, Gilmartin, Donovan and Donovan.

Also, the MBTA Police for McGruff the Crime Dog, Mama Maria's restaurant in the North End, Suzanne Morris, First Church in Charlestown, Bill and Ellie Foley, Grancey & Co. Real Estate, John Brady, Killilea Fund of Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion, West Marine Services, the New England Aquarium, Bagley and Bagley P.C., Lt. Laurence Robicheau, Liz Gallas Real Estate, Business Interiors, Tom and Kim Flanagan, Anna Burke, Patty Claydon, Gerard and Catherine Lavigne, Jean Beresford, J.W. French Associates Inc., Rosemary Kverek, James Asad, Gardner Merchant Food Services, Robert and Claire

Shea, Toby Goldstein and Kevin Greeley.

Thanks go out to Tom and Mary Fahey, Henry Schmelzer, Charles Cassidy Inc., Bunker Hill Community College Foundation, Bratley Associates, Gloria's Trucking Co. Inc., The Flatley Co., Eileen and Peter Agnes, Mentor Clinical Care, Alice Templeton, Len and Harriet Kronman, John and Claudia Billings McKelway, Barbara Hedges and Peter Canney, Jean Tochtermann, Pamela Brodie, Mary McPherson, Beverly and Stephen McHugh, Emmy Hilsinger, Sharon Levine, George and Ruthann DeRedon, Lisa Sarno, Frederick Duffy Jr. M.D., Guest Perry, Julie Asselta, Steven McNelley, Dr. Megan Sikes, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Chapin, Bill and Jamie Krasnow, Cheryl Aucoin, Francis Norton, Avanti Shoe Repair, Paula Makin, Jeff McGann, Kate and Jeff Young, Margaret Kane, The Family Shoe Store and the Friends of the Training Field.

The Walk Committee wishes to thank all — if we have omitted anyone, please let us know.

We look forward to seeing you in 1993.

The Christmas Walk Committee

An Open Letter To The Charlestown Neighborhood Council

To The Charlestown Neighborhood Council:

The Charlestown Preservation Society (CPS) is extremely disappointed that the Charlestown Neighborhood Council has excluded CPS from the Council. CPS was a founding member of the Council and has participated actively ever since.

CPS has been in existence for nearly 30 years and has a current membership of over 400. Its goals are to help preserve the important historic character of Charlestown and to contribute to maintaining the quality of life in the community. With this in mind, our activities — which began with saving certain buildings from destruction — have covered a broad range. The biannual Charlestown House Tour and the annual Preservation Week (including lectures, Charlestown Artists Exhibits, park cleanups, etc.) are our chief fund-raising activities. These highlight the history and character of the community for hundreds of people. The fund raising success of these events provides CPS with the opportunity to contribute to other community activities, such as Townie Santa and the elderly Thanksgiving dinner, as well as to:

- develop a tree planting program;
- provide funds to restore the paintings in the library;
- help to fund the repair of the piano at St. Mary's;
- purchase a historical Bunker Hill flag now on display in the Charlestown Cooperative Bank;
- sponsor the annual Christmas concert at St. Mary's;
- provide seed money to the Friends of Doherty Park;
- start a "friends of the graveyard" group.

Our members, individually and through committees such as Design Review, have provided input to discussions on many planning and development projects over the years. Many of our members are professionally involved in planning and design and bring their expertise to the community. Finally, joining together with other community groups, CPS has helped in developing and implementing major projects such as the Main Street restoration, City Square park, and so on.

The Charlestown Neighborhood Council is a forum for various groups in the community to work together on important issues in Charlestown. Our Council representatives over the years, John Tobin, Kathryn Downing and Dan Kovacevic, have been active and contributing members. They have worked diligently for the betterment of the community.

It is hard to understand that an organization with such a large membership and active involvement in the community would not be elected to the Council. A suggestion for future elections would be to require that each interested organization provide a statement of purpose, outlining items such as membership, accomplishments and future activities that will enhance the community. This information should be distributed to all Council members to help them in making an informed choice for the limited seats available.

CPS will continue to be a vital participant in Council activities through the committees and the general meetings.

Sincerely,
The Trustees of the Charlestown Preservation Society

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From the desk of
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Area A, Boston Police Department

Monday, Dec. 14

An automobile parked on Salem street had its window smashed during the evening, and a briefcase was stolen.

A stolen automobile was recovered on Austin Street.

At 7 p.m., a resident of Sackville Street reported that they received a telephone call that damage would be done, and they found the windshield of their automobile broken.

At 9 p.m., a resident reported that while he was walking along Medford Street in the vicinity of number 300, he was approached by three individuals who started an argument with him. This resulted in a fight in which the victim was stabbed in the leg. He was taken to Mass. General Hospital for treatment.

Tuesday, Dec. 15

At 3 p.m., a 37-year-old resident entered a business in the Bunker Hill Mall where he caused damage and then left the scene.

A resident of Medford Street reported that some individuals in the neighborhood have been harassing her family and, during the evening, a rock was thrown through her window.

Wednesday, Dec. 16

A stolen automobile was recovered on Medford Street.

Boston Police Hold Office Hours In Charlestown

The Community Relations Officer of Area A of the Boston Police Department is holding weekly office hours in Charlestown.

The officer will be on hand in the first floor conference area at One Thompson Square to meet with residents or business persons on an individual basis. Office hours will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 30 from 5 to 7 p.m. and on Wednesday, Jan. 6 from 10 a.m. to noon.

Thursday, Dec. 17

A resident of St. Martin Street reported that sometime during the day, someone broke the front door of a two-family home and removed a stereo system from the apartment.

Saturday, Dec. 19

A stolen automobile was recovered on Decatur Street.

At 1 a.m., Officers Reaney and Kelley observed three men in their 20s drinking beer in a parked automobile in the vicinity of 146 Medford St. All three were placed under arrest for public drinking.

Sunday, Dec. 20

At 3 a.m., officers responded to a disturbance on Dunstable Street, and found that a dispute with a boyfriend had developed, resulting in his arrest.

The side window at a store at One First Avenue was smashed at approximately 3:30 a.m. No entry was gained.

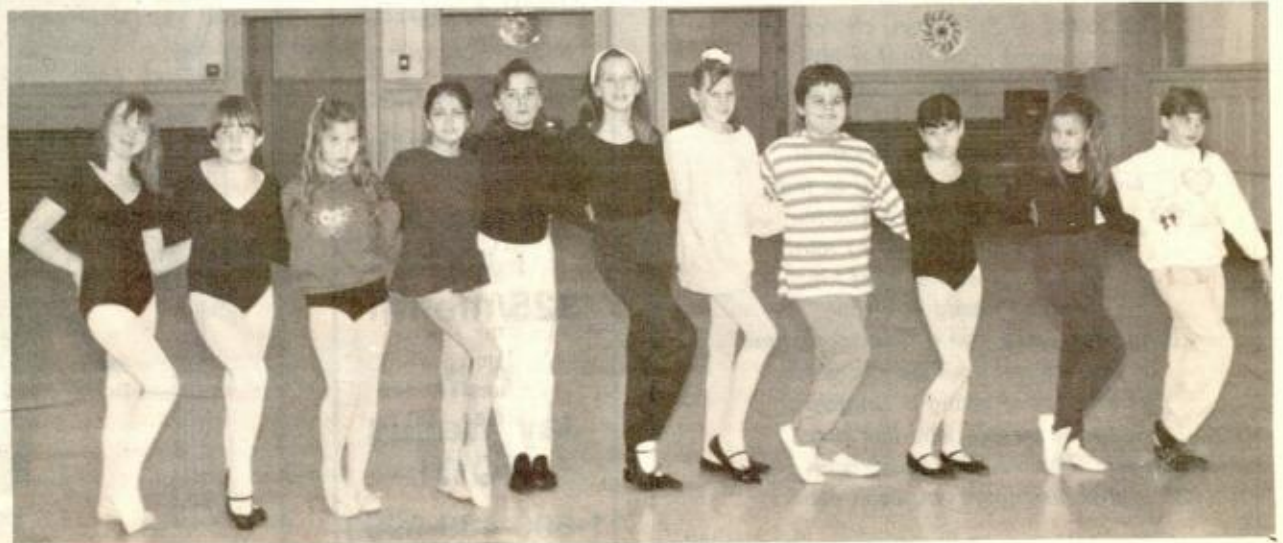
At 5 a.m., Officers Reaney and Kelley observed two individuals at Old Ironside Way and Medford Street. As the officers approached, a 21-year-old resident dropped a packet of cocaine and he was placed under arrest.

**For additional information
regarding arrested individuals,
contact Community Service Officer
Joe McNulty at 343-4627.**

• If you know of any drug activity in your neighborhood, call the Area A Detectives office at 343-4571. It is not necessary to give your name, and all information will be investigated.

• Residents are reminded that if you purchase alcohol from a local liquor store for someone under age, you are subject to arrest.

Junior Broadway Babies Dance Class



THE JUNIOR Broadway Babies of TheatreSkol America Dancing School get set for its Thursday afternoon dance class. Shown (l. to r.) Sabrina Pinder, Lauren Kate O'Hearn,

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Yard Visitor Center, Building 5. Films range from 25 to 60 minutes in length. Visitors are invited to bring a bag lunch with them. Admission is free.

The January films are: Jan. 6 - "The Twisted Cross," a study of Adolph Hitler and the Nazi move-

ment, which includes German news footage.

Jan. 13 - "Battle of the Bulge: A Courageous Stand," a documentary narrated by participants in the battle.

Jan. 20 - "Guilty by Rea-

son of Race," a look at the Japanese-American internment camps.

Jan. 28 - "Let There Be Light," a film created to encourage employers to hire WW II veterans rehabilitated from shell-shock; the project was shelved because it was deemed unsuitable for public viewing.

The series will continue in February, commemorating Black History Month. For more information, call 242-5601.

Holy Name Society

The Holy Name Society will meet following the 9 a.m. Mass on Sunday, Jan. 10 in the Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

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— by Karen E. McLaughlin



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