

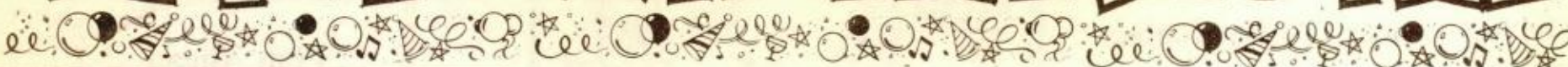
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HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL



A New Year's Wish

by Charlie McGonagle

May the stairways that you climbed last year
Be whittled down to few,
May the haze upon your window pane
Be dried to clear your view.

May the storms upon your ocean
Become serenity,
May the clouds that kept the light away
Set your sunshine free.

May the rocky road you've traveled most
Be paved to smooth your ride
May the curator of peaceful times
Be your constant guide.

May the blizzard which has downed your tree
Be softly fallen snow,
May the sound that was so strange to you
Be one that now you know.

May your stories of sad endings
Now weave a finer quilt,
May your tunes of melancholy strains
Adopt a happy lilt.

May the mountains that have blocked your way
Become but rolling hills,
May the weeds that filled your garden
Be chased by daffodils.

May the tears you've shed for those who've passed
Evaporate with time,
May the memories they shaped for you
Help your verses rhyme.

May life declare a holiday
For every time you smile,
May the New Year's share of happiness
Be with you all the while.

Tiny Tots Program

We said that we would let the neighborhood know when Tiny Tots reopened. Well, the program is scheduled to start up in January. Registration is currently being taken by calling Liz Starr or Debbie Lent at 242-2770 weekdays. There will be an initial \$10 non-refundable registration fee, but no further program costs through June 30, 1986.

Tiny Tots serves pre-schoolers 2.9 years to 4.9 years old. It is a morning pre-school program that operates weekdays 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. Tiny Tots will be located at the Kent Community School, 50 Bunker Hill Street, Charlestown. It is currently under review for licensing by the Massachusetts Office for Children.

Tiny Tots has served Charlestown families well over the past ten years in a variety of locations. We know that the Kent Community School Tiny Tots Program will provide as quality a pre-school program as Charlestown parents have come to expect. Thank you for your patience and have a Happy Holiday Season!

Santa's Helper



MICHELLE KANE, age 1 1/2, of Charlestown, helps pack some of the 450 dolls which were donated by the Bank of New England to Boston-area shelters and day-care centers, along with \$10,000 in cash donations. Michelle is the granddaughter of Geraldine Daley, an employee at the Bank of New England.

SPECIAL DEADLINE

The deadline for news copy and advertisements for the Thursday, January 2nd edition of the **Charlestown Patriot** is Monday, December 30th at noon.

Because of the holiday printing schedule, we will be unable to extend the deadline.

Early copy would be appreciated to facilitate typesetting.

Yellow Cab Radio Dispatched

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Reverend Sears To Be Honored

A retirement party in honor of Reverend Isaiah Sears, former Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Charlestown, will be held on Saturday evening, January 18, 1986 at the Knights of Col-

umbus, Upstairs Hall, 75 West School Street.

There will be a cocktail hour from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. with a roast beef dinner served at 7:30 p.m. Entertainment and dancing will fol-

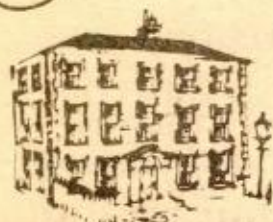
low. Tickets are \$12.50 per person.

For tickets, please call: Marion Gray at 242-0723 (6:00 to 9:00 p.m. only):

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Gloria J. Conway, Publisher & Managing Editor

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

Deadline for advertising and copy is Monday at 5:00 p.m.

Reverend Sears To Be Honored

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241-8131.

Transportation will be provided for the elderly.

No tickets will be sold at the door.

Margie Turner at 241-9370;
Jimmy Carr at 242-2449;
Phil Carr at 242-1509; or
Florence Johnson at

Marion Gray

Charlestown Community Calendar

This Week At A Glance

Thursday, December 26

Line Dancing for Senior Citizens - 2:00 p.m. - Kent Community School, 50 Bunker Hill Street

Representative Richard A. Voke Office Hours - 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. - American Legion Hall, 27 Chestnut Street

Tuesday, December 31

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

Main Street

New Year's Eve Dinner Dance - 7:00 p.m. till... - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street

New Year's Eve Dinner Dance - 8:00 p.m. - St. Francis de Sales, Bishop Lawton Hall, 313 Bunker Hill Street

New Year's Eve Party - 8:30 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. - St. Catherine's School Hall, Tufts Street

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, January 7

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

Samuel Eliot Morison Lecture with Philip Smith - 5:45 to 7:15 p.m. - USS Constitution Museum, Charlestown Navy Yard

Dance Lessons - 8:00 p.m. - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street

Wednesday, January 8

C.Y.H.A. General Meeting - 7:30 p.m. - Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens Street

Thursday, January 2

Line Dancing for Senior Citizens - 2:00 p.m. - Kent Community School, 50 Bunker Hill Street

Book Discussion Group featuring **October Light** by John Gardner - 6:30 p.m. - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street

Nomination of Officers for Explorer Post 1212-15 - 7:00 p.m. - 55 Bunker Hill Street

Representative Richard A. Voke Office Hours - 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. - American Legion Hall, 27 Chestnut Street

