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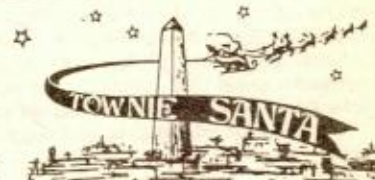
## Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony Ushers In Holiday Season In Charlestown



MAYOR RAYMOND L. FLYNN pulled the switch to light the community Christmas Tree in Thompson Square, assisted by Judy Evers, Charlestown Coordinator for the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services. Several hundred residents attended this

event, which featured Christmas music by the Saint Catherine of Siena Children's Choir. Mrs. Claus presented gifts to each of the children and all proceeded to the Charlestown Boys and Girls Club for a visit with Santa Claus and refreshments.

## Capture The Christmas Spirit — Be A "Townie Santa" On Sunday, December 21st



"Townie Santa" will be visiting almost 150 of Charlestown's elderly shut-ins on Sunday morning, December 21st to deliver a Christmas Basket and a hot turkey dinner.

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

Delivery of the baskets will begin at 11:00 a.m. from the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens Street. Persons — with cars and those who do not have cars — are needed for this important

task. Those who do not have their own transportation will be paired with a driver to assist in the delivery.

Perishable items will be added to the baskets on Sunday morning, starting at 9:00 a.m. Several volunteers are needed at this early hour to assist with the final packing.

All residents, whether newcomers or long time "Townies" are invited to be "Townie Santas" on Sunday — children, teens, adults are all welcome.

Take an hour on Sunday, December 21st to share in the spirit of Christmas — be a "Townie Santa."

## Meeting On "Crack" Illicits Major Input From Charlestown Youth

A neighborhood meeting, sponsored by the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services and the Boston Community Schools, held on Monday evening, December 15th at Charlestown High School, presented a video entitled "Crack Down" as a stimulus for a discussion among the gathering as to what the drug and alcohol scene is

within the community and to receive feedback from residents as to how the city might proceed to combat this problem.

Dennis McLaughlin, Chairman of the Public Service Committee of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council, was the moderator and as such introduced Julio Henriquez, the Mayor's Substance Abuse Coordina-

tor; Officer Joe McNulty, Community Service Officer of Area A of the Boston Police Department; John Daniels, Psychiatric Social Worker from the City of Boston Health and Hospitals Department; and Judy Evers, Charlestown Coordinator for the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services.

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## Mayor Flynn Announces Near Completion Of First Phase Of Housing Development Renovation

On a hot and humid August morning, Mayor Raymond L. Flynn, along with several city and state officials, representatives of the Boston Housing Authority and members of the Bunker Hill Tenants Task Force, were present at a ceremony on Carney Court in the Bunker Hill Housing Development and cheered and applauded as Mayor Flynn removed a plywood board

from the window of a first floor housing unit.

On that occasion, Amy Anthony, State Secretary of Communities and Development, termed this action as a "symbolic board removal for people who have looked at boards for over a decade."

This August ceremony publicly announced an historic vacancy renovation and code compliance program, designed to change the face of public housing

in Charlestown. This program is being funded by \$15 million in mixed state and federal funds.

Mayor Flynn returned to Carney Court this past Sunday, as the renovation of 9 Carney Court nears completion and by the New Year, 12 families should be housed in this building, in units ranging from one to four bedrooms.

The Mayor, in his statement to the gathering on

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## Winners Drawn For Tickets To "Sesame Street Live"

The names of three Charlestown residents were drawn as winners of four tickets each to see "Sesame Street Live," appearing at the Boston Garden, in a drawing sponsored by The Charlestown Patriot.

The winners were:  
• Stephen King of 121

Walford Way

• Casey Ann Dolaher of 68 Baldwin Street  
• Richard Gould of 15 Oak Street.

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## Public Hearing On The Proposed Development Of "Nancy Sales" Building

The Development Committee of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed development plans for the former Nancy Sales Building at the corner of Medford and Terminal Streets, on Thursday, December 18, 1986 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. at the Charlestown High School Auditorium, 254 Medford Street.

All are welcome to attend.

Michael D. Powers, Chairman





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## Earned Honors At Matignon

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RICHARD GERE  
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**NO MERCY** R

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Fri-Sat 12:00

STEVE MARTIN  
**LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS** PG-13

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Fri-Sat 11:45

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Fri-Sat 12:15

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Fri-Sat 12:00

WILLIAM SHATNER  
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STEVEN SPIELBERG'S  
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# Charlestown Community Calendar

## This Week At A Glance

**Thursday, December 18**

• Line Dancing for Senior Citizens - 2:15 p.m. - Kent Community School, 50 Bunker Hill Street

• "Townie Santa" Work and Packing Night - 7:00 p.m. - Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens Street

• Charlestown Neighborhood Council Development Committee Meeting on proposed housing in the former Nancy Sales Warehouse, corner Medford and Terminal Streets - 7:30 p.m. - Charlestown High School Auditorium, 254 Medford Street

**Friday, December 19**

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

**Saturday, December 20**

• Craft Sale - 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. - Life Focus Center, One City Square

• "Billy's Christmas Gift," a Christmas play - 4:30 p.m. - St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 27 Devens Street

• "Townie Santa" Delivery of Christmas Baskets - 11:00 a.m. - Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens Street

**Sunday, December 21**

• "Billy's Christmas Gift," a Christmas play - 1:00 p.m. - St. John's Episcopal Church Parish Hall, 27 Devens Street

• Annual Winter Concert by the Monument Singers and Brass Ensemble, sponsored by the Charlestown Preservation Society - 2:00 p.m. - St. Mary's Church, 55 Warren Street, followed by a Community Carol Sing at 3:00 p.m. at the Training Field

**Tuesday, December 23**

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

• Fellowship and Discussion Group - 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. - First Baptist Church, 5 Monument Square

**Thursday, December 25**

• **MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**Tuesday, December 30**

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

• Fellowship and Discussion Group - 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. - First Baptist Church, 5 Monument Square

**Wednesday, December 31**

• New Year's Eve Party - 3:00 to 9:00 p.m. - Senior Lounge, 55 Bunker Hill Street

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

• New Year's Eve Party - 9:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. - St. Catherine's School Hall, Tufts Street

## Upcoming Events

## Plan Ahead

**Thursday, January 1**

• **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

**Thursday, January 8**

• Boston Police Explorers Post 1212-15 Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - 55 Bunker Hill Street

**Tuesday, January 13**

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

**Wednesday, January 14**

• Charlestown Economic

Development Corporation Meeting - 7:30 p.m. - Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens Street

**Friday, January 16**

• Noel Henry Night sponsored by the Knights of Columbus - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School Street

**Wednesday, January 21**

• Meeting of Court St. Jude 1123, C.D.A. - 7:30 p.m. - Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales, 313 Bunker Hill Street

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## Its A Girl . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Gouthro of 356 Bunker Hill Street, Charlestown are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Kelly Ann, on December 1, 1986 at the Malden Hospital.

The maternal grandparents are Francis Harrigan, Jr. of 356 Bunker Hill Street and Margaret Harrigan of 10 Tibbetts Town Way, both of Charlestown.

The paternal grandmother is Madeline T. Gouthro of Somerville.

Kelly Ann was welcomed home by her half-brothers, Mark and Michael, and her half-sister, Maureen.

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## Senior Response Unit Addresses Police Meeting

by Kathy Giordano

"Boston ranks third in the nation in pedestrian fatalities," stated Sergeant Valmore Williams of the Senior Response Unit of the Boston Police Department.

The monthly Police Community Relations meeting addressed the problems of safety for Senior Citizens, one of which is being injured by traffic on Boston streets. A large number of pedestrian injuries occur in front of Senior Citizen complexes, stated Williams. The Unit tries to eliminate this problem through education — teaching the seniors how not to become a victim, and, hopefully, cut down the number of fatalities.

Sergeant Williams reminded the audience that the speed limit within the City is 30 miles per hour and with Charlestown's density and its many small streets, plus the added number of children and elderly crossing streets, the driver should remember that by law "pedestrians have the right of way" and heed the speed limit. Many vehicles travel off the expressway ramps at high speed and continue to think

they can maintain that speed through the streets of Charlestown.

Senior citizens are also very vulnerable to becoming victims of crime, especially assaults. Williams advises that women should only carry in their pocketbooks that which is essential, leaving credit cards, extra money, etc. at home when they go out. He noted, "always carry a pocketbook carefully — hold it upside down and if attacked, open the clasp and let the contents fall to the ground. No thief is going to hang around to look through the articles on the ground to take what he wants," said Williams. If attacked don't hang onto your purse. Your personal safety is worth more than the contents of any bag. If attacked, sit down to prevent additional injury by avoiding being knocked to the ground. Sergeant Williams also recommends that seniors schedule all appointments in daytime hours, especially if going into downtown Boston.

Home safety for seniors can be enhanced by always being alert to one's surroundings. The "buddy-system" in elderly develop-

ments prevents crime from coming into a building. Williams advises seniors never to let anyone into their home without them positively identifying themselves. Seniors living in larger buildings that use a buzzer system to let in visitors should never "buzz" their front door open when the bell rings without knowing who the person is, what, and who they want to see in the building.

The Senior Response Unit, through the cooperation of CVS offers the "Vial of Life Program." This vial is a clear cylinder that holds the name and address and all pertinent medical information for the individual, such as allergies, list of medications being used, medical condition (diabetic, high blood pressure, etc.). This vial would be placed next to the person's bed or another obvious place in the home so that in the case of an emergency, the ambulance team would more readily be able to help the patient.

The Unit offers an extremely informative program, featuring a film presentation of pedestrian safety; an on-hands look at the City of Boston's state-of-the-art ambulance units, including a demonstration by an E.M.T.; and safety tips for seniors. They will come

to any elderly gathering for this program. Williams, who heads the Unit at night and Sergeant Russell Black, day supervisor, can be reached at 247-4355 for further information.

The elderly are also urged to contact the unit with any other police-related problems they might have. The Unit is well educated in the problems facing the elderly and are ready to assist them 24 hours a day. It also offers many other services that many older citizens are unaware of, such as referral assistance to agencies dealing with housing and medical care, transportation to and from court appearances for elderly victims and a nightly patrol, checking elderly developments to insure the safety of the tenants, just to name a few. "These officers are dedicated to their job and knowledgeable of the problems facing the elderly of Boston," concluded Williams.

An update on problems raised at the November Police Community Relations meeting included the increase of police visibility around the Training Field and the Eden Street Park, and an increase in the enforcement of traffic violations in the community. No new problems were discussed at the December meeting.



## REAL ESTATE WEEKLY

By Joseph P. Gannon III  
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## Winter Festival Concert And Community Carol Sing

The Charlestown Preservation Society invites the Charlestown community to share in their community holiday event by attending the Third Annual Winter Festival on Sunday, December 21, 1986 at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Mary's Church, 55 Warren Street.

The Monument Singing Association, under the direction of Phillip Lauriat, will join with the Copley

Brass Quintet to present choruses and arias from Vivaldi's "Gloria," as well as traditional carols and brass ceremonial music.

Then at 3:00 p.m. in the Training Field, the Monument Singing Association and the Copley Brass Quintet will lead all assembled in a rousing carol sing.

Everyone is invited to these free events.

## Named To Honor Roll At Don Bosco

The honor roll for the first quarter at Don Bosco Technical High School in Boston has been announced by Charles A. Schuetz, principal.

Charlestown students are John W. Ezekiel of 28 Pleasant Street, senior, second honors; Peter K. Enos of 6 Cook Street, sophomore, second honors; Benjamin E. Quinn of 74 Medford Street, freshman, first honors; and Sean P. Buck-

ley of 332A Main Street, freshman, second honors.

Don Bosco is a private Catholic secondary school owned and operated by the Salesians of Saint John Bosco. It is an all boys school of about 850 students who are involved in a college preparatory technical program of studies.

Saint Catherine's

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## Mayor Flynn Announces Near Completion Of First Phase Of Housing Development Renovation

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Sunday, referred to the removal of the piece of plywood from the window of the vacant unit last August, noting, "Though we all cheered, I was a little disappointed. Behind the board, there was nothing but the emptiness of an unused apartment. Those two construction workers (who had assisted in the removal of the board) were the only visible sign of hope." He continued, "When I heard that the rehabilitation of these apartments was nearing completion, I could hardly wait to bring public attention back to this development."

Now the emptiness that appeared in the vacant unit has been replaced by a renovated apartment, bright and fresh and soon ready to receive a family in need of a decent, affordable home.

Doug Kehoe, Director of Construction Management for the Boston Housing Authority commended the public officials and the Task Force for their efforts in bringing this rehabilitation project to fruition. He noted that the Sunday press conference was to report on progress being made.

The vacancy reduction and rehabilitation program called for the elimination of all 177 vacancies at the Bunker Hill Development, with a total of seven buildings to be totally renovated.

The completion of 17 Carney Court will follow the occupancy of 9 Carney Court, with an additional 12 units of housing. Kehoe reported that the work

schedule calls for twenty apartments per month readied for occupancy until all seven buildings and 177 apartments are completed by the end of the summer of 1987.

The Bunker Hill Housing Development, one of the oldest federally-assisted developments in the city, was built in 1940 with 1149 units. When renovations are completed, the Housing Development will be occupied by approximately 1080 families.

Conditions in the Charlestown Development, as well as other developments city-wide, had deteriorated during the 1970's, compelling the Superior Court to order the Authority into receivership in December 1979. The Court found gross mis-management, neglect and failure to provide decent, safe and affordable housing.

At the start of receivership, almost one third of the units in the Charlestown development were vacant, many apartments were unfit to live in, and the development was badly dilapidated.

Once an example of public housing at its worst, the major renovation program is turning the Charlestown Development into an example of public housing as it was originally meant to be.

At Sunday's gathering, Terry Titcomb, Chairperson of the Bunker Hill Tenants Task Force, thanked all of the officials, tradespeople, laborers, and residents whose efforts have made the reopening of

"Polk Street" a "dream come true."

Titcomb related, "For nearly ten years, these vacant buildings have stood as Charlestown's other monument, that is a monument to the abandonment of public housing. Today, these buildings are a symbol of hope for those who desperately need affordable housing. It is with great excitement that we look forward to seeing families move into their new homes."

The Chairperson noted that the Task Force has worked hard towards this goal. Titcomb added, "Much work remains to be done here and in other Boston neighborhoods if thousands of families are to avoid homelessness, overcrowding and unaffordable rents. The genuine cooperation of all levels of government and the involvement of affected residents is required to make projects, such as 'Polk Street' a lasting success."

Representative Richard Voke commended the Task Force for their involvement and commitment to the renovation program. He spoke on the State legislative housing component in which state funds may be used to assist federal developments under the Federal Demonstration Program. He noted that one package was passed by the Legislature last year and there is currently another housing package before them. Voke reiterated his commitment to the reclamation of housing in Charlestown into decent, affordable, and live-

able homes.

Senator Fran Doris praised the commitment of Representative Voke. Doris related his many years of association with the Charlestown Development in that his sister resided on Polk Street when the development first opened. He pledged continuing support for the housing needs of the area.

Mayor Flynn told the gathering that "We must not lose track of the historic commitment of public housing made by the best of our political predecessors. We are here to say that this commitment to housing all our families is for real." He continued, referring to the rehabilitated unit, "This is a real apartment. And sometime early next year, a real family will have survived the coldness of Boston's housing crisis and found a warm home here in Charlestown."

John Ballard, Executive Director of the Bunker Hill Tenants Task Force, stated that the buildings under renovation are now in the hands of BHA Construction Management and will be turned over to local management as they become 100% completed. At that point, local management will notify families who are awaiting housing. He said initially, most of the families will be transfers from other apartments in the Bunker Hill Development. He termed the transfers "overhoused or underhoused families" — families who have grown so their present apartment is not adequate, or families whