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Sixth Annual Christmas Walk On Sunday

The shops along Main Street and the streets between Thompson and City squares have been decorated, the gaslight poles are wrapped with garlands of evergreen and bows waiting for the name tags to be added on Sunday morning, the Christmas tree in Thompson Square is in place ready for Sunday's ceremony and final preparations are underway for Charlestown's sixth annual Christmas Walk on Sunday, Dec. 13.

The Christmas Walk promises to be a spectacular event, and enthusiasm permeates the town as merchants and residents prepare to make this a great holiday celebration for the entire community. This year there is an added dimension as proceeds realized from the walk will benefit CHARlestown Against



CHRISTMAS IS FOR CHILDREN, and the excitement of decorating the gaslight poles for Sunday's sixth annual Christmas Walk gave Kevin and Meghan King an excuse to decorate themselves with garland and red bows. Watching their antics with delight are (l. to r.) Tom King, Bob Hart, Milton and Ginger Brasher-Cunningham.

Drugs (CHAD), a local organization which provides drug-awareness information and programs, along with activities for young people encouraging a drug-free environment.

This year's walk is dedicated to the late Joel Claydon, founder of Gibson Charlestown Real Estate, who devoted much effort to the success of the first five Walks.

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Members of the Christmas Walk Committee invite residents from throughout the community to join together for the fun, entertainment and business open houses along the route. The organizers describe the

Christmas Walk as a "Victorian Winter Carnival" and stress that all are welcome.

The afternoon's festivities will begin at 1:30 p.m. with a concert of Christmas carols by Chorus Pro Musica, a 100-voice choral group. Charlestown resident James Busby will be organ soloist. This concert, sponsored by the Charlestown Preservation Society, is free and will be held at St. Mary Church on 55 Warren St. A community carol sing will be included at the concert.

The activities and entertainment of the Christmas Walk will get underway at 2 p.m. Musical groups will perform along Main Street between Thompson Square and Henley Street with bullmarket carts and ice sculptures on Warren Street, highlighted by the

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Interparish School Will Open At St. Catherine Building In September

by Gloria J. Conway

This past weekend, parishioners from St. Catherine of Siena, St. Francis de Sales and St. Mary listened anxiously as the three pastors announced the results of a study by the Archdiocese of Boston. The three pastors announced, in a prepared statement, the establishment of a new interparish school, Charles-

town Catholic Elementary School, to their respective congregations.

The new school, a product of consolidation of two existing parish schools, St. Francis de Sales and St. Catherine, will be located in the present St. Catherine school building. It was noted that the present 14 classrooms at St. Catherine can accommodate the combin-

ed student body.

It was also announced that Father Coyne has been designated school pastor, a position he has accepted for a three-year term.

The announcement of the school consolidation was a response to the strategic plan for Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Boston issued during the fall of 1991. Included in that plan was a call for the consolidation of Charlestown's two Catholic schools into one interparish school supported by all three parishes. It has been determined that

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Preparing For Thanksgiving Dinner



A WORK CREW, under the direction of Bob Sweeney, gathered at the American Legion Hall the night before Thanksgiving to pare and cut the vegetables and stuff the turkeys in preparation for Thanksgiving Dinner that was served to residents alone for the holiday and delivered to shut-ins. Shown (l. to

r.) Tom Jackson, Courtney Burke, Kathy O'Hearn, Sheena Sweeney, Erin Sweeney, Judy Morasy, Tom O'Connor, Bob Sweeney, Jim Cody, Kathy Cody, Ryan Sweeney, Larry Treacy, Michael Melaugh and Jim Conway.

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

Birmingham Office Hours On Dec. 16

Sen. Thomas F. Birmingham will hold office hours in Charlestown on Wednesday, Dec. 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. in the first floor conference area at One Thompson Square.

Children's Films

The Film Program for Children will be presented at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St. on Tuesday, Dec. 15 at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

The features will be "Curious George Goes Christmas Shopping," the story of George's problem

with the store computer; Mole and the gardener make up after their quarrel in "The Mole and the TV Set;" and "The Strange Bird" is the story of a mother bird in search of an egg to hatch.

Charlie learns to share the holiday spirit in "Charlie's Christmas Secret," shown only at 3:30 p.m.

Suggested good books to read are **Mole and Shrew** by Jackie French Koller and **Why Can't I Fly?** by Ken Brown.

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CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

This Week At A Glance

Thursday, Dec. 10

- 3:30 p.m. — Let's Celebrate Christmas with stories, games, songs, crafts and surprises for children 5 to 10, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 6 to 8 p.m. — Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy Office Hours, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.
- 7 p.m. — Tufts Street Ladies Club Meeting, St. Catherine Lower Rectory, 49 Vine St.
- 7 p.m. — Packing boxes for Townie Santa, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

Friday, Dec. 11

- 10 a.m. — Adult Discussion Group meeting and Preschool Story Hour, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 8 p.m. — Semi-Formal Christmas Party to benefit the Pine Street Inn, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Saturday, Dec. 12

- 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
- 11 a.m. — Yard Sale, Games Room, Charlestown Boys & Girls Club, 15 Green St.

Sunday, Dec. 13

- Following 9 a.m. Mass — Holy Name Society Meeting, Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.
- 10:15 a.m. — Organization of Catholic Adults meeting, St. Mary's Parish Hall, 48 Winthrop St.
- 1:30 to 5:30 p.m. — Annual Christmas Walk
- 6:30 p.m. — CH.A.M.P.: Charlestown After Murder Program Meeting, St. Catherine Rectory, 49 Vine St.

Monday, Dec. 14

- 10:30 a.m. — Toddler Storytime with stories, songs, games, fingerplays and fun for children 3 to 5 and their parents, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- noon — Healthy Charlestown Coalition Meeting, St. Mary's Parish Hall, 48 Winthrop St.
- 7 p.m. — Packing boxes for Townie Santa, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

Tuesday, Dec. 15

- 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 room, Building 149, 13th Street, Charlestown Navy Yard (use 8th Street entrance)

Wednesday, Dec. 16

- 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
- 5 to 7 p.m. — Sen. Thomas Birmingham 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)

Art Exhibit Opens At BHCC

Selected works by Eva Cincotta are being featured at the Bunker Hill Community College Art Gallery, 250 New Rutherford Ave., Charlestown, through the month of December.

The gallery is open Mondays from 11:30 to 5 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12:30 to 4 p.m., Wednesdays from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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Upcoming Events

Thursday, Dec. 17

- 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. — Packing boxes for Townie Santa, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.
- 7 p.m. — Confirmation II Class, St. Mary's Parish Hall, 48 Winthrop St.

Friday, Dec. 18

- 10 a.m. — Adult Discussion Group meeting and Preschool Story Hour, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 7 p.m. — Fruit packing for Townie Santa, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

Sunday, Dec. 20

- 11 a.m. — Delivery of Christmas packages by Townie Santa, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.
- 3 to 5 p.m. — Old Fashioned Christmas Celebration, Hayes Square
- 6:30 p.m. — CH.A.M.P.: Charlestown After Murder Program Meeting, St. Catherine Rectory, 49 Vine St.
- 7 p.m. — Town-wide Advent Communal Penance Service, St. Mary's Church, 55 Warren St.

Monday, Dec. 21

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.

- 7:30 p.m. — Daughters of Isabella No. 1 Meeting, K. of C. VIP Room, 75 West School St.
- 7:30 p.m. — Bunker Hill Post No. 26, The American Legion meeting, Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

Tuesday, Dec. 22

- 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. 23

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

Plan Ahead

Thursday, Dec. 31

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

Friday, Jan. 15

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

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.

Youth Fund Grants Deadline

The deadline for applying for the next round of city of Boston Safe Neighborhoods Youth Fund Grants is 5 p.m. on Feb. 2.

Mayor Raymond L. Flynn, who created the program, said the grants will

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Catholic Elementary School Formed

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the parishes of St. Francis de Sales and St. Catherine will each pay 40 percent of the school costs, while St. Mary's share will be 20 percent.

Following last year's determination by the Archdiocese on the school consolidation, the three Charlestown pastors, Father Daniel Mahoney of St. Francis de Sales, Father Ronald Coyne of St. Catherine and Father James Canniff of St. Mary, instituted a committee to address the issue. A series of meetings involving school personnel, school advisory boards, parish councils, the Archdiocesan school office and the Archdiocesan Engineering office were held. A meeting open to all Charlestown parishioners was held this past June.

A press conference conducted by the Regional Bishop, the Most Rev. John P. Boles, was held at St. Cath-

erine's rectory on Dec. 7. The three pastors were present, along with Father John Stagnaro, principal, and Sister Margaret Otis, C.S.J., vice principal of St. Francis de Sales; Sister Lois Lyons, C.S.J., principal of St. Catherine; Marianne Miller Lacey, a St. Catherine parent; and representatives of the Archdiocesan school office.

Bishop Boles began by recognizing the effort that has gone into the planning process and commended the people who have made the two Charlestown schools possible. He stated: "In the creation of a new Charlestown Catholic Elementary School, we are closing two existing schools, each with a proud history." He went on to say that there is "a lot of emotional involvement extending back over a century, and all of that has to be respected."

He spoke of the history of

the community that has seen its population half in the last 50 years, noting that there is a "different mix" of people here than in the past when Charlestown was a working-class community with a heavily Catholic population. There were three strong parishes, Bishop Boles added, "each with a proud history, each with its own school and with an independent approach to life."

"Things change in time," Bishop Boles noted. "The community is now down to two parochial schools (St. Mary's School closed in June of 1973), and they are both suffering from shrinking enrollments." He went on to say that the best hope for Catholic education to continue was a school with

a sufficient number of students, adding that educators worry when a school's enrollment falls under 200. This year, St. Catherine has 191 students in Kindergarten through eighth grade, while St. Francis has an enrollment of 127 in grades one through eight.

Bishop Boles said while a move to consolidate the schools must be done "before the situation becomes disastrous, this presents an additional problem in that people are still totally committed to the existing school." He added that "ultimately this is certainly the right thing to do but the first time it is mentioned it is awfully hard to hear." He said that it is necessary to respond to the people who

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Catholic Adult Organization Meeting

Father Casey of St. Mary's is establishing an Organization of Catholic Adults (over 22) to gather for social, spiritual and community service-oriented activities. Informal meetings once a month will

be held at St. Mary's Parish Hall, 48 Winthrop St. The next meeting will be held on Sunday, Dec. 13 from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m.

Anyone married or single who is in their 20s, 30s and 40s is welcome to attend this meeting. Plans for the future include socials, dances and a ski trip.

For further information, please call Father Casey at 242-4664.

Voke Sponsors Crackdown On Carjackers

State Rep. Richard Voke has announced that he has proposed legislation to deter carjackings in the Commonwealth. Voke said the bill was a pro-active approach in stunting would-be felons' attempts to commandeer a vehicle with a passenger. He said that by making carjacking a felony and punishable by a mandatory jail sentence, he hoped the tough law would serve as a deterrent to committing this type of crime.

"We have seen a growing rate of carjacking across this country and we hope this measure will preempt any carjacking wave from spreading to our state. Our position is clear: Massachusetts will not tolerate the brazen act of carjacking," exclaimed Voke.

The bill targets anyone who "confines, maims, injures, wounds or puts any person in fear for the purpose of stealing a motor vehicle." Should the person be convicted of carjacking, the new law would require the felon to serve a definitive amount of time in jail.

Voke said the proposal, which has received the endorsement of the American Automobile Association (AAA), is expected to be debated on the floor of the

House of Representatives in the near future.

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CHARLESTOWN RESIDENT Sheila McMahon was recently honored by WHDH-TV, Channel 7, with an employee recognition award for 10 years of service with the station. McMahon serves as Payroll Coordinator with WHDH-TV.

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By Carolyn Sideman and Joseph Gannon III, CRS, GRI Monument Properties

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Golden Winner Of Lions Club Speech Contest

Five high school students from Charlestown entered the 1992 Charlestown Lions Annual Speech Contest held at the Bunker Hill Community College.

The topic, "American Democracy, Fact or Fiction" was a challenging subject.

Contest Chairman Dennis Collins introduced the contestants Lori Burke, Beth Golden, Kolleen Hayes, Erin Lynch and Chris Merullo as their turn to speak arrived.

The contestants were well prepared and delivered their speeches with poise and confidence, and were a credit to themselves, their families, their schools and to Charlestown. These speakers certainly gave all those present many more good reasons to be proud of our community and to have



BETH GOLDEN (center) is congratulated by Charlestown Lions Club President Bill Wood (left) as the winner of the 1992 Lions Speech Contest as Contest Chairman Dennis Collins (right) looks on.

confidence in the future leadership they will provide. Those in the audience who were guests and mem-

bers of other Lions Clubs were extremely impressed with the manners, appearance and ability of the

Charlestown teen-agers.

The contest judges were Barbara Burke, chief probation officer of the Charlestown District Court; Kevin Collins, a teacher at Mount St. Joseph Academy; and the Hon. Regina Quinlan of the Mass. Superior Court. While the judges were wrestling with the problem of selecting a winner from such a quality group, Dennis Collins introduced Carolyn Wrenn Shannon, director of The Charlestown Teen Connection, who spoke on its activities and future plans and programs.

Golden, a student at Boston Latin School, was chosen by the judges as the winner, and she will represent Charlestown in the Mass. Lions Regional Speech Contest in January.

Charlestown Lions Club President Bill Wood congratulated the contestants and presented a check to Golden and to each of the other contestants. A check was also presented to Shannon to assist the Teen Connection programs.

Bunker Hill Post To Meet

Bunker Hill Post No. 26, The American Legion will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m. at the post quarters, 23 Adams St.

It's A Girl . . .

Loretta and Paul Buckley of Charlestown announce the birth of their daughter, Ellie Ann Buckley, on Nov. 21 at Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge.

The baby's grandmother is Helen Buckley of Charlestown.



CHARLESTOWN LIONS CLUB President Bill Wood congratulates the contestants in the recent 1992 Lions Speech Contest and presents a check to Carolyn Wrenn Shannon to benefit The Charlestown Teen Con-

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



• **Capture The Holiday Spirit . . .** by joining the sixth annual Charlestown Christmas Walk this Sunday, Dec. 13th between 1:30 and 5:30 p.m. . . . Festivities will begin with a concert at St. Mary's Church, 55 Warren St. at 1:30 p.m., followed by open houses at many of the shops from the Bunker Hill Mall to Henley Street on both Warren and Main streets with entertainment along the way and the lighting of the Christmas tree in Thompson Square between 5 and 5:30 p.m. This will be followed by a procession to the Charlestown Navy Yard at 5:30 p.m. for the lighting of the tree on board USS Constitution. It promises to be a fun afternoon for the whole family . . . so, come on down . . . and enjoy!

• **Santa Will Pay A Visit . . .** to the Charlestown District Court on Tuesday, Dec. 15th from 2 to 4 p.m. to greet local youngsters at the Christmas Party sponsored by the Friends of the Court. There will be gifts for everyone, along with ice cream and candy. All children are most welcome.

• **Congratulations . . .** to Attorney Paul F. McDonough Jr. of Charlestown who was sworn in as a member of the State Ethics Commission at a State House ceremony on Dec. 9. McDonough practices law with the firm of Goodwin, Procter & Hoar.

• **Get Well Wishes . . .** go out to Tom Fahey who is recuperating from recent surgery at his Shipways Place home . . . and to Bill Thomas, the Adjutant of Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion, who became ill on the way to the post's installation ceremonies on Friday night and was rushed to Mass. General Hospital . . . Best wishes for a speedy recovery to you both!

• **Anniversary Congratulations . . .** are extended to Piedad and Bill Robertson of Sullivan Street who will celebrate their wedding anniversary on Dec. 15th.

• **There Are Two Charlestown Stars . . .** in the upcoming Teen Neighborhood Theatre production of "Scrooge." Last week Rachel Melaugh was credited with being in the cast of teens and we later discovered that Melissa Pacheco is also a member of the company. The performance is on Sunday, Dec. 13 at 7:30 p.m. at The Lyric Stage, 140 Clarendon St. at Copley Square . . . Best wishes to both "stars" as you "shine" on Sunday!

• **It's Birthdays, Birthdays, Birthdays . . .** in a busy birthday week . . . Marsha Cunha celebrates her big day today, Dec. 10. We suppose Tom is looking for an appropriate hot dog stand to take you to for a birthday feast, Marsha . . . Milton Brasher-Cunningham will mark his birthday on Dec. 11th . . . Mary Brennan, retired presiding justice of the Charlestown District Court, Steve Thompson, Carolyn Wrenn Shannon and Terry Ring share a Dec. 13th birthday . . . Chris Wilkins becomes another year older on Dec. 14th and his sister Nan Wilkins will party for sure on Dec. 15th . . . and lady about town Judy Evers will celebrate her birthday on Dec. 16th . . . Belated greetings go out to Bob Hart who celebrated his Dec. 5th birthday by decorating gaslight poles for the Christmas Walk . . . and to Herb Upton who enjoyed a chocolate cake for his 48th on Dec. 7th . . . Have a wonderful year, each and all!

• **"Life Savers" To Be Honored . . .** Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts will be paying tribute to "life savers," people who over the past year have accomplished the extraordinary feat of saving someone's life. They will be honored at a special ceremony and dinner on March 9 . . . If you know of anyone who has saved a life over the past year, give a call to the BC/BS Community Affairs office at 956-3320 and provide them with the info.

• **And The Winner . . .** of the Tall Ships quilt, made and raffled by Charlestown's Windmill Hill Quilters, is 3-month-old James Blackwood Este of San Francisco, Calif. His proud grandfather bought the winning ticket, which was selected at random by Judy Evers, community liaison of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services.

• **Holiday Lights And Historic Sights . . .** The city of Boston Parks and Recreation Department Park Rangers invite you to take a twilight tour on a tree-lit path on the Boston Common. Learn about our nation's oldest park while savoring the festive flair and holiday air. Meet at the Boston Common Ranger Station at 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 11, Wednesday, Dec. 16 or Friday, Dec. 18 . . . The tour is free, and all are welcome.

• **Holiday Sharing . . .** Do you have memories of a special Christmas or Holiday season? . . . Do you have a special poem, verse or drawing? . . . Do you have a favorite recipe? . . . Share your holiday treasure with your friends and neighbors . . . Write it down and send it or drop it off to the Patriot, One Thompson Square, Charlestown by Dec. 17, and you might see it in our Christmas edition.



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CHRISTMAS TREE SALES

Our annual Christmas Tree Sale to raise money for programs got off to a good start this past Saturday. There are still plenty of trees and wreaths left, so when you head out to buy your tree, please think of doing it at the club where your money goes to help the young people of Charlestown.

YARD SALE

Our second annual Yard Sale will be held in the games room this Saturday, Dec. 12. Tables will cost \$5. The club will have a table and all proceeds will go to the club. Donations are welcome.

NEW YEAR'S EVE GALA

There will be a Teen-age Dance in The Teen Center on New Year's Eve. All participants will be driven home. Permission slips are required. Space is limited, so sign up now. Details are available in The Teen Center.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

This year's Christmas Party for club members ages 6 to 12 will be on Wednesday, Dec. 23 from 3 to 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome. There is no cost for this event, so come up and see Santa.

KEYSTONE CLUB

The club would like to congratulate the new Keystone officers, Co-Presidents Lori Burke and Kolleen Hayes, Secretary Christine Locke and Treasurer Stephanie Ward.

The Keystone Club recently sponsored the Teen Center Decathlon. Special thanks go out to President Kolleen Hayes and Keystone Advisor Danny Ryan for making the event run smoothly.

This year's winners were the same as last year, Corey Gallagher and Nick Smith. Second place went to Stephanie "I'm Not Waiting For Michael" Ward and P.J. Hansen. Third place was a tie between the teams of Ian Urquhart and Christine Locke and the team of Matt Ezekiel and Arthur Cameron. Congratulations to all who participated.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

Boys Ball Hockey: The boys ball hockey team was shocked by Newton last week, suffering only its second loss of the season. Having a 5-4 lead with only three minutes to go, Charlestown gave up three quick goals to give Newton the win. Playoffs begin this week.

Girls Ball Hockey: The girls remain undefeated and untied going into the championships after beating the Dan Marr Club by a score of 8-2. Mary Ellen Woods stepped up from defense to score two goals, and Jenn Ray had two assists in the win. The girls will face Dan Marr this week in the championship game.

Swim Lessons: There are still some openings for swim lessons. Eileen will accept sign-ups at the front desk.

Nike Cross-Training Challenge: The Nike Challenge for ages 6 to 18 is beginning this week. The first event is the Jump Rope Challenge. Anyone interested can sign up with Joe in the gym.

Swim Team: On Friday, the Townies faced the Dan Marr Marr-lins in what proved to be one of the closest matches of the season. The Townies are improving more and more with each meet, thanks to Anne Connolly and Sue Lyons.

Christmas Trees And Wreaths On Sale



IT'S BEGINNING to look a lot like Christmas, especially when the annual Charlestown Boys & Girls Club Christmas Tree and Wreath Sale gets underway in front of its High street building. The stand is open weekdays from 4 to 8 p.m. and from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. on weekends until the last tree is sold. In celebration of its upcoming 100th anniversary, the club is giving away each 100th tree free to a lucky customer. Shown (l. to r.) at work during the opening days of the sale are John Iacoi, Jim Dawley, Ryan "The Reindeer" and Tod McGrath.



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Thanksgiving Day Dinner Shared With Those Alone And Shut-ins

by Gloria J. Conway

The pouring rain of Thanksgiving Day didn't begin to dampen the spirits of the cooks, helpers and drivers who worked to make this a special day for those guests who joined together at the Legion Hall on Adams Street and for shut-ins whose doors opened to the delivery of a hot dinner.

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

Sweeney began this

Thanksgiving tradition several years ago, opening the doors of his restaurant to those alone on Thanksgiving and delivering to area shut-ins. He carried through last year with a limited number of meals out of the kitchen at St. Catherine's Hall. This year, a joint venture was born as the new Legion Hall has the kitchen facilities, dining space and the generous purse strings to assist Sweeney with his dinner.

The preparations for the dinner began with Sweeney doing the shopping, his mother Barbara making the stuffing and a crew gathering the night before the holiday to peel, pare and stuff. A total of 60 pounds of

potatoes, 1½ bushels of squash and two bushels of fresh string beans were prepared for cooking. Along with the vegetables, eight turkeys — about 175 pounds — were readied for roasting.

Tables were set with vases of flowers provided by Kerrigan's Flowers, along with dishes of candy and plates of fresh fruit.

Thanksgiving Day dawned early and it was back to work for the kitchen crew, cooking the vegetables, slicing the turkey, making the gravy, baking the rolls and cutting the pies. As noon approached, drivers began the task of delivering almost 100 meals to Charlestown shut-ins. In addition, guests

began to arrive at the hall and approximately 30 were served a full-course dinner.

Among those who worked on the event or contributed to its success were: Sweeney and his wife Carol and children Erin, Ryan and Sheena; Jim Conway, commander of Bunker Hill Post, his wife Gloria and daughter Dorothy; Jeanne Davis; Courtney Burke; Kathy O'Hearn; Michael and Jason Melaugh; Tom Jackson; Bob Wallace; Doug MacDonald; Debbie MacDonald; Shawn MacDonald; Tony Strano; John "Sweatshirt" Kelly; Mary Druier; Bill Galvin; Amy and Beth.

Also, Peggy McNeil, Mary Sine, Walter Eagle-

ston, Edna Kelly, Renie Walsh, Francis Kirk, John Kelley, Tom O'Connor, Larry Treacy, Joe Cunningham, Ray Pinkham, Mike Rocca, George McGrath, Bryan McGrath, Terri Petrillo, Sandy Petrillo, Kathy and Jim Cody, Judy Morasy, Father Ron Coyne and Phyllis Bryant.

Donations to the dinner were made by Sweeney's mother Barbara, Ed and Maureen Giacchino, Marge O'Toole, Mary McGinn, Wonder Bread - Jeff Jordan and Steve Elias, Auntie and Edgar LeSage, Elaine Moore, Paul Cammarta, Janice Necco, Jean Rose, Kerrigan's Florist and Shaw's Supermarket of Stoneham.

According to Conway: "Bunker Hill Post will support Sweeney in this Thanksgiving Dinner project as long as he is willing to do it. He did a tremendous job in planning and carrying out the dinner and deliveries, and the holiday feast brought great joy as well as a delicious meal to many who would have otherwise been alone on Thanksgiving."

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



Holiday Schedule . . .

The Christmas edition of *The Charlestown Patriot* will be in the stores on Wednesday, Dec. 23. The deadline for news and advertising for this issue is Friday, Dec. 18 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. The regular schedule of publication will resume on Jan. 7.

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by Gloria J. Conway

★ Neighborhood Council Meetings . . .
Rezoning Charlestown

The Planning and Zoning Committee will meet on Monday, Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Kent Community Center, 50 Bunker Hill St., according to Chairman Tom Cunha.

Cunha stated that at the Dec. 7 meeting, five scenarios were devised for Parcel 1 in the City Square area that will become available upon the completion of the Central Artery/North Area (CANA) roadway reconstruction project. These included: open space according to the Boston Parks and Recreation Department plan presented to the committee in October; a residential plan; a mixed-use plan with small retail and commercial components; a village green plan; and a plan with half open space and half mixed use. Still to be determined is a site for parking that was promised the National Park Service.

At its Jan. 4 meeting, the committee will look at the zoning of Parcel 2 in the City Square area.

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 Charlestown Neighborhood Council for their vote.

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

Monthly Meeting

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

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

★ **Mark First Anniversary . . .** The Charlestown Recycling Volunteers (CRV) mark the first anniversary of its local recycling site this month.

The site is open the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. adjacent to Johnnie's Foodmaster in the small parking area off West School Street. The center will be open this Saturday, Dec. 12.

The following materials are collected:

- Clear glass bottles and jars;
- Mixed colored glass (green and brown) bottles and jars;
- Mixed metals (tin and aluminum) food and beverage cans; and
- Plastics No. 1 and No. 2 (look for numbers within arrows on the bottom of containers — it does not include any container with its top opening wider than the base).

The CRV reminds residents that all materials collected must be clean and, if possible, separated by item. Any plastic, foil, metal rings and caps must be removed from bottles. Labels may be left on.

The CRV also accepts returnable cans and bottles to defray operating expenses.

Volunteers are needed to keep the site functioning. They are asked to work only a two-hour shift. Please call Edith Jones at 241-5452 for further information.

Thanks is extended by the CRV to Richard Tonzi, operations manager of New England Development, and to Johnnie's Foodmaster for the use of the space for recycling.

★ **Thompson Square . . .** The beautiful 35-foot tall Blue Spruce that was put in place at the island at Thompson Square on Wed-

nesday, is a gift to the city from John and Karen Flanagan of West Roxbury specifically for Charlestown. The tree will be decorated and illuminated shortly after 5 p.m. on Sunday during the Christmas Walk. The residents of Charlestown extend their thanks to the Flanagans for the beautiful tree.

★ **Give The Gift Of Life . . .** The American Red Cross reminds residents that as the holiday season approaches, the need for blood doesn't take a holiday and yet donations during this period traditionally decline.

Residents in good health, at least 18 years old, weighing a minimum of 105 pounds with no history of hepatitis or exposure to the AIDS virus may be eligible to donate blood. The Boston Donor Center is at 99 Brookline Ave. It is open from noon to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays and on Dec. 24, through Dec. 30. To schedule an appointment to donate, call 1-800-258-0025.

★ **92 High St. . . .** Christopher Bator appeared before the city of Boston Board of Appeal to request a change in occupancy for 92 High St. from a one- to a two-family dwelling.

George Morance from the Boston Redevelopment Authority and Judy Evers, community liaison from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, both recommended approval. The board concurred and voted to approve the request.

★ **New Telephone Number For IRS Taxpayer Service . . .** The Boston District IRS has a new local telephone number for taxpayer assistance, effective immediately. For personal tax assistance, call 536-1040, and for recorded tax messages and refund information, call 536-0709. Telephone assistance is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

★ **Street Reconstruction Update . . .** The Charlestown streets are looking better with each passing day. All the contract streets previously opened have been paved, and even Mt. Vernon Street was paved with base and binder this week along with temporary pavement repairs to private utility trenches in Lexington Street. All of the paving was in anticipation of the asphalt plants closing for the winter. Sidewalks have also been installed on Mt. Vernon Street, and things look to be in good shape for the winter.

Gas light services and electric light disconnections for Mt. Vernon Street are scheduled for the spring.

There are a few isolated spots in the project area where a block of sidewalk is not paved or some asphalt needs to be placed, but those will be taken care of within the next week.

At the intersection of Devens, Prescott and Main streets, there is one area where some excavation is still required to tie in a previously installed drain. It is anticipated this work will be accomplished within the next two weeks, and it is being coordinated with the Boston Water and Sewer Commission.

Susi is now planning to concentrate his efforts on street light installations, and it is anticipated that roof drain connections from the downspouts/roof leaders to the drain services at the back of the sidewalk will be started.

Again as a reminder, the new sidewalks were installed as long ago as June but some are only a week or so old. Please note: salt will deteriorate the new concrete. There

are other ice-melting and skid-resistant products available, and these would react much better with the new concrete.

The Middlesex Corp. has been doing drain work, reinstalling curb and preparing the sidewalk on lower Mead Street. They also poured the new retaining wall at the top of the stairs and plan to start stripping upper Mead Street this week. The cobblestone retaining wall at the bottom of the stairs was completed, frames and covers were installed on the catchbasins and drain manholes, and the new cable conduit to the new electric

street lights was laid. Middlesex is still hoping for a window in the weather so it can finish its contract. They are planning to bring in loam and to do some planting next week along with the continuation of the rest of the street work to a point of base and binder before winter shutdown. They are also still planning to get the railings installed as soon as they are fabricated.

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

Burger King Restaurant To Celebrate Grand Opening

The Burger King restaurant in the Bunker Hill Mall (25 Austin St.) will celebrate its Grand Opening on Saturday, Dec. 12 and Sunday, Dec. 13.

The restaurant will entertain children that weekend between the hours of 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. with an appearance by the "Genie" character from Disney's blockbuster hit "Aladdin," along with organized games and prizes. The restaurant also will run several food specials, and will offer customers complimentary cake, donuts and coffee.

The Bunker Hill Mall Burger King restaurant, which opened its doors in October, is an In-Line restaurant, one of Burger King

Corporation's new "Expressway" facilities. The In-Line was specifically designed for use in strip shopping centers such as the Bunker Hill Mall.

The restaurant offers the most popular Burger King products — the Whopper, Whopper with Cheese, the Whopper Jr., Double Cheeseburger, Bacon Double Cheeseburger, Hamburger, Cheeseburger, BK Broiler, Ocean Catch, Apple Pie, Mini Onion Rings, French Fries, Twister Fries, beverages and select breakfast items.

"We hope the festivities on Dec. 12 and 13 will kick off a long-standing relationship with our community," said franchisee Hal Beki-

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A Symbol Of Its Time



THE BUNKER HILL BAPTIST CHURCH at the corner of Mystic and Bunker Hill streets is shown in this 1885 photograph.



THE CORNER of Mystic and Bunker Hill streets as is seen today.

by Ed Loan

Examine both photos above very carefully and imagine yourself standing on School Street looking across Bunker Hill to the corner of Mystic Street. Both photos were taken from approximately the same spot. The picture on the left was taken in 1885 and the photograph on the right, just a few weeks ago.

In the 107 years since the first photo was taken immense change is clearly evident. While scanning the

old photo to see what if anything has survived until the present, perhaps only the sharp eye of a Mystic Street resident would focus in on the clapboard houses to the rear of the old church. The three houses are all that remain in the present.

Notice the house closest to the rear of the church with the slanted roof and gable. It is dwarfed by the church, but today dominates the block. It gives one an idea of how large the church was. The house still

has shutters but the hallway has been enclosed and its wood covered by vinyl siding.

Moving further down Mystic Street, the other two houses remain almost the same minus their shutters.

As you peer across Bunker Hill Street into the old photo you are immediately confronted by the Bunker Hill Baptist Church which was built in 1851. According to *Hunnewell's History of Charlestown*: "A great storm blew over the church's steeple which killed a passerby. After the

storm the church was remodeled and made much more elaborate in the style sometimes called 'Queen Anne.'" The above photo was taken after the restorations had been completed.

Although the church and its great beauty dominate the scene, there are many other interesting details contained in this grand old photograph that reveal themselves upon closer examination.

Bunker Hill Street is cobblestone and the sidewalk laid out in brick. The cement sidewalks and black-top streets in the more recent photo seem to lack the beauty of a simpler time. Notice also in the old photo that Mystic and School streets are still dirt, as only the main roads were paved.

Trolley tracks lie between the cobblestones but you will notice no trolley poles or overhead wires. The trolleys had yet to be electrified and were still horse drawn. The wires that do hang above the street are identified by markings on the utility pole on the corner of School Street as Fire Department and Electric Company. Today such wires lie hidden underground.

Look closely at the horse droppings leading into School Street — a very common sight of the times. Perhaps the droppings belonged to the horse which pulled a wagon carrying the photographer and his large and cumbersome camera used to take the 1885 photo. Notice the openness in the old streets as yet unclutter-

ed by automobiles. Perhaps the only time you might see such a sight today is on the morning of the Bunker Hill Day Parade when the streets are cleared.

The Mystic Street of old appears much wider than it is. The present day street is now narrow at its entrance to prevent vehicles from parking too close to the corner.

Trees still have their place but in different locations. In the old photo, a street lamp sits on the corner of School Street with its great ornamental beauty. Notice its counterpart across the street on the corner of Mystic in the new photo. The new light seems so plain and simple. Although many improvements are obvious, one can't help but admire the simple old-fashioned beauty of the 19th century scene.

To the right of the old church, notice two residences, fashioned like those around the corner on Mystic Street in the style of the time. Today the houses have been replaced by the Family Shoe Store, which has flourished on the spot attracting customers from near and far.

Lastly, replacing the Baptist Church is a building that fails to dominate the new photo but instead is dominated by dwellings that were once dwarfed by its predecessor. The plain one-story structure is currently home to a thriving family dental practice operated by Dr. Jeffrey Goldman.

In an attempt to explain what became of the old church, the structure takes on the identity of a symbol of its time — a time that was coming to an end. As the saying goes: "Times change". This is especially true of Charlestown which from its beginning in the early 17th century has been the scene of continuous change as well as prosperity. What had begun around Town Hill and the Great House (City Square) had developed from village, to town, to city, boasting not only a prosperous seaport but also ample industry.

As the town continued to

prosper into the 19th century, immigrant workers, mostly Irish Catholics, took advantage of the area's abundant job opportunities on the docks, in industry, at the Navy Yard or with the Boston and Lowell Railroad. In order to live near their new-found jobs, many flooded into the town in search of lodgings. A majority settled in the area of the town where Main Street meets Bunker Hill. Places such as Charles Street and Hillside Place (at the time next to the present day Charlestown Working Theater) soon became grossly overcrowded as the town was becoming home to the wage earner.

As the Irish continued to pour in, many of the old Yankee families moved out. As Charlestown entered the 20th century, the influx of Irish continued. Construction was also beginning on the elevated train tracks which caused even more of the old families to abandon their elegant homes with their spacious gardens along Main Street, which was once a quaint country lane.

Many who had once lived along Main Street were directly connected with the town's commerce and moved to Monument Square and High Street where many of their grand residences still stand today. The Yankees made their last stand in the area but soon found it a losing battle. By 1900, about 85 percent of the town's residents were of Irish descent. By 1910, with a dwindling congregation, the Bunker Hill Baptist Church closed its doors. The property was soon sold and the grand structure demolished.

The 1885 photograph represents many things, most especially change — the inevitable. As Charlestown continues to change one can only wonder what the sight will in the future, in let's say 50 or 100 years. What will people of the time say of the 1992 photo? What will they compare it with? Perhaps with a smile, the photograph may be called a symbol of its time!

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Kathleen

Marriage Preparation Day

St. Francis de Sales, St. Catherine's and St. Mary's parishes in Charlestown will hold a Marriage Preparation Day on March 21 for all engaged couples who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Matrimony between May 1 and Nov. 1, 1993. Due to the large number of marriages this year, this day for the engaged is only for those being married at any of these three parishes. Father Casey and a team of married couples

from all three parishes will lead the day.

If your marriage is already booked, you will automatically receive a registration form in the mail. If you have not received a registration form by Dec. 20, please contact your parish.

There will be another Marriage Day in the fall for those getting married after Nov. 1. If there are any further questions, please call Father Casey at 242-4664.

Confirmation II Class To Meet

Confirmation II class will be held on Thursday evening, Dec. 17 from 7 to 9 p.m. at St. Mary's Hall, 48 Winthrop St. Any candidate who has not paid their \$30 Confirmation fee must do so at this class.

A reminder: all classes are mandatory. If you are ill, please have your parent call Father Casey at 242-4664. Anyone who misses more than one class will have to repeat Confirmation II next year.

Christmas Party For Children

The annual Christmas Party for children, sponsored by the Friends of the Court, will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 15 at the Charlestown District Court in City Square.

Santa will be paying the children a visit with gifts for everyone, and there will be ice cream and candy.

All children are welcome.

Charlestown Resident Joins Hutchins & Wheeler

Laura L. Carroll of Charlestown, has joined Boston law firm Hutchins & Wheeler as an attorney in the Litigation Department. She is among a group of 29 lawyers who moved to Hutchins & Wheeler from Widdett, Slater & Goldman, P.C., in Boston.



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TOUGH TIMES? WIC WORKS!

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WIC provides special foods and nutrition education to pregnant women, new mothers, infants and children under age 5. To be eligible, a person must have a low or middle income level and may need a referral from their doctor if they don't see a BHHC doctor or nurse already.

People on the WIC program are first seen by a nutritionist and then must be recertified every six months. Risk factors like anemia (low iron blood) or poor eating habits are addressed and ways to correct the problem are recommended. Vouchers are then given which allow the person to purchase nutritious items like infant formula, milk, juice, beans, peanut butter, eggs, cheese and cereal. Also, advice on things like breast or formula feeding and feeding picky toddlers can provide welcome support for a young family or first-time mother.

You can get information on the WIC program by calling the WIC office at 242-5740. Since WIC is a program for low and middle income ranges, all pregnant women and newcomers to Charlestown with children under age 5 are encouraged to inquire.

Four Winners Drawn In 'Sesame Street Live' Contest

Four winners were drawn in the "Sesame Street Live" Contest sponsored by The Charlestown Patriot. Each of the winners will be awarded four passes each to attend an upcoming performance of "Sesame Street Live" at the Boston Garden.

The winners are:
• Richard Joseph Bielski, 54 Washington St.;
• Kerry Brennan, 18 Devens St.;
• Kelly Farrell, 582 East Fifth St., South Boston;

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• Kevin Smith, 6 Mystic Place.

The winners may claim their passes at the Patriot office, One Thompson Square.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

(never known to fail)
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.
Linda

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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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The Christmas Walk Committee would like to express its appreciation to the fine Charlestown residents who helped decorate the many gas lights along the Christmas Walk route. The poles were decorated in record time this year because of the dedicated people who volunteer to help annually, the first-time volunteers who worked so hard and the members of the Teen Connection and their leaders who all worked so well together. Thanks to all of you for beautifying our town for this event.
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The Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St., will celebrate Christmas today, Thursday, Dec. 10. Children ages 5 to 10 and their parents are invited to the library from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. to enjoy stories, games, songs, crafts and surprises with a Christmas theme.

Our Sincere Appreciation
Dear Charlestown Christmas Walk Committee Members,
The Gibson Charlestown Real Estate Company would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Charlestown Christmas Walk Committee for dedicating this year's celebration in memory of Joel Claydon, the founder and president of our company. Joel enjoyed working in Charlestown and loved the community's history, the interesting architecture, and its fine people. He is certainly missed. Thank you for remembering him.
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Sixth Annual Christmas Walk On Sunday

(continued from page one) arrival of Santa Claus and the illumination of the community Christmas tree at Austin and Main streets at 5 p.m. by Mayor Raymond L. Flynn and Santa.

Bruce Schwoegler, Channel 4 WBZ-TV meteorologist, will serve as master of ceremonies for the events at Thompson Square, which, in addition to the lighting of the tree, will include the awarding of prizes to the winners of the residential, business and boat decorating contests. Boston Celtics' guard Rick Fox will be on hand to make some presentations.

This ceremony will be followed by a parade to the Charlestown Navy Yard and the lighting of the Christmas tree onboard the USS Constitution.

Entertainment during the afternoon will be provided by Enchanted Evenings, strolling carolers; Guided Harps; the drawing of cartoons by Jack Drummey; the Copley Chamber Brass Quartet; Emerson College Cabaret Players; Harvard Krokodiloes; Harvard-Radcliffe Collegium Musicum; the Nutcracker Players; sing-a-long with Kevin McNamara; clowns and strolling entertainers.

Adopt-A-Pole

There are still a few of the gaslight poles waiting to be adopted. The poles have been decorated with garland and bows, and the name tags will be attached on Sunday morning.

Anyone interested in adopting a pole, should bring a check for a minimum donation of \$15, made payable to Charlestown Christmas Walk Inc., to Rosemary Kverek, Gibson Charlestown Real Estate, 6 Pleasant St. prior to the walk.

On the day of the walk, people may donate the \$15 to adopt a pole at the offices of Otis & Ahearn at 90 Main St. They may then fill out their own card and attach it to one of the untagged decorated poles.

House Lights

In continuing the tradition of a Victorian Christmas, the committee asks residents and business persons to join in illuminating the walk route on Dec. 13 by placing a white light in each of their windows for the duration of the walk. This will help light the route and create an atmosphere of hospitality for all.

Streets Will Be Closed

To facilitate the cleaning of the streets and to help the setup of street vendors, Main Street, Warren Street (from Thompson Square to Henley Street) and the side streets of Pleasant Street, Monument Avenue and Winthrop Street

from Main to Warren streets should be cleared of all parked cars by noon on Sunday.

Cars will be able to return by 6 p.m. and free parking for all displaced residents will be available adjacent to the new 99 Restaurant in the Bunker Hill Mall and at the Bunker Hill Community Col-

complimentary hot chocolate and cookies.

- **Salon 44** - 44 Main St., will be hosting Santa Claus with favors for the children.

- **Figs** - 67 Main St. will be selling slices of grilled pizza, the proceeds from which will benefit CHAD.

- **Corner Devens and Prescott streets** - Surprise entertainment.

- **St. John's Episcopal Church** - 27 Devens St. The Nutcracker Players will perform every 40 minutes between 2 and 4:30 p.m.

Warren and Pleasant streets

- **Along Warren Street** - Bullmarket carts and ice sculptures.

- **Bullmarket Carts** - Grant Photo & Design - photography items.
- **Bernadette Donovan** - Christmas arts & crafts, ornaments, trees, wreaths and mirrors.

- **Sue Daly** - Christmas arts & crafts, personalized Christmas ornaments.

- **Marilyn Daly** - hand-painted Christmas slates.

- **Mary Thulander** - Christmas angels and hair accessories.

- **Kathleen Churchill** - Door frames, desks and chairs hand-painted with Charlestown landmarks.

- **Donna Clancy** - hand-painted and handmade baby clothes.

- **Christine Pizzuro** - ceramic items.

- **Kathy Armstrong** - Father Christmas figures.

- **Peggy Carney** - Christmas wreaths and figurines.

- **Amy Saunders, Laura Tuach, Angelina Folino and Carolyn McLennan** - Christmas ornaments and hair accessories.

- **Stephen McNelly** - leather goods, watches and wreaths.

- **Carol Goldberg** - Christmas arts & crafts.

- **The Charlestown Teen Connection** - arts & crafts.

- **Mary Winslow** - Christmas ornaments and bows, decorate your own bow.

- **Christmas Walk Committee** - Charlestown Christmas Walk items.

- **Joan Walsh** - Christmas arts & crafts.

- **Jane Lavender** - children's books.

- **Dee and John McGuire** - fudge.

- **Roz Daitch** - jewelry.

And more . . .

- **St. Mary's Church** - 55 Warren St. will be the site of the 1:30 p.m. concert featuring Chorus Pro Musica and a community carol sing. The concert is sponsored by the Charlestown Preservation Society.

- **Monument Properties** - 85 Warren St. will present Richard Slivera with performances on the violin and cello.

- **Gibson Charlestown Real Estate** - 6 Pleasant St., will feature free photos with Santa in his sleigh, hot dogs and popcorn. Drop off toys for Charlestown children. Also meet Charlestown Mayor Pat Harty and Charlestown Rose Shannon Kiely between 2 and 3 p.m.

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The
Charlestown Preservation Society
presents
CHORUS PRO MUSICA
in the
9th Annual Christmas Concert
A Festival of Carols
including
Community Caroling
Sunday, December 13
1:30 p.m.
at **St. Mary's Church**
55 Warren Street

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lege parking lots for the duration of the walk.

Main and Warren streets will be closed to all through traffic from noon to 6 p.m.

The committee cautions residents and visitors that the **No Parking** directive will be enforced. Cars will be allowed to return by 6 p.m.

Open Houses

Area business persons and agencies will be hosting open houses from 2 to 5 p.m. with many offering special items or services in celebration of the holiday season, gifts for sale, entertainment and refreshments.

Among those participating in the event are:

Main Street

- **Along the street** - strolling carolers, street performers and surprises, holiday items for sale at bullmarket carts, refreshments and Christmas wreaths.

- **City Square Splits** - 40 Main St. will be offering

- **Tuttles Dry Cleaning Pharmacy** - 69 Main St. will be selling hand-knit sweaters by the Paddy Wagon, and there will be a flea market for kids and free face painting.

- **Sorelle Bakery & Cafe** - One Monument Ave. will offer complimentary assorted brownies and refreshments.

- **The Stock Exchange** - 73 Main St. will present classical music.

- **Sullivan's Pub** - 85 Main St. will be open during the walk.

- **Otis & Ahearn Real Estate** - 90-92 Main St. is the information center for the Christmas Walk and will feature music by the Guided Harps. Raffle tickets will be on sale for an autographed Hall of Fame baseball, an autographed Patriots football, a six-foot tall stocking full of toys, a 25-pound turkey and a three-month membership to the Cambridge Racquet & Fitness Club.

- **The Warren Tavern** - 2 Pleasant St. will be open during the walk with hot chocolate, hot cider, burgers and sausage sandwiches on sale. The bar will be open.

- **Kate Coffey Real Estate** - 105 Main St. The Harvard-Radcliffe Collegium Musicum will perform outside the office.

- **McCullough, Stievater, Polvere Law Office** - 121 Main St. will feature an open house with classical music and refreshments.

- **Store 24** - 140 Main St. will be serving complimentary hot chocolate.

Winthrop Street

- **The Kennedy Center** - 27 Winthrop St. will offer complimentary hot chocolate, cider and goodies, and will feature A Karaoke Christmas from 3 to 5 p.m. Drop off toys for the children of Charlestown.

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Thompson Square Area

— Horse and carriage stop

• **At The Square** - at Austin and Main streets. St. Catherine's Children's Choir will perform at 3 p.m. and the Harvard Krokodiloes will be on stage at 4 p.m. The award ceremony hosted by meteorologist Bruce Schwoegler of WBZ-TV, presentations by Boston Celtics' guard Rick Fox, the arrival of Santa Claus and the lighting of the Christmas tree by Mayor Raymond L. Flynn will get underway at 5 p.m.

• **One Thompson Square** - Entertainment by a brass trio.

— **Life Focus Center** - The program for retarded and wheelchair-bound physically handicapped will offer their famed country crafts for your Christmas shopping pleasure. There will also be photo buttons and a raffle.

— **Bunker Hill Florist** - will be open during the walk offering 20% off all ornaments. There will be wreaths, roping and ribbons, as well as holiday plants for sale.

— **The Coffee Shop** - will be open, offering complimentary hot coffee and cookies beginning at 2 p.m.

— **Grancey & Co. Real Estate** - will be offering cider and cookies.



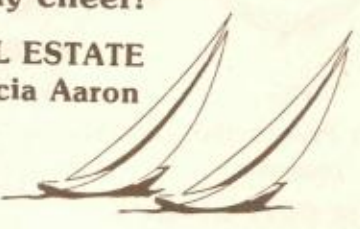
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VOLUNTEERS of all ages gathered this past Saturday to tie bows, cut garland, climb ladders and decorate almost 200 gaslight poles in preparation for this Sunday's Christmas Walk. The project, called "Adopt-A-Pole" and chaired by Rosemary Kverek, is a fund-raising Christmas Walk Commemorative Walk tagged on Sunday, just prior to the main walk. The name of the donor or dedication will be a choice for a \$15 donation.


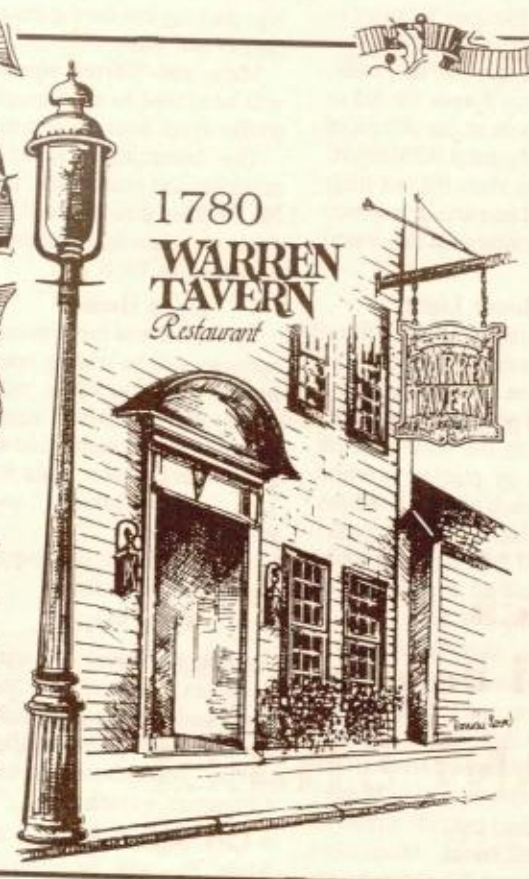
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Bunker Hill Mall

• Newworld Bank - will offer complimentary refreshments and entertainment, along with cartoons by Jack Drumme.

• Burger King - will provide free coffee, cake, balloons and prizes, with children's entertainment from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in honor of its grand opening.

Charlestown Navy Yard

All are invited to join a parade to the Charlestown Navy Yard following the tree-lighting ceremony in Thompson Square. At approximately 5:30 p.m., Santa will board a fire engine to lead the way from Thompson Square to the USS Constitution, followed by commanding officer Cmdr. Richard Amirault, USN, and the Pikemen Color Guard of "Old Ironsides," along with trolleys and walkers.

Irish tenor Kerri Thompson and the St. Catherine Children's Choir will be on the deck of "Old Ironsides" and after they sing "Silent Night," the cannon will be fired
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port of the Charlestown hearty lot, braving cold, dampness and a snow e. The poles will be slurry or two to complete the task. Among the vol- r to the walk, with the unteers was a delegation from The Charlestown ed in the name of their Teen Connection along with staff members of the The work crew was a Charlestown Community Centers.

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a salute and the ship's Christmas tree will be lit, followed by the illumination of the other ships, including the **Nantucket Lightship** and the **USS Cassin Young**.

Hot cider and free chowder will be served following the ceremony on the Gun Deck of "Old Ironsides," courtesy of Anthony's Pier 4 restaurant.

One van will be available to transport people back to Thompson Square immediately after the conclusion of the ceremony.

In addition, the USS Constitution Museum will be open to the public free of charge from 3 to 6 p.m.

Events Timetable

- **1:30 p.m.** - Concert by Chorus Pro Musica at St. Mary's Church, 55 Warren St.
- **2 p.m.** - Christmas Walk begins in the area from Thompson Square to Henley Street and on portions of Warren Street, concluding in Thompson Square at 5 p.m.
- **2 to 4:30 p.m.** - Performances by the Nutcracker Players every 40 minutes at St. John's Episcopal Church, 27 Devens St.
- **3 p.m.** - St. Catherine Children's Choir sings at the bandstand in Thompson Square.
- **4 p.m.** - Harvard Krokodiloes perform at the bandstand in Thompson Square.
- **5 p.m.** - Tree-lighting ceremony and house, business and ship decorating contest award ceremony in Thompson Square.
- **5:30 p.m.** - Santa Claus procession from Thompson Square to Pier 1 in the Charlestown Navy Yard.

**Special Continuous
Events Along The Walk**

Mimes, strolling carolers, clowns, music, entertainment will be ongoing and raffle tickets will be on sale during the afternoon.

Programs listing the events will be available on the day of the walk from the offices of Otis and Ahearn at 90-92 Main St. or from participating merchants. The telephone number for information on the walk is 242-7393.


All are welcome to take part in this community event, meet friends and neighbors and enjoy the holiday season. The walk will take place rain, snow or shine.

See you at Charlestown's sixth annual Christmas Walk on Sunday!

(Events and times are subject to change without notice.)

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Catholic Elementary School Formed

(continued from page 3) are in pain because their school is closing, noting that it is particularly "tough for the people of St. Francis." He did emphasize that the bottom line is that there "will be a single viable Catholic school in Charlestown 10 years from now."

Presently, the two schools employ 17 teachers. According to the Archdiocesan school office, layoffs of faculty are a real possibility but an uncertainty until school registration, which is slated to get underway after the first of the year, is complete. Dorothy Jodue, secretary of education for the Archdiocese, said that faculty that may be let go would be "put on a priority hiring list and offered transitional assistance."

The selection of a principal for the new school will also begin early next year.

Bishop Boles said the objective of the consolidation was to keep alive a strong Catholic school in Charlestown. Sister Lois added that if this was not done, the decline in enrollment over the past five years indicates that both schools would have eventually closed, "one by one." She said that she hoped that the new school would receive support.

Father Mahoney stated that it must be understood that the consolidation is a permanent move, and "it is not just for this year or next, it is permanent and it is to keep Catholic education available in Charlestown." He went on to say

that parents with children presently in the two Charlestown Catholic schools must be encouraged to send their children. He added that people who live in Charlestown but send their children to school in neighboring communities should be asked to bring their children back to the Charlestown school.

Suggestions from Father Mahoney included arranging for a bus to transport children from the further end of the town and to consider a new uniform for the new school.

A question was asked as to whether a use had been determined for the St. Francis School building. It was stated that nothing has been decided to date, with the comment that it was easier to sell a building that was not contiguous to other church property. Bishop Boles said that income from the lease or sale of such property is supervised by the Archdiocese to the benefit of that individual parish. He added that the school building will continue to be a resource for St. Francis.

Lacey, a St. Catherine parent, said that she felt

badly that "all of us have lost a school." She stated that she hoped the parents would "get through the healing process quickly" as it is now their "job to structure a new school." She added that it is her "hope that the parents of all 318 children in the two schools can take their angry energy and turn it into productive energy with the goal being a premium education for our children."

Father Mahoney said "the anger is real and we must respond to it," adding that he "wants all to work with us. We want to be positive and all three parishes have to work to develop a bond with the objective being quality Catholic education."

Sister Margaret spoke emotionally of the hurt, telling that people still feel the hurt with the closing of St. Mary's almost 20 years ago. She asked the Bishop if someone from the Archdiocesan office that was involved in the school decision could come out to speak to the people to let them know why and how the decision was made. He said that he would consider her request.

Father Coyne said that one of the advantages of a consolidated school was that it could offer more in programs than could the two individual schools. Father Mahoney stated that one of the first considerations should be a much-needed remedial reading program.

There was a call for a means of providing information to the parishioners with plans and progress relative to the new school, especially with the selection of a new principal and the registration process to be decided shortly after the first of the year. There are many issues and, as Lacey said the parents "get frustrated" when they don't have the information.

Following last weekend's announcement, Alice Ringer, president of the St. Francis de Sales Parents Club, spoke of the anger of the parents. She said they are "devastated," and have expressed the feeling that "the school was sold out for the price of a building."

"The entire school is devastated by the news," Ringer said. "You can see it in the faces of the parents and the children, and even in

the people who don't have kids in the school."

She was critical of the Archdiocese for not "having the decency to send someone in authority to the community, someone to answer questions and to give answers that make sense."

Ringer had nothing but praise for Father Mahoney and his 25 years of service to the parish and for his tireless work to save the school. She said: "I feel badly for Father Mahoney. He has done so much for a

countless number of children. We have to stick together and help Father Mahoney and especially help the kids."

"The bottom line is," stated Ringer, "we have to join together for the children — to look out for their education, to work to obtain transportation and to make sure they are safe."

As Bishop Boles stated: "Keeping alive a strong Catholic school in Charlestown is the objective, but it will not be an easy thing to do."

Cricket

*It was one month ago today
that God decided to take you away.*

*I guess I couldn't believe it was true,
I guess I didn't want to believe it was you.
But now I write this poem especially for you.*

*Because a friendship is a special bond,
And one that never strays,
Because friends are friends forever,
And this helps us through the days!*

*So I guess I'll say so long for now,
until we meet again.*

*You're always in my heart,
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I'll love you always, Cricket . . .

Jackie

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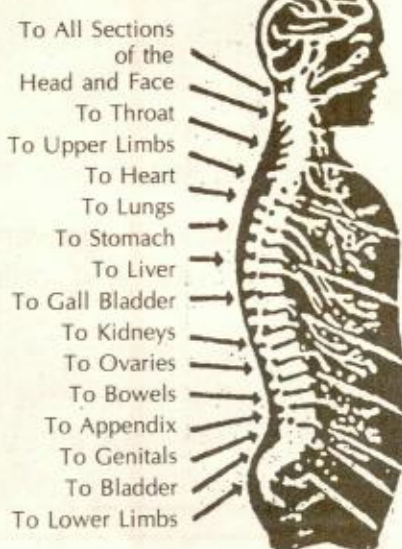
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C.A.D.

Charlestown Pop Warner Holds Awards Dinner

photos by John Dillon





CHARLESTOWN POP WARNER FOOTBALL is alive and well in Charlestown as was evidenced by the packed hall last week at the K. of C. where the end of the football season was celebrated with a dinner and awards ceremony.

TOP ROW: At the left are award winners (l. to r.) Mike Carey, Matt Monaco, Craig Shea and Stephen Libby with Artie Ortiz (left) and Charlestown Pop Warner President Jack Schievink (right) in the back row . . . In the center are members of the C-Team. Shown front row (l. to r.) MVP Russell Grogett, MVP Mike O'Leary, Unsung Hero Daniel Lau and winner of the Sportsmanship Award Ian Burke. Back row (l. to r.) are Coach John Collier, Schievink and Coach Brian Bernish . . . On the right, Tom Cunha (right) accepts a plaque from Schievink on behalf of the K. of C. in appreciation for its support of Pop Warner.

SECOND ROW: At the left, Schievink (right) presents a plaque to John Dillon (left) in appreciation of Dillon's

support for the program. Dillon donated the money equivalent of two trips to Ireland won by him as a candidate for Mayor of Charlestown to Pop Warner last spring . . . In the center (l. to r.) are Mike Kelly, Ryan Getchell, Chris Schievink, Joe Roche and Mike Ortiz, with Artie Ortiz and Jack Schievink in the back row . . . On the right (l. to r.) are award winners from the A-Team Greg Poole, sportsmanship; Schievink; David Hurley, unsung hero; MVP Tim Monaco and Coach Rob MacIntosh.

THIRD ROW: On the left is the Pop Warner coaching staff for 1992 that included (l. to r.) Stoney Boutwell, Steve Maguire, Eddie Kelly, Schievink, MacIntosh, Ortiz, Collier and Bernish. Missing from the photograph is Mike Stillman . . . In the center are Schievink (left) and Joe Roche (right) who accepted an appreciation plaque on behalf of Memorial Hall . . . At the right with Schievink are the D-Team award winners. Shown (l. to r.) Eddie Kelly, MVP; Danny Devlin, unsung hero; and Adam Fornash, sportsmanship.

BOTTOM ROW: At the left, the First Annual Bryan J. McGonagle Trophy is awarded to John Crosby (center front) as Collier, Bernish and Schievink look on . . . In the center, headtable guests included (l. to r.) Boston City Councillor Robert Travaglini, Tom McManus and Jason Pohopek. McManus and Pohopek are members of the Boston College Eagles football team . . . On the left, Mike Stillman presents Townie sweatshirts to McManus and Pohopek. (photos by John Dillon)

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Kerrigan's	3	7	0
T.J.'s Kids	0	9	1
The Blowup	0	10	0

- ★ **Players Of The Week** ★
 • **Bryan's Pals:** John Berrier and Tommy DeRosa
 • **BFI:** Meg Gallagher and Patrick Considine

- **A.A. Radiators:** Jack Whelan and P.J. Mugford
- **Village Market:** Todd Harper and Mark Hanscom
- **Bunker Hill Florist:** Danny Cormier and Matthew O'Connell
- **Kerrigan's:** Eric Lynch and Nicholas McGrath
- **Ironside Grille:** Casey Schievink and Michael Jacobs
- **The Blow Up:** Chris Schievink and Nicole Dagle
- **Peg & Al's:** Andrew Labao and Caitlin Walsh
- **T.J.'s Kids:** John Collier and Shaun Suprey

Charlestown Pop Warner Update

Charlestown Pop Warner Football must have all uniforms and equipment returned to us from this year's players. Please contact Jack Schievink at 241-7767 immediately to arrange for their return.

The players who have yet to turn in their uniforms and equipment are:

- Kevin O'Neill
- Danny Considine
- Philip O'Neill
- Robert Krol
- Daniel McMaster
- Dennis Elwell
- Ben Burnett
- Robert Barrett
- Kenneth Climo.
- Jack Schievink, president

Pop Warner Football

Teen Connection Corner . . .

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• **Thank You To The MDC** — On Dec. 5, The Teen Connection and the Community Center staff hosted an "Ice Palace" event at the Charlestown MDC Skating Rink. The MDC was most generous in donating nearly two hours of valuable ice time so that kids and adults alike could come down and meet Boston Bruins great Cam Neely for autographs and pictures. All proceeds from the event were donated directly to CHAD.

There are many people to thank, and if we forget anyone, please forgive us. They include: John Ezekiel, Tom O'Leary, Paul Wrenn, Kenny Giordano and the MDC staff for their skateguard duties insuring the safety of all skaters; Buddy Lacey, who generously donated his skate-sharpening profit to CHAD; Phil Coleman, Dan O'Neil and Ed Lynch, who do a great job with Youth Hockey and were a big help; Carol Adolph, chairman of the Christmas Walk Committee, who was also a huge help; and last, but not least, Cam Neely, who is truly a gentleman and a true sport.

We don't think Neely fully understood just what he was getting himself into but, the true professional that he is, he signed every autograph, shook every

hand and smiled for every picture. The man is a genuine class act, and his generosity touched quite a few young lives on Saturday!

• **New York A Huge Success** — Once again, the reviews are in from the annual Christmas Extravaganza in New York City, and once again, it's two thumbs up.

From Macy's to Planet Hollywood, the jaunt to the Big Apple was a roaring success. The trip culminated with the troops taking in the fabulous Radio City Music Hall Christmas Show with its breathtaking scenery and, of course, the world-famous Rockettes. See you all again next year!

• **Townie Santa** — The Peer Leaders, along with Greg and the Bunker Hill Teen Council, traveled to the Mary Colbert Apartment complex on Monday night to help start the packing process for another year of a wonderful program — Townie Santa. It's amazing to see the dedication of people when it comes to helping others at such a tough time of year for the elderly.

Arthur Crotty, Bud Coleman, Jake Getchell, Sheila Jackson, Betty Golden and everybody else (sorry if we slighted anyone) all deserve a huge pat on the back.

The Peer Leaders will be back down, and have volunteered their services in any capacity needed.

• **He's Back!!!!** — That's right. We promised and now we are delivering. Frank Santos, the world-famous hypnotist, is back for an encore. Frank will be doing one show on Saturday, Jan. 30 at the K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door, so please try to purchase them in advance.

• **Christmas Walk Pole Decorating** — The Peer Leaders, along with the Girls' Center and the administrative staff of the Community Center, braved the elements last Saturday as we decorated the gas lamps along the Christmas Walk route. The Christmas Walk is not "Yuppie Christmas," as it has been perceived in the past. Every dime generated by the walk is put back into the town in such worthwhile programs as CHAD, so it is really worth our effort.

• **Tickets Available** — There are tickets available for Saturday's Northeastern basketball game at Matthew's Arena. Anyone interested should call Greg at 635-5169.

• **Light-A-Life Pins** — The Teen Connection will be at various locations throughout the town selling Light-A-Life pins supporting the Hospice Foundation. They are only \$1 and benefit a good cause.

BOB D'S BEAT

by Bob DeCristoforo

■ **Charlestown Catholic . . .** Sitting in St. Catherine's Church on Saturday and hearing the long-awaited announcement concerning the future of the Catholic schools in Charlestown made me sad and glad all at the same time.

I was sad because I know the hurt firsthand of a school closing. St. Catherine's School and St. Francis de Sales School, like St. Mary's School and my Christopher Columbus High School, served the people of Charlestown with dignity and care. The closing of these schools is similar to a death in the family — that's how much it hurts — and I strongly believe that continued decisions such as these will come back to haunt the decision-makers. Catholic schools like these are needed more than ever, and they are being closed in areas where they are needed most.

I was also glad. Yes, there was also joy to know that next September there will be a new Catholic school in Charlestown.

Charlestown Catholic gives us a Catholic school in Charlestown, and while we will always be sad, we all must make this school work. The three Charlestown parishes have made a commitment to Catholic education, and seeing a Catholic school in Charlestown.

Everyone in Charlestown must make the same commitment, and now move ahead.

■ **CHAD Dance A Success . . .** Congratulations to all those who organized and attended the successful teen dance sponsored by CHARLESTOWN AGAINST DRUGS on Saturday night at St. Catherine's Hall. From 8 p.m. to midnight, Charlestown teens had a great time, and the live performance by the group "Ivory Soul" added to the enjoyment of the night. Special thanks go out to the chaperones, but the real stars were the Charlestown teens. Again, you made us all proud, and everyone had a lot of fun.

■ **Pool Table . . .** I never thought I would be writing about a pool table, but this past week the Bunker Hill Teen Council was able to get one, thanks to the MWRA grant we received, and the results have been great!

Last Wednesday, 33 teens visited the Drop-In Center at 76 Monument St.; on Thursday, 37 teens came by; and on Friday, we had a high of 52. Our little Drop-In Center is quickly becoming a place where all Charlestown teens feel at home, and where all Charlestown teens are welcomed.

The Bunker Hill Teen Council would like to thank all those who support us, especially the Bunker Hill Tenants Task Force and the management of the Bunker Hill Housing Development. Your support allows us to grow and give Charlestown teens the best.

■ **High School Notes . . .** Congratulations to Pope John senior football player Kevin McMaster who was presented the Mark Kennedy Memorial Scholarship Award at the conclusion of the Pope John-Chelsea Turkey Day game.

■ **Friendship Games . . .** Charlestown traveled to Brighton on a cold Saturday to play East Boston in the Friendship Ball Hockey League. The Eastie boys didn't show and so we took the forfeit. Our record is now 3-3 with just two games to go, and the playoffs around the corner. Shane Fisher is among the top 10 league point-getters.

The standings are: South Boston 5-1, Brighton 5-1, East Boston 4-2, Charlestown 3-3, Dorchester 2-2, Hyde Park 1-4, West Roxbury 0-4 and North End 0-5.

■ **Challenge Match . . .** The Charlestown Pride Girls Ball Hockey team has challenged the girls from the South Boston Girls Center to a "home-and-home" series, and South Boston has accepted. Details are now being finalized.

■ **Tidbits . . .** Congratulations to CYO coach Mike Erardi on his victory debut. Mike's team defeated St. Stephen's of Framingham in 17-and-under action.

Birthday greetings to Jessica Baker, Andrew Ray, Lori Burke, Jimmy Yandle and Jason Britton.

Rumor has it that Joey Burns may sign a dance contract with "Ivory Soul."

Joe Scadding, Amanda Fornash and Jimmy Murray hope to get dance lessons for Christmas . . . Stefani McCabe may be giving them.

Melissa McGrath had a great "trip."
 Jimmy Burke did a great job as DJ for the CHAD Dance.

Color guard season is about to begin.
 Charlestown's Pop Warner Awards Night was a great success.

■ **BHA Scouts . . .** The Bunker Hill BHA Development would like to start a scout troop for youngsters who reside in the development. Volunteer scout leaders and troop participants are needed now.

Anyone interested in this fine opportunity and who lives at Bunker Hill should contact youth worker Bob DeCristoforo at 242-3200. Registration is Dec. 10-22. The scouting program is part of the BHA "Youth on the Rise" program.

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C.Y.O. & St. Catherine's NEWSby **Father Ron Coyne**

• **Children's Roller-Skating Party** — St. Catherine's invites all Charlestown children and teen-agers 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. Adults are also welcome.

• **CYO Basketball Coaches** — We are proud to enter six teams into the CYO Basketball League this season, representing the three parishes from our town. Each week, we will present one of these teams.

This week, we want to thank the wonderful people who are volunteering their time to coach our young people. Our coaches are healthy role-models for our youth, and we appreciate their professionalism and example. The coaches are: Bantam girls, Maryellen Evers; Cadel girls, Yvette Modestini; Bantam boys, Dan Ward and Muff Maguire; Cadet boys, Paul Allwood; Junior boys, Mike Erardi; and Intermediate boys, Mike Cummings and Ed Codair.

• **CHAD Dance** — The CYO would like to thank CHARLESTOWN Against Drugs (CHAD) for sponsoring the recent teenage dance in conjunction with the Boys & Girls Club, the Community Center and the Bunker Hill Teen Council.

The teen-agers who spent four hours at St. Catherine's Hall enjoyed every moment of the experience as they danced to the music of D.J.'s Jimmy Burke and Billy Hayes. The highlight of the night was the appearance of Shannon, Kon-dra and Dina who make up the pop R&B group "Ivory Soul." These young girls entertained all and presented a truly professional show. We were truly privileged to welcome them.

We are grateful to all the Charlestown teens who worked hard to plan, prepare and set up for the dance as well as those who made the time to be there. The event will be repeated, thanks to your cooperation. A special thanks goes out to all the adults who chaperoned.

• **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, 49 Vine

Kennedy Center Annual Toy Drive

The Kennedy Center's annual toy drive is underway throughout the town as Christmas gifts for Charlestown boys and girls up to age 14 are being sought for needy families.

Drop boxes are available until Wednesday, Dec. 16 at the following sites:

- Kennedy Center, 27 Winthrop St.;
- Kennedy Center Senior Lounge, 55 Bunker Hill St.;
- Gibson Realty, 6 Pleasant St.;
- Boston Fire Department Engine 32, Sullivan Square Fire Station;
- Newworld Bank, Bunker Hill Mall and Charlestown Navy Yard;
- Golden Age Center, 382 Main St.;
- The Charlestown Patriot, One Thompson Square;
- Knights of Columbus, 75 West School St.;
- Biotech Inc., Building 96, 13th Street, Charlestown Navy Yard;
- or bring your gifts to the Kennedy Center or Gibson Realty during the Christmas Walk on Sunday, Dec. 13.

If you know an eligible family or need information for your own children, please contact Colleen Justice mornings at the Kennedy Center, 241-8866, before Dec. 14.

St., beginning Sunday, Dec. 13.

• **Second Annual Adult Family Feud** — Last year's Family Feud game was a great hit as we welcomed 16 of Charlestown's wonderful families to compete. We had about 300 people present to cheer them on and wonder why they couldn't come up with the right answer — it seems so simple when you're in the audience.

We once again invite people to form teams of five, family or friends, and register to be contestants in our show. 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.

• **Mile Of Pennies** — We are attempting to build a mile of pennies and put the proceeds toward a future trip for our altar boys. We are trying to limit our appeal to the four weeks of Advent (from now to Dec. 25). If anyone would like to donate pennies to our cause, you may leave them at St. Catherine's Rectory, 49 Vine St., or call 242-1750 and we will be happy to pick them up. Thank you.

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2. It will lower future rate increases. By receiving water and sewer payments in a manner more in line with how the Commission pays its obligations, we will be able to reduce our short-term financing needs. The savings the Commission realizes from this reduction will be passed on to our customers in the form of lower rate increases.

Water and sewer bills are continuing to rise in Boston due to the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's Boston Harbor Cleanup Project. It has been suggested that it would be easier for our customers to pay the required rate increases in 12 payments per year rather than four. Paying your water and sewer bill monthly will also make planning your household budget easier since you are billed monthly for other utilities.

Monthly billing will also enable the Commission to reduce the amount of the required rate increases. By receiving water and sewer payments in a manner more in line with how the Commission pays its obligations, we will be able to reduce our short-term financing needs. All of the savings the Commission realizes from this reduction will be passed on to our customers in the form of lower rate increases.

Additionally, monthly billing will increase your awareness of the amount of water you use, helping you to evaluate your water conservation efforts. The more frequent meter readings will allow you to more closely monitor and control your water usage.

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ACTIVITIES

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- **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.

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- Monday** — Breaded fish fillet with tartar sauce, whipped squash, peas, marble rye bread, vanilla pudding
- Tuesday** — Ground beef burgundy over noodles, apple-sauce, white bread
- Wednesday** — HANUKKAH MEAL - Roast turkey with gravy, stuffing, cranberry sauce, spinach, mixed grain roll, chilled fruit
- Thursday** — Lentil soup, pot roast with gravy, au gratin potatoes, scali bread, chilled fruit
 Bread, margarine and milk served with all meals.

Town-wide Advent Penance Service

St. Mary's, St. Catherine's and St. Francis de Sales parishes will hold a town-wide Advent Communal Penance Service on Sunday, Dec. 20 at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, 55 Warren St. Priests from all three parishes will be avail-

able for individual confession. In addition there will be other priests present for a total of eight priests.

All are invited to be present on this evening to reconcile with God and ready for the celebration of the birth of Christ!

Healthy Charlestown Coalition To Meet On Monday

The Healthy Charlestown Coalition, which is part of a new city of Boston-sponsored initiative called Healthy Boston, will meet at noon on Monday, Dec. 14 at St. Mary's Parish Hall, 48 Winthrop St. Healthy Boston is a long-term initiative to change the way health,

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The coalition is reaching out to all sectors of the community and individuals as well as representatives of businesses, organizations and city agencies are invited to attend.

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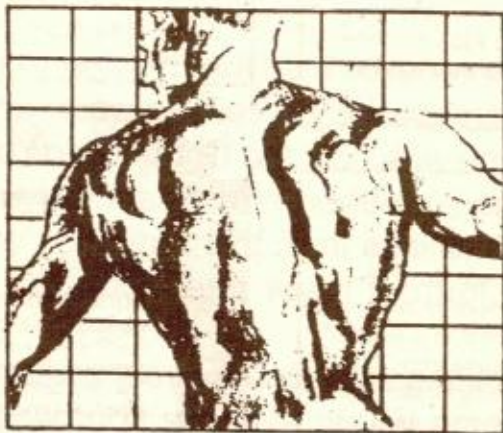
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★ EVENTS OF THE WEEK ★

Friday, Dec. 11

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

Monday, Dec. 14

- 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
- 4 p.m. - Beans & Beano, Senior Lounge

Tuesday, Dec. 15

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

Wednesday, Dec. 16

- 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. 10

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

★ HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS ★

The Senior Lounge would like to wish a happy December birthday to . . . Hugh Brady, Katherine Bryant, Helen Charbonnier, Mary Devlin, Sally Finigan, Ann Freeley, Helen Jackson, Jack Kelly, Kay Latremore, Emily Lyons, Mary Madden, Ellen McNamee, Marie Nigro, Conchetta Rinaldi, Rose Trider and Mary Walsh.

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 T.M.F.

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 Karen

Social Security Benefits Families

Many people may not be aware of the full scope of family protection provided by the Social Security program. Or they haven't stopped to consider the impact of such benefits on their own financial well-being. This year, more than 12 million people — almost one-third of all Social Security beneficiaries — will receive over \$5.2 billion in dependents or survivors benefits based on the earnings records of workers who have retired, become disabled or died.

Beneficiary Population

Who are these 12 million beneficiaries? Many are family members whose benefits began when the worker retired or became disabled. But more than 7 million men, women and children are receiving monthly Social Security benefits because a household breadwinner has died.

There is a limit on the amount of benefits payable to a family. And benefits payable to family members who still work are subject to the Social Security earnings limits.

Children

Children may qualify for dependents or survivors benefits if they are:

- Under age 18, or
- 18-19 years old and full-time high school students, or
- 18 or older and disabled. The disability must have started before age 22. (Some people may continue to receive "children's" benefits into their adult years, as long as they remain disabled.)

Wives and Husbands

Wives and husbands may qualify for dependents benefits if they are:

- 62 or older, or
- Any age and caring for the worker's child(ren) who are under age 16 or disabled, or
- 62 or older and divorced from the worker, if the marriage has lasted 10 years or

more.

Widows and Widowers

Widows and widowers may be eligible for benefits if they are:

- 60 or older, or
- Any age and caring for the worker's child(ren) who are under age 16 or disabled, or
- 50 or older, disabled, and divorced (and meet the 10-years of marriage requirement) or widowed.

Parents aged 62 or older, who were being supported by the worker, may be eligible for dependents benefits.

Benefits paid to a former spouse do not reduce the amount payable to the family. However, marriage and divorce may affect a person's eligibility for family benefits.

Getting An Estimate

You can get an estimate of your Social Security benefits and those of your family by calling Social Security's toll-free telephone number and asking for a form SSA-7004 (Request for Earnings and Benefit Estimate Statement). The estimate will include the benefits you can expect at retirement or if you become disabled and unable to work. It also shows what your family can expect if you retire, become disabled or die.

Applying for Benefits

A family member applying for Social Security benefits needs to provide the worker's Social Security number and his or her own Social Security number and birth certificate. Other documents may be required, depending on the type of benefit. If you don't have all the documents you need, Social Security can help you get them.

To apply for benefits or request a benefit estimate, call Social Security's toll-free number, 1-800-772-1213, business days between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m., or stop by any Social Security office.

Goodwill Honors Local Firm



HEAD CHEF Steve Smith of Gardner Merchant Food Services, located in The Schrafft Center in Charlestown, accepts an "Above and Beyond" Award from Morgan Memorial Goodwill Industries Vice President Phyllis Cater. Over the years, the firm has enjoyed a fruitful partnership with Goodwill, providing training opportunities and employment to persons with disabilities who are Goodwill graduates.

Sen. Thomas F. Birmingham, Senate Chairman of the Legislative Caucus on MWRA Affairs, has sponsored several pieces of rate-relief legislation that demands greater participation by the state and federal governments for the \$6.1 billion Boston Harbor Clean-Up Project. Proclaiming 1993 as, "The Year of the Ratepayer," Birmingham explained that if one of his bills is passed into law, Senate Bill # 921, "ratepayers will save at least \$130 per year on their water and sewer bills."

The legislation (Senate

Bill 921) seeks state participation by having the Commonwealth of Massachusetts absorb 50 percent of the debt service costs for all capital projects mandated by the federal Clean Water and Safe Water Drinking acts. Birmingham stated: "This bill will give my constituents crucial rate relief. The debt service to pay for the construction of the infrastructure necessary to undertake the Boston Harbor clean-up project is unbearable. Ratepayers are drowning in the costs associated with the harbor clean-up and will continue

to sink unless the state starts helping. A good start is for the Commonwealth to pay for half of the debt service for this project out of General Funds."

Birmingham explained that the legislation will benefit projects built throughout the Commonwealth. "The state's wide-spread need makes me confident that the legislation can be passed into law. In addition to Boston, the harbors of New Bedford, Salem and Gloucester are all facing federal court orders mandating that they be cleaned up. With the entire state legislature working together, we should be able to get this bill passed."

He also warned that the federal government must not be allowed to walk away from its financial responsibilities. "We have all heard empty promises

about the federal government paying for the Boston Harbor clean-up. I am hopeful that with the election of Democrat Bill Clinton, these promises will be fulfilled. After all, it is a Federal Court Order which mandates that this project be undertaken."

In addition to Senate Bill 921, Birmingham has also sponsored and is working for the passage of legislation which seeks to make water and sewer fees tax deductible by allowing the water and sewer capital charges to be included on the property tax. The property tax, including the capital costs, would be tax deductible for federal income tax purposes.

Finally, Birmingham has filed legislation which seeks to spread the costs of the Boston Harbor clean-up through Massachusetts.

'Midwinter Magic' Theme Of Kennedy Library Children's Hour

On Saturday, Dec 12 at 10:30 a.m., the Kennedy Library Children's Hour series will celebrate the holiday season with a "Midwinter Magic" performance by the Gerwick Puppets. This free performance is designed for children ages 4 and up.

"Midwinter Magic," an original story by the Gerwick Puppets, is about a young boy and girl who decide on Christmas Eve that they will stay up very late. They are sure that on such a special night there are bound to be many magical things happening and

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Field Coordinator for Casey Initiative

Field Coordinator for Boston based Mental Health Initiative for Urban Youth & their Families. Nat'l. Foundation has awarded grant to MA to develop a comp. preventions & early intervention project in a Boston neighborhood. Coordinator will interface with City of Boston, Dept. of Hlth. & Hosps., Healthy Boston Project, in the neighborhood governance structure, & design of the service package in response to locally identified needs. The Coordinator will work with Interagency Planning Council & Healthy Boston staff to implement the new multi-agency structure in selected neighborhood. The Coordinator will provide a newsltr. for the Casey Initiative. Experience in community development pref. Master's deg. in relevant discipline. Comp.: \$32K - 40K. Affirm. Action candidates strgly encouraged to apply. Send resumes by 12/17/92 to: Casey Project, DMH, Metro Boston Office, 25 Staniford St., 3rd flr., Boston, MA 02114.

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Consultants for Boston based Mental Health Initiative for Urban Youth & their Families. Nat'l. Foundation has awarded grant to MA to develop a comp. prevention and early intervention project in a Boston neighborhood. The project is seeking Consultants with community planning, data research, & tech. grant writing skills. Affirmative Action candidates strgly encouraged to apply. Submit resumes & salary requirements by 12/17/92 to: Casey Project, DMH, Metro Boston Area Office, 3rd flr., 25 Staniford St., Boston, MA 02114.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters to the Editor must be signed and include name, address and telephone number for verification. The name will be withheld if the writer so requests. Anonymous letters will NOT be published.



My Thanks

I want to thank Bob Sweeney and all that helped for the Thanksgiving Dinner at the Legion Hall and for delivering them to the elderly in the pouring rain.

God bless you all for the nice Thanksgiving.

Dot Munroe

My Thanks

Dear Gloria:

I know I haven't said thank you as often as I should, but I want you to know that I am extremely grateful that the Charlestown Pop Warner is allowed to utilize the Patriot as its means of channeling information to not only the players and their families, but to the community as a whole. You make my job much easier!!!

Thank you,

Jack Schievink, president
Charlestown Pop Warner Football

**Father Mahoney
Should Be Commended**

Dear Gloria:

There weren't many dry eyes this past weekend during the Masses at St. Francis de Sales Church. The reason for the sadness was the difficult announcement personally made by Father Mahoney at each and every Mass that the parish school was closing.

Father Mahoney should be commended for his many years of unselfish hard work in keeping the parish school of St. Francis de Sales healthy and viable.

We know the message he brought to Masses this weekend was one of the most difficult communications he had ever made and one which any pastor would rather avoid.

"Thank You Father Mahoney"

Donna Lane-Hickey

The Final Decision Is Made

After months of agonizing over which school would be closed, my heart was broken, along with many others, on Saturday evening when the announcement was made that St. Francis de Sales School would no longer continue providing our children with an excellent Catholic education.

Although I sincerely wished for the location of the new school to be at St. Francis, I feel that we must move on and make the best of a sad situation. We, as a community, need to unite together and enroll our children in the new Charlestown Catholic Elementary School. This will enable our faculty a better opportunity to obtain positions at the new school. It will be difficult enough making the change; but with familiar faces among the faculty, the transition will be that much easier for our children to handle.

To The Charlestown Community

I would like to take this opportunity to express my most sincere thanks for the Vocation Benefit which was held in my honor. As I mentioned on the night of the benefit, two of the greatest assets that I will take with me on this journey are the experiences of living in a community which shows its support and concern for a member of Charlestown when he embarks on a new life, and also the loyalty toward one another which I have experienced growing up as a Townie.

It would be impossible, however, for me to mention every person who, on this day, continues to support me. Please understand that I am truly grateful and will be thinking of you in my prayers here in the seminary.

I would like to point out, in a very special way, Bill Boyle and the members of the Knights of Columbus for organizing this benefit. I would also like to thank Dennis Moore for donating the music and Bob Scalli for his generosity in donating the refreshments.

To my family and friends, thank you for the encouragement which you have expressed and for the patience you had with me while I was deciding whether or not to enter the seminary. I am confident that I made the correct decision.

I hope that the Christmas Season will bring you all joy and happiness and that the New Year will bring you all success and good health. I will remember you all in my prayers.

Matt Stillman

For me, the hardest part of the whole decision is seeing how heartbroken Father Mahoney is. I would like to commend him for a job well done and for the fight he gave in trying to save our school.

In a happier article written last year during the 100th year celebration there was a quote by a student that stated: "We have a pastor who not only does things for the school, but he does things for all people. Father Mahoney is a great priest and there is not another one like him."

I agree! Father Mahoney is the backbone of our parish and I can only thank God that he is our pastor for St. Francis de Sales would NEVER be the same without him!

Even though the doors to our school will close forever in June, we can never be robbed of all the beautiful memories we have. They will always remain in a special place in our hearts, and no matter what happens with the site, anytime I walk by it will always be remembered as St. Francis de Sales School by me.

A Disheartened Townie,
Cathy Walsh

**Opposed To 93N Exit Ramp
At Rutherford Avenue**

Susan Tierney, Secretary
Mass. Executive Office of Environmental Affairs
Attention: MEPA Unit
100 Cambridge St., 20th floor
Boston, MA 02202

Dear Secretary Tierney:

Please be advised that G. Conway Inc. is opposed to the 93N exit ramp onto Rutherford Avenue through Conway's property and the Bunker Hill Community College athletic fields for the following reasons.

1. The devaluation of Conway's property and other properties in the A Street area.
2. The detrimental effect on the college athletic fields, which the people of Charlestown use and enjoy.
3. The added traffic to Rutherford Avenue, which at the present time cannot handle the current traffic volume.
4. The detrimental effect of a traffic light near the exit of A Street onto Rutherford Avenue restricting the flow of truck traffic for the existing abutters of A Street onto Rutherford Avenue causing delays to the A Street community.
5. In my opinion, the Mass. Highway Department could pursue other alternate routes in the Sullivan Square, Cambridge Street area resulting in a more efficient exit of 93N traffic onto Rte. 99, 93, Somerville and Cambridge areas, also resulting in less transit traffic on the streets of the Charlestown community.

We have been part of the Charlestown community for over 50 years and would be willing to discuss any alternative routes for this off ramp that would not have such a detrimental effect on the Charlestown community.

Very truly yours,
Gerard Conway, president
G. Conway Inc.

It Filled My Heart

Thanksgiving, 1992

Dear Gloria:

A short while ago, two beautiful young ladies brought me a hot Thanksgiving meal. They were a ray of beautiful sunshine!

I am not able to leave my apartment today as I am in great pain in both legs. Now my two big toes are like Rudolph's Red Nose.

I want to thank the Sweeney family from the bottom of my big fat heart. God bless that family. They made my day! Everyone in Charlestown misses them so much. I pray they will find a place here again real soon. They will be greatly appreciated here.

It's so good to know how many people really do care about others. I know how Charlestown does care for its own. Believe me, there are many very kind and compassionate people in Charlestown. It's like one big family.

The Sweeneys are from Stoneham and they have been coming to Charlestown every year to bring this wonderful gift of themselves to many here. God bless them. I cannot thank them enough and the dear one who put my name in.

Our Blessed Lord is so good. He works through so many, many souls here in Charlestown all year. There are so many good things going on for the seniors — the J.F.K. Senior Lounge and St. Catherine's. They are near me. I can't be active at these places, but I know of the many good, dedicated people there, all of them.

The plate from the Sweeneys was quite full! It was delicious! It hit the spot. Please, fellow Townies, help find the Sweeneys a place to open up again — real soon. Charlestown does need good, kind and thoughtful caring souls like them.

I ask Our Blessed Lord to bless the Sweeneys and all those who helped make this Thanksgiving Day a day that not only filled my stomach, but filled my heart. I love you all.

Fran Reddington

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Deputy Superintendent Robert E. Hayden Jr.
Area A, Boston Police Department
Monday, Nov. 30

A stolen automobile was recovered on Sackville Street. An automobile parked in the vicinity of 74 Medford St. was vandalized during the evening, and the radio was stolen.

Tuesday, Dec. 1

At 1:30 a.m., Officers Kelly and Reaney observed a 34-year-old resident on Walford Way who was wanted on an outstanding warrant. They placed him under arrest.

During the evening, an attempt was made to break into a business office at 303 Main St. The rear window was forced open.

Wednesday, Dec. 2

At 2:30 a.m., Officers Kelly and Reaney stopped an automobile at Washington and Union streets. They found that the operator was in possession of cocaine, and they placed the 41-year-old Winthrop resident under arrest. A 39-year-old resident, who was a passenger in the vehicle, attempted to assault the officers, and he was placed under arrest. Another passenger, also a 39-year-old resident, was subsequently placed under arrest.

At 9 p.m., Officers Byrne and Joyce observed a 32-year-old resident drinking beer at Monument Street and O'Reilly Way. They placed him under arrest for public drinking.

Thursday, Dec. 3

At 1 a.m., Officers Reaney and Kelly stopped an auto-

Boston Police Hold Office Hours In Charlestown

The Community Relations Office 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. 16 from 5 to 7 p.m.

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mobile at Bunker Hill and Vine streets on a violation and found that there was a packet of cocaine in the vehicle. They placed the 28-year-old Medford resident and the 28-year-old Winthrop resident under arrest.

Stolen automobiles were recovered in the vicinity of 300 Main St. and 122 Walford Way.

Saturday, Dec. 5

At 3:15 a.m., Officer Jones observed a 17-year-old resident on Monument Street inside an automobile that had been reported stolen. As the cruiser approached, the suspect drove toward the cruiser. He then jumped out of the automobile and fled on foot. The vehicle stopped and the officer apprehended the suspect.

A resident reported that at approximately 6 p.m. while walking at Samuel Morse Way, two men approached. One

All Welcome At An Old-Fashioned Christmas Party

Come one . . . come all . . . to an old-fashioned Christmas Party at Hayes Square from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 20. Santa will be there with candy for the children.

Christmas carols will be sung by the St. Catherine Children's Choir, and there will be refreshments, including cookies, cupcakes,

coffee and hot chocolate.

The afternoon will conclude with the lighting of the Christmas tree in the square. Residents are invited to bring an ornament to decorate the tree.

The event's organizers would welcome the donation of cookies or cupcakes. Also, if anyone has any outside tree lights they could donate, they are asked to please leave them at The Red Store, 143 Bunker Hill St., prior to Dec. 18.

In the event of rain, the Christmas Party will be held at St. Catherine's Hall on Tufts Street.

Residents from throughout the Charlestown community are most welcome to join their friends and neighbors at this holiday gathering.

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• 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.

Meet The Mayor And The Rose

The residents of Charlestown will be able to meet the Charlestown Rose and the Mayor of Charlestown at the Christmas Walk between 2 and 3 p.m. at Gibson Real Estate, 6 Pleasant St.

The Mayor, Pat Harty

and Charlestown's Rose, Shannon Kiely, will be at Gibson to meet the citizens and answer questions about the Charlestown-To-Charlestown program. Be sure to drop in to see these two fine representatives of our community.

Boston's Historical Society and Museum Topic of Adult Discussion

M.C. Solvay-Davis and Antonetta A. DiGuistini of the Bostonian Society will talk about "Boston's Historical Society and Museum" at the weekly meeting of the Charlestown Branch Library Adult Discussion Group on Friday morning, Dec. 11, at 10 a.m. at the library, 179 Main St.

The Bostonian Society has been teaching, preserving, exhibiting and collecting Boston's history for 111

years. Its museum in the Old State House contains exhibits on Boston history from the American Revolution to the West End Development project, while its library has more than 10,000 photographs and 6,000 books relating to Boston's history.

The program is free and open to the public. For further information, please contact the library at 242-1248.

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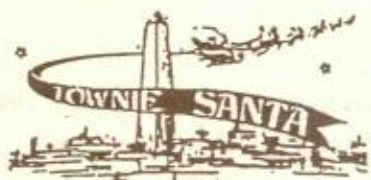
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★ PLEASE GIVE A HELPING HAND ★

While monetary contributions are necessary to the success of Townie Santa, another vital aspect of the program is the willing hands offered by volunteers in packing the boxes and wrapping the gifts. The packing and wrapping is underway, and volunteers are needed. Come to the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St. at 7 p.m. on:

- Thursday, Dec. 10 (tonight) — packing
- Monday, Dec. 14 — packing
- Thursday, Dec. 17 — packing
- Friday, Dec. 18 — fruit packing

and, of course, Sunday, Dec. 20 at 11 a.m. for delivery of the Townie Santa packages.

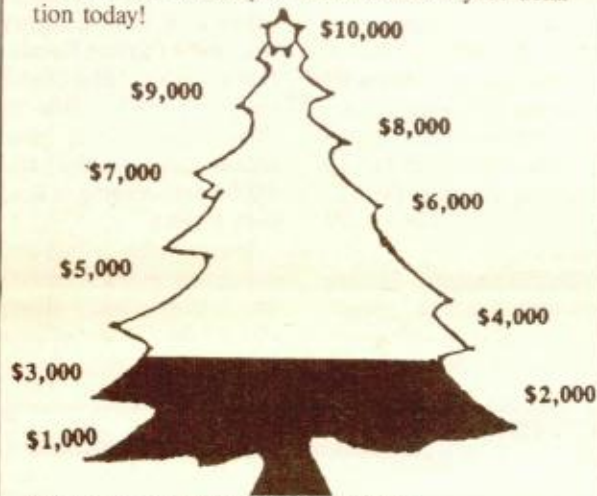
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BioTransplant Seeks To Expand Facility In Building 75

by Gloria J. Conway
BioTransplant, a biomedical research firm, has announced plans to develop Building 75 in the Charlestown Navy Yard in order to expand its present facility. It would rehabilitate the 40,000 square foot building with the intention of doubling its workforce.

Victor Karen, deputy director for economic development for the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA), stated that a request was approved by the BRA Board of Directors on Dec. 8 to reaffirm the tentative designation for Building 75 awarded to the National Association of Government Employees (NAGE) in 1985. In addition, BioProperties, the development agent for BioTransplant, was added to the venture. One of the principals in BioProperties is Neil St. John Raymond, head of The Raymond Group which is a major Navy Yard developer.

BioTransplant, whose work includes research in to the prevention of organ transplant rejection, is presently a tenant in Building 96 in the Navy Yard, along with its sister company Diacrin Inc.

Karen stated that BioTransplant has been trying to secure expansion space. He said that the firm's deci-

sion to go forward came at the end of last week, too late for it to be presented at the Neighborhood Council meeting on Dec. 1.

According to Karen, BioTransplant has financing lined up and hopes for design completion and final designation by the BRA Board to develop the building within 60 to 90 days. BioTransplant wants to have the building ready for occupancy by the end of 1993.

Karen said that the planned rehabilitation of Building 75 is in compliance with design guidelines and is consistent with the Navy Yard Master Plan. He added that the plan calls for the building to be "restored to its historic status and be put to good use," and indicated that time was of the essence to get the financing and design in place so the development of the building could go forward.

Building 75 lies between the parking garage and the Basilica, which was developed as housing units by NAGE. The building, which extends between 13th and 16th streets, was the object of much discussion

along with the plans for the New England Aquarium at the Yard's End when a proposal was made to move the building adjacent to the proposed aquarium in order to house small businesses that would compliment that fa-

cility. Historic preservationists strenuously objected to the idea.

Karen stated that the development plan will be outlined for the Neighborhood Council at its January meeting.

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