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Schedule of Events

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Thursday, January 9

Charlestown Community School Council Elections - 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. - Kent Community School, 50 Bunker Hill Street

Friday, January 10

Parents Discussion Group and Pre-School Story Hour - 10:00 a.m. - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street

Tuesday, January 14

Samuel Eliot Morison Lecture with Sinclair Hitchings - 5:45 to 7:15 p.m. - USS Constitution Museum, Charlestown Navy Yard

Police Community Relations Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Kent Community School, 50 Bunker Hill Street

Wednesday, January 15

Borden-Fields Post 544 V.F.W. Meeting - 7:30 p.m. - American Legion Hall, 27 Chestnut Street

Thursday, January 18

North Area/Central Artery Interagency and Community Workshop - call Elaine McCarthy, NATF, at 242-3618 for details

Friday, January 17

Dance featuring Noel Henry - 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. - K. of C. Hall, 75

West School Street

Saturday, January 18

Retirement Party in honor of Reverend Isaiah Sears - 6:30 p.m. - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street

Tuesday, January 21

Samuel Eliot Morison Lecture with John Wilmerding - 5:45 to 7:15 p.m. - USS Constitution Museum, Charlestown Navy Yard

North Area/Central Artery Community Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street

Saturday, January 25

Pop Warner Football League Banquet - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street

Tuesday, January 28

Samuel Eliot Morison Lecture with Carol Olson - 5:45 to 7:15 p.m. - USS Constitution Museum, Charlestown Navy Yard

Thursday, February 20

New England Patriots to play a basketball game to benefit Life Focus Center - 8:00 p.m. - location to be announced

Friday, February 21

Dance featuring the Irish Revolution - 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street

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STEVEN SPIELBERG'S
YOUNG SHERLOCK HOLMES
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Santa Claus
THE MOVIE
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12:30-2:45-5:10-7:30-9:45
Fri. 12/20 to Tues. 12/31
"CLOCKWORK ORANGE" at 11:30 pm
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Michael Douglas
Kathleen Turner
The Jewel of the Nile
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1:00-3:20-5:40-7:50-10:00
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12:30-4:00-7:15-10:15
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1:30-3:45-5:50-8:00-10:10
Fri. 12/20 to Tues. 12/31 12:15 a.m.
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Disney's CLASSIC **101 DALMATIANS**
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12:30-2:20-4:15-6:00-7:45-9:30
Pink Floyd's "THE WALL" (H)
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ANN MARGARET
Twice in a Lifetime
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Wed. 12/25 12:45-3:00
5:15-7:30-9:45-12 MID

Disney's ONE MAGIC CHRISTMAS
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1:30-3:30-5:30

WILLIAM FRIEDKIN'S
To LIVE AND DIE IN LA
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7:50-10:00
Fri. 12/20 to Tues. 12/31 12:15 a.m.

IT'S NOT JUST A GAME ANYMORE
Clue
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2:00-4:6-8-10:10
Fri. 12/20 to Tues. 12/31 12:10 am.

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Rick Moranis
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Children's Films

The Film Program for Children will be held on Tuesday, December 31, 1985 at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street.

The features will be "Four

Friends", which tells the story of four friends who get lost in a sudden storm; "Cannonball", in which Hugo's job as a circus clown is saved with the help of a stray dog; and follow the life of Peanut from the day she is born until she is five months

old in "Peanut The Pinto Horse."

The suggested reading in conjunction with this program includes **Friends** by Helme Heine, **Barkley** by Syd Hoff, **Flip** by Wesley Dennis.

In addition to the above

films, "Noel Buys A Suit" will be shown at 3:30 p.m. In this movie, Noel's dad is remarrying and Noel isn't sure how he feels about his future stepmother.

The suggested reading is **Ice River** by Phyllis Green.

Community School News

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REAL ESTATE WEEKLY

By Joseph P. Gannon III
 Century 21 Silva Realty Associates

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If you are planning a move, **Century 21, Silva Realty Associates** employs full service professionals who can get your home sold and help you find a new one. Stop by our office at 142 Main Street, Charlestown or give us a call at 242-7470.



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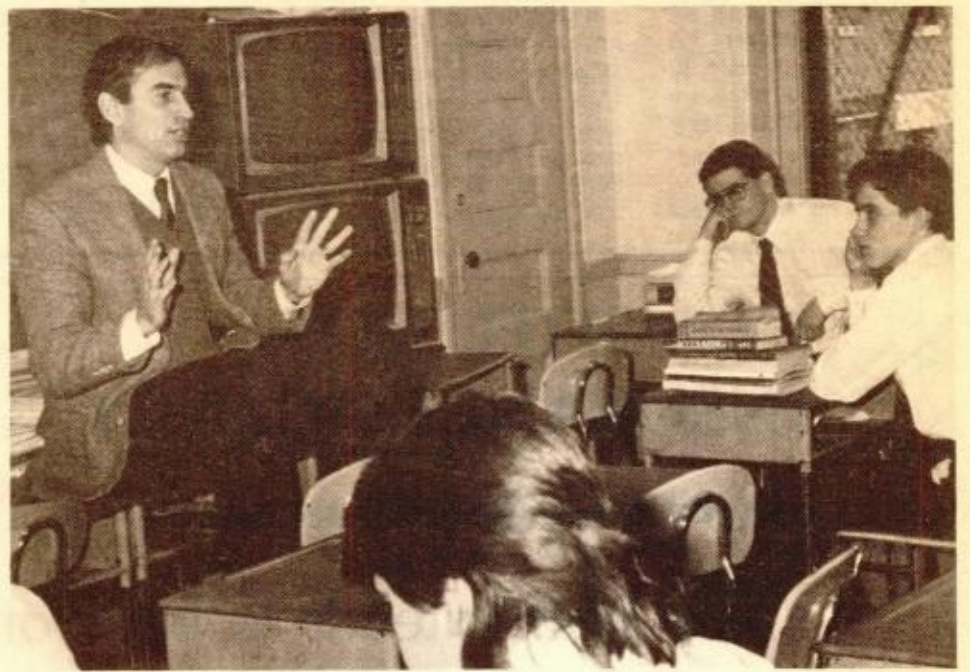
**Attorney
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One Wall Street
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Francis J. Burns**

211 Main Street
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*Tobin Addresses Senior Class
At Columbus High School*



JOHN LEONARD TOBIN of Charlestown is pictured above speaking to one of the senior classes in Criminology at Columbus High School in the North End last week. Tobin, at the request of Albert Chardavoyne (faculty member at Columbus and a resident of Charlestown), spoke to the students about court

procedures and various aspects of juvenile and criminal law. He is a graduate of Notre Dame University and a practicing lawyer as well as a former Boston Assistant District Attorney and former member of the Boston Licensing Board.

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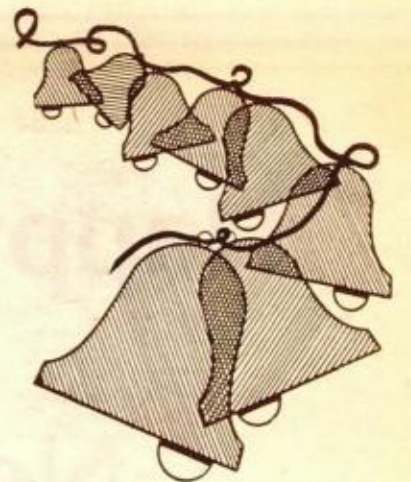


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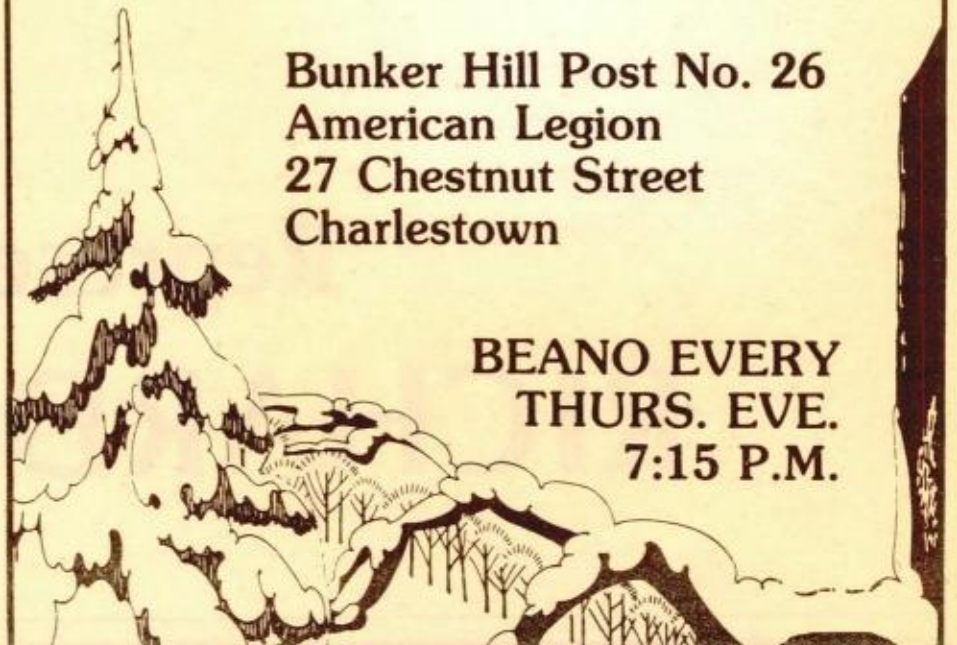
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**Charlestown Loses Special Friend —
Doctor Daniel D. Sokol**

We are just a little poorer today because our special friend and doctor, Daniel D. Sokol, M.D., of Belmont, entered into his eternal rest on Saturday, December 14, 1985.

Doctor Sokol, who recently retired, practiced general medicine in Charlestown for more than thirty-seven years.

Born and educated in Revere, Massachusetts, Doctor Sokol was a graduate of the University of Indiana and was awarded a Doctorate degree from Middlesex Medical School. A veteran of World War Two, he served with honor in both the United States Navy and Marine Corps.



DANIEL D. SOKOL, M.D.

Doctor Sokol will always be remembered for the caring manner in which he treated his patients. He gave unselfishly of his time and ability to aid his fellow man.

The Doctor was an outstanding humanitarian.

A poem written for, and dedicated to Doctor Sokol by Marilyn McMaster of Charlestown, was read by Rabbi Earl Grollman at services held at Beth El Temple, which truly described the outstanding qualities of the Doctor.

Doctor Daniel D. Sokol is survived by his wife, Eleanor, two sons, Stewart of Belmont, Merrick of Sharon and two grandchildren.

A memorial mass will be celebrated at Saint Mary's Church on Sunday, January 19, 1986 at 11:30 a.m. All are invited to attend.

TO HAVE KNOWN THE DOCTOR WAS TO HAVE LOVED HIM...OUR LOSS IS THE ALMIGHTY'S GAIN.

Charlestown Friends

LOST

Two Xmas wrapped presents at Washington St. near Community College on 12/21.

326-4315 REWARD

FOUND

Black angora kitten 5 or 6 mos. old in house on Wall Street. Call for information 242-4831.

Vin McCarthy thinks dignity is something worth fighting for.



Vin McCarthy is running for Congress from the 8th Congressional District. But he's not just another politician. Vin McCarthy has been on the front lines of the fight against poverty and homelessness in Massachusetts for nearly 20 years -- and he's accomplished more as a private citizen than most elected officials can do in a lifetime.

McCarthy has served as counsel, secretary and director of the Pine Street Inn since 1971, and he's been instrumental in the emergence of Pine Street as one of the preeminent shelters in the United States. He's a founding incorporator and director of the Robert F. Kennedy Action Corps, Inc., one of the largest providers of services to troubled and abused young people in Massachusetts. And he's served as president and director of Boston Detox, an alcohol detoxification project serving primarily homeless alcoholics in Boston.

You'll be hearing a lot from the different candidates who are hoping to represent Charlestown in Congress. Listen to what they have to say, and look at what they've done. By any measure, Vin McCarthy is not just another politician. He'll bring a little something extra to Congress.

For more information on Vin McCarthy's campaign, or to volunteer your time, call 742-0719.


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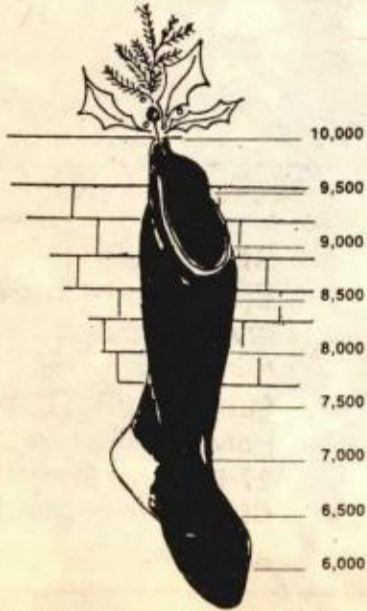




"Townie Santa" visited over 150 of Charlestown's elderly shut-ins on Sunday morning, December 22nd to deliver a Christmas Basket and a hot turkey dinner. "Santa" was anyone of several dozen neighbors who devoted this morning to sharing the spirit of Christmas with those who are unable to be up and about. Details and photographs of the "Townie Santa" delivery will be featured in an upcoming edition of the Patriot.

DONATIONS

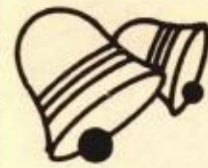
"Santa's" Stocking was filled through the generosity of the residents, former residents, businesses and organizations. As is the nature of this community, there was an outpouring of resources, both in contributions and in the untold hours that volunteers contributed to make this undertaking a success.



Donations to the "Townie Santa" Program will continue to be publicly acknowledged. Donations have been received from:
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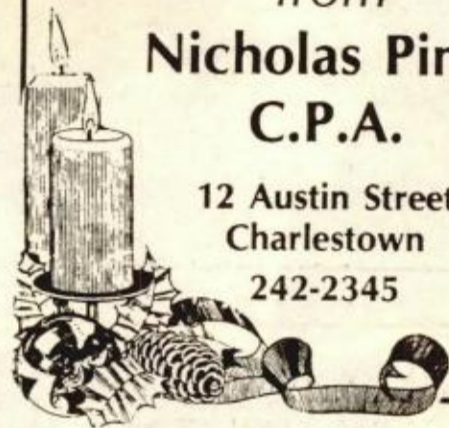
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Mayor Raymond L. Flynn Officiates At Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony In Thompson Square

photos by John Dillon

The spirit of the holiday season became alive in Charlestown as over a hundred residents, mostly children, gathered in Thompson Square on Monday, December 16th for the annual lighting of the Charlestown Christmas Tree.

After an opening prayer, offered by Reverend Henry Gallagher of Saint Mary's Parish, Angelo Picardi, the Master of Ceremonies, in-

duced Mayor Raymond Flynn who lit the tree, a gift to Charlestown from the City of Boston, after which, the two sang "O Holy Night."

Santa Claus was also on hand with his bag of gifts donated by the Charlestown Board of Trade.

Picardi and Flynn then led the gathering in the singing of many all time favorite Christmas carols.



The Clock



by Charlie McGonagle

He clearly remembered the October day of nearly thirty years ago when first he saw the clock. It was in the window of a cut-rate jewelry store on a street whose shops drew the boundary of the downtown shopping district. He was sixteen year old, and for the first time during the Christmases of his young life, he was working. The job was not much, part-time after school and Saturday mornings. His duties included delivering heavy reams of stationery to business offices and keeping the stock room in some semblance of order. For his efforts he was paid one dollar per hour, which translated into nine or ten dollars and some loose change in a small, brown payroll envelope each Friday afternoon.

To be sure it wasn't much, but in a day of five cent student bus fares and fifty cent movie admissions, it served its purpose.

It was nearly Christmas now, and he had been thinking of the clock for more than two months. It would be the first time he could afford a decent gift for his parents from money he had earned and saved, but it had not been easy.

Each day he walked through the shopping district, past the stores which now have become but shadowy ghosts in the memories of those still here to remember. They sold clothing, uniforms, shoes, and tobacco. And one, the special shop which held the clock, sold cut-rate jewelry.

It was gold in color, stood about a foot tall, and was embedded with red and white stones which, in his mind, were rubies and diamonds. It was the pendulum though, that had convinced him that this was a special clock. Back and forth it moved, back and forth magically, hypnotizing its admirer.

A small white price tag dangled loosely from a part of the clock. The movement of the pendulum had turned it, and from the street, it could not be seen. Being pure gold and studded with precious diamonds and rubies, it had to be expensive, perhaps too expensive.

He watched as the man reached into the display of watches, rings, and other clocks to turn the tag.

"Fifteen ninety-five, son."

He was right. It was expensive, very expensive.

If he saved two dollars per week until Christmas, he could buy the clock. But two dollars out of the nine or ten he earned each payday would be quite a chore. He remembered the holidays to come, those he would not

be paid for, and the Saturday mornings he would not be asked to work. On those weekends, he would be paid less than the nine or ten dollars, sometimes as little as five or six.

"Could you hold the clock for me? I'll pay you something each week."

"Sorry son, this is strictly cash and carry. If I hold it for you, and you change your mind, or cannot save enough money, I'll be the loser."

Each day he came to the store front to see if the clock had been sold. An uncomfortable emptiness visited his inner self when this possibility found its way into his thoughts.

"Why," he wondered, "would something as beautiful as this clock not be sold?"

The idea of the cut-rate jeweler having a dozen or more of them in stock never really entered his mind. To him the clock in the window as the only one of its kind, and it would be his to give to his parents as a gift on Christmas Day.

The days began to take on the chill of early winter, and the coins built until they could be turned to bills. Still, the clock stayed in its place in the window, and still the pendulum swung back and forth magnificently. Beyond its beauty, the boy recognized in this clock its accuracy. From day to day it kept perfect time.

When he was finally able to buy the clock, only a few days remained before the arrival of Christmas. He watched eagerly as the man reached into the window case to remove the prized timepiece. From there it was nestled carefully into a long, grey, tissue-lined box.

"Gift wrap it for you, son?"

"Sure, sure!" After all, it was a gift, was it not? And the first real gift he had ever bought.

He could now only envision the joy that would certainly find its way to his parents' smiles as they undid the next ribbon, removed the wrapping paper, and opened the box. For him, Christmas could not come quickly enough.

He was not prepared for the disappointment he experienced when the anticipated elation was not forthcoming. For two months he had saved enough money to buy the clock. He had fretted over the possibility of it being sold, and now they did not like his gift!

"How much did you pay for this?" his father asked.

"This is not a question that is asked when a gift is given," he thought through his deep disappointment.

"That is not important" he answered. "It is paid for, and it is yours. Don't you like it?"

The boy fought the swelling in his throat. He hoped the tears building in his eyes could not be seen.

"It is not that we don't like it, in fact it is very beautiful, but we feel it may have cost more than you could afford to spend. Why don't you just return it and perhaps buy something a bit less expensive?"

"I'm not taking it back. I don't want the money. And if you don't want my gift, you take it back."

He was surprised at what he said, but even more surprised at how he had said it. It was not his nature to speak to his parents in that manner.

Even the soft scent of a freshly cut Christmas tree could not relay the spirit of the day to him in that moment. He left the room quickly.

What he left behind were words he did not hear.

"Whatever he paid for this was too much. Look at it. It is no more than a piece of junk."

"Yes, I know that and you know that, but the boy doesn't. For all these years we have been giving what we can afford to give, and we've learned to do that, we have not learned to receive."

"You are right. I think we have hurt him."

The clock was removed from its cardboard container and placed atop the black and white Philco console. It was plugged in and the hands set properly.

The boy was called back to the room. There was an apology and an explanation. This was the finest gift they had received this Christmas, he was told, and their only concern was with the money he had spent. Of course, they would keep the clock. It was a beautiful gift.

He watched the pendulum swing back and forth as the clock sat in its new found splendor atop the old television set. They were his parents. They said it was their favorite gift, did they not? They had no reason to lie to him. He smiled now, noticing how much better the clock looked than it did for all the weeks it rested in the jeweler's window.

I was reminded of that story of the Christmas of 1957 recently when I sat in my parents' living room watching a pendulum swing magnificently and silently beneath two hands still, after twenty-eight Christmases, not too tired to point perfectly to the time.



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To The Editor:

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The Bunker Hill line has slowly gone down hill, but the Main Street line is worse than the Bunker Hill line. I think it is time we all started to speak out and correct this inequity!

If you want to help, write to the M.B.T.A. - Customer Relations Department, 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116. Also write a letter to Representative Richard Voke, House Ways and Means Committee, Room 243, Boston, MA 02133.

Thank you,
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cc: R. Flynn - Mayor of Boston
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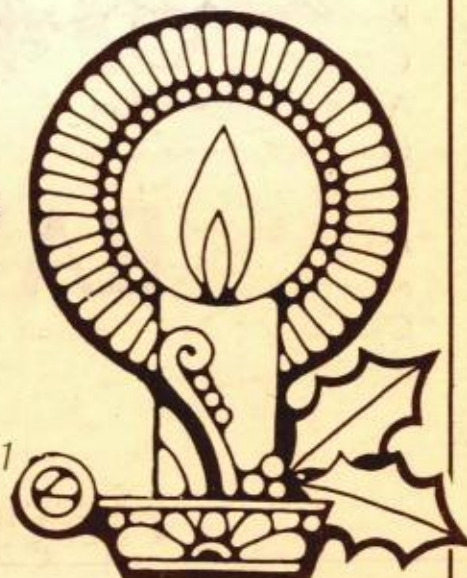
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Dear "Townie Santa":

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You've made my Christmas a happy one!

M.C.

Thank You

Dear Editor:

I had to let you know that I had a wonderful time at the Christmas Party held last week at the Knight of Columbus Hall for the elderly. Everyone who was there is still talking about it.

My thanks to all the volunteers who made the party such a success.

One of the Elderly!

Errands For The Elderly

The members of Youth Leadership, a teen group at the Boys and Girls Club are offering a special service to run errands for the elderly of Charlestown.

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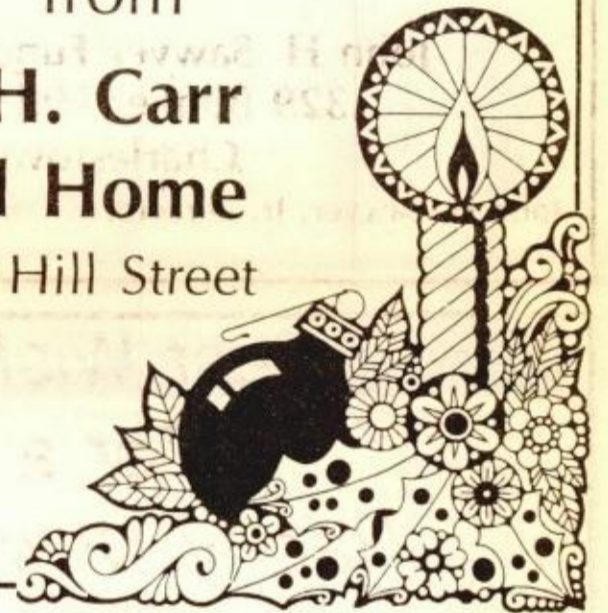
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Charlestown School Receives Heart Athletic Grant

The Clarence R. Edwards Middle School was awarded one of 16 athletic grants provided by John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co. under the firm's HEART program for Boston's middle schools.

HEART, the record \$1 million Hancock Endowment for Academics, Recre-

ation and Teaching, was announced on last Valentine's Day and is designed to help meet the special needs of adolescents in grades six through eight. HEART places equal importance on innovative programs to improve basic academic skills and to encourage intramural sports participation, with in-

dividual schools competing for grants.

The grants are funded with

Pop Warner Corner

On Saturday night, January 25th, the Charlestown Pop Warner Football League will hold its annual banquet at the Knights of Columbus upper hall. The time will run from 7:00 p.m. to midnight. Trophies will be given to the players and cheerleaders who stayed with us for the whole year.

Tickets will cost \$5.00 and will be mailed to the parents which we hope they will purchase. Anyone else wishing tickets can call Matt at 241-7771.

It is important that all parents of cheerleaders also call me so that I can get some information before mailing the tickets.

Hope to see you at the banquet and Happy Holidays!

Matt Stillman

interest earned on the HEART endowment and distributed by trustees of the Boston Plan for Excellence in the Public Schools. The Boston Plan is overseen by an independent board of trustees consisting of business, education and community leaders.

This second set of HEART grants, presented by Hancock President and Chief Operations Officer E. James Morton, is dedicated to athletics and will make it possible for each of the city's middle schools, working in conjunction with Boston's community schools, to have a HEART athletic program in place during the 1985-86 school year.

The Edwards athletic grant of \$3,200 will help implement a planned project called "Clarence R. Edwards Academic/Athletic Enrichment Program" at Charlestown High School. The program includes basketball in the winter and volleyball and gym hockey in the spring.

"The HEART program

reflects our strong, long-term commitment to aiding Boston's middle school children, who are just entering the difficult period of adolescence," said Morton. "They need a great deal of support at this point in their lives and John Hancock is proud to offer some of that vital assistance."

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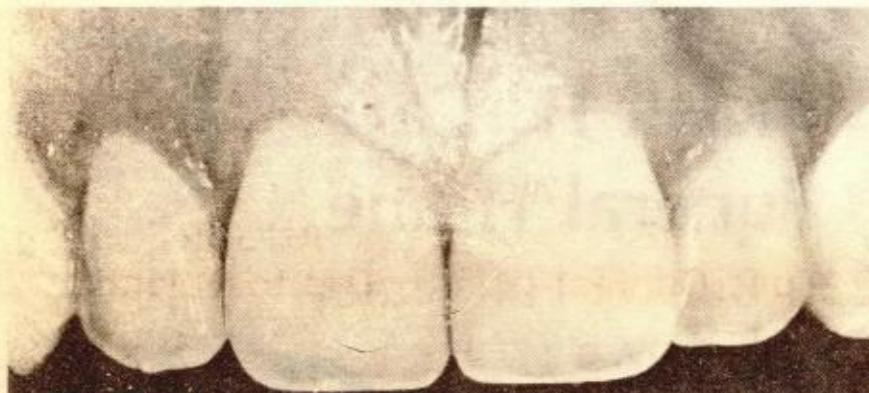
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The annual election for

"Mayor" of Charlestown helps support the local Charlestown Rose Contest which is held in June. Our Rose will go to Charlestown, County Mayo next August to participate in the International Western Rose Festival. This will be the fourth consecutive year that our town will be represented in Ireland, along with contestants from Philadelphia, New York and London. Our last three Roses have toured Ireland with their escort and have been joined by our "Mayor" in representing the town on the olde sod.

The committee has contacted Brian Moore Travel and will offer a ten day tour

of the west of Ireland. We plan to leave on Thursday, August 7th and the tour will feature two days each in Mayo, Donegal, Galway and Kilarney. This is our third tour and we hope to reduce overland travel so we can spend more time enjoying local sights and relaxing.

Please watch the **Patriot** for more information on the election, the Rose contest, and the tour of Ireland.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and a "Thank You" to all of our supporters from the Charlestown-to-Charlestown Committee; Jamsie O'Brien, "Mayor"; and Linda O'Callahan, 1985 Rose.

Handmade furniture's form and function is pushed to a new level with "Furniture Invitational, Unique, Part I", at Clark Gallery in Lincoln from January 7 through February 1, 1986. The public is invited to the opening from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. on January 11th.

Twenty-one New England furniture artists - many of whom are graduates of the former Program in Artisanry at Boston University - have created small, accessible and affordable tables, chairs, lamps and shelves especially for this exhibit.

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hibit.

The gallery, dedicated to the discovery of Boston's developing artists, is free and open to the public Tuesday through Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., at the Mall at Lincoln Station in Lincoln. For more information, call Elise Mannella at 259-8303.

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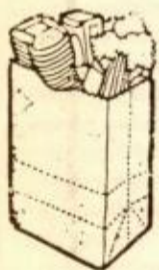
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THE HOLIDAY BLUES
The Holiday Season can be a tough time for all of
us. Sometimes we find ourselves feeling "blue" or
"down" and are puzzled because we don't understand
why we should feel that way at such a happy time of
year. These "holiday blues" can have several sources.
During the holidays, we are all bombarded with pic-
tures of how good and perfect life is supposed to be.
From radio, television, and magazine advertising, from
television programs and movies, we are all presented
with scenes of people frolicking and enjoying each
other's company. Families are shown together in blissful
harmony; young couples cavort romantically without a
hint of disagreement; children are shown receiving ex-
pensive gifts which their parents afford with no strain
on their pocketbooks. In countless ways we are all given
the message that the holiday season is a time when
everyone is happy, when disagreements don't exist and
when we all love each other perfectly and without mix-
ed feelings.
In the privacy of our own thoughts, few of us can
avoid comparing these images of the way life is por-
trayed for us during the holidays with what we actually
are experiencing. In very few cases does the reality of
our lives measure up to the pictures that the media gives
us of what we "ought to have" at this time of year.
Our families sometimes fight, our spouses sometimes
grumble and bicker, our children often request gifts
beyond what we can possibly afford to give them. It is
this difference between the perfect images of the holi-
day season and our own, imperfect experience of it that
can cause us to feel "down".
There are other reasons for feeling "blah" too. Often
the holidays stir memories of loved ones who have died
or who are alive but far away and unavailable. Often
the holidays stir memories from childhood, when life
seemed simpler and when parents, at least in memory,
were there to take care of everything and to "make
things right." Few of us can escape an occasional —
or more than occasional — wish that we could be
children again, that our parents were still there to take
care of us, and that our biggest problem was which pre-
sent to open first. For most of us childhood was never
as wonderful as it seems in our memories. But even
those who are able to recall some of the frustrations of
growing up may wish for a kind of childhood they never
had and feel depressed by the knowledge that the op-
portunity for such an experience is forever lost.
For most of us the "blahs" remain just that — the
"blahs". We are struck by a momentary blue moment
or mood, but it passes relatively quickly as we appreciate
the real rewards and pleasures which the holiday season
does offer us. For some, however, the "blahs" don't
go away so quickly. They take hold and don't let go.
Anyone who finds himself seriously unhappy for a
substantial portion of the holiday period should consider
getting some professional help. This is particularly true
when a person is bothered by thoughts of doing harm
to himself or to someone else. In this situation a person
should definitely come in for psychological help. For
most of us the holiday "blahs" will be perhaps a minor
annoyance at an otherwise happy time, but for those who
are unable to shake free of that "down" feeling the
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Thinking Out Loud...

by Sal Giarratani WHY A LT. GOVERNOR ANYWAYS?

Since John F. Kerry was sworn in as our junior United States Senator back in January 1985, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has been without the services of a Lieutenant Governor to assist Governor Michael Dukakis in running state government.

Has anyone cared about

the absence of a sitting Lieutenant Governor? Are we worse for not having one? Did we forget we didn't have one? Or are we better off without one?

When Kerry announced for Lieutenant Governor back in 1982, he said he wanted to be the very best Lieutenant Governor in the history of the Commonwealth. However, in less than two years, he was off

and running again, this time for U.S. Senator.

Lieutenant Governor Kerry, apparently, decided the United States Senate was better for him than being the very best Lieutenant Governor in the history of the Commonwealth. But I don't blame him. After all, who really wants to occupy an office that becomes useless once the election is over?

I believe a bi-partisan effort should be made up on Beacon Hill to abolish the office of Lieutenant Governor in the next session of the Massachusetts State Legislature.

Originally, I supported

beefing up the duties of Lieutenant Governor and, perhaps, making it an appointive position, but in a real sense the Governor has always had an appointed Lieutenant Governor, except the title was and remains Secretary of Administration and Finance. The person holding this job is even referred to as the "Deputy Governor." An appointed Lieutenant Governor would be unnecessary in light of the existence of the Deputy Governor.

Just because we always had a Lieutenant Governor doesn't mean we still need one. A state constitutional

officer should be more than a ribbon-cutter and the duties should be more than political help for the Governor.

I urge legislative leaders in both Houses of the Great and General Court and from both political parties to seriously

consider legislation which would abolish the office of Lieutenant Governor.

There's an old saying, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it." And I guess this also means, "If it ain't working no more, throw it out."

And The Winner Is...



MICHELE ISBART (left), Director of Toys for Puppies and Kitts, holds the stocking while Mary McGrath (right) of Johnnie's Foodmaster pulls the lucky name for the Teddy Ruxpin talking bear, while Snoopy stands by. The winner was John Griffin of Austin Street.

Chisholm Named To Executive Board

Dr. Patricia E. Chisholm, Dean of Students at Bunker Hill Community College, has been chosen to serve on the Executive Board of the Massachusetts branch of the American Council on Education/National Identification Program for Women in Higher Education (ACE/NIP).

This organization recog-

nizes, supports and advances the careers of Massachusetts women in higher education.

The Executive Board is composed of thirteen women from public and private Massachusetts colleges and universities. Dr. Chisholm's responsibilities include developing connections with other New England ACE/NIP groups and assisting in the planning of a two-day seminar in the Spring of 1986.

Post Offices Closed On New Year's Day

Area residents are reminded that all post offices will be closed and there will be no regular mail delivery on Wednesday, January 1, 1986, in observance of the New Year's Day holiday.

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From the desk of
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On December 15, 1985 at 6:00 p.m., Officer Traynor, assigned to the A406F car, observed a car in the rear of 60 Dunstable Street burned and stripped. A subsequent check of the plate revealed the car was stolen in Somerville on

Best Wishes For The Holiday Season

Best wishes for the holiday season and a happy, safe New Year to everyone from Commissioner Roache, Deputy Conway, and the Officers of Area A. It's that time of year for happiness and celebration. But don't let it become a time of sadness and tragedy. This can be avoided by following a few safety tips.

- 1) Don't Drive Drunk
- 2) Don't let friends drive drunk
- 3) Report drunk drivers when observed
- 4) Use your seat belts at all times, most accidents happen within three miles of home.
- 5) Remember the life you save may be your own.

If these tips are followed we're all sure to have a Healthy, Happy, and Very Merry Christmas and New Year.

Ronald X. Conway
Commanding Officer,
Area A

December 14, 1985. The Somerville Police were notified.

On December 16, 1985 at 2:46 a.m., Officer Bollen, assigned to the A406A car, stopped a car in City Square for operating without a headlight. Further investigation revealed the car had no inspection sticker and the operator's license was suspended. The suspect was placed under arrest and transported to Area A. The owner of the vehicle was cited for permitting an improper person to drive.

On December 16, 1985 at 7:30 p.m., Officer Bates, assigned to the A406F car received a call to 56 Roland Street on a recovery of a stolen motor vehicle. He found a car with the engine running and the ignition popped. The car was reported stolen to the Capitol Police on December 16, 1985. The car was released to the owner, who was on the scene. The Capitol Police were notified.

On December 17, 1985 at 4:16 p.m., Officer Bollen, assigned to the A 406D car, stopped a car on Alford Street for no inspection sticker. Further investigation revealed that the plate on the vehicle belonged on another vehicle. The car was unregistered and uninsured, and the operator didn't have a license. Suspect was placed under arrest and transported to Area A.

On December 17, 1985 at 9:20 p.m., Officers McCarthy and Kennedy, assigned to the V710A car, observed a juvenile in front of 272 Main Street playing with a switchblade. The officers seized a "Top Automatic" switchblade knife. The father of the suspect was notified.

On December 18, 1985, Squads 2 and 6 of the Drug Control Unit, armed with a search warrant, gained a forced entry into 21A Old Landing Way. Seized in the apartment were substances believed to be cocaine, marijuana, and valium; a telephone answering machine; the materials needed to produce 135 fraudulent Massachusetts driver's licenses; three bank books; and \$371 U.S. currency. The suspect was placed under arrest and transported to Boston Police Headquarters.

On December 18, 1985 at 7:45 p.m., Detective Flaherty assigned to the V949 car, armed with a search warrant, gained a forced entry into 31A Old Landing Way. Seized was one plastic bag of a substance believed to be marijuana, 10 pink pills, and drug paraphernalia. A warrant was sought in Charlestown District Court.

The Police Community Relations Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 1985 at the Kent School, 50 Bunker Hill Street at 7:00 p.m. sharp. All are welcome to attend.

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Persons with such information are asked to call the Drug Unit at 247-4697 between 8:00 a.m. and midnight, seven days a week.
All information will be held in strictest confidence. Callers may remain anonymous. If a caller wishes to leave his/her name, that person's identity will be protected.
The Police need the cooperation of the residents. Report any drug activity to 247-4697.

CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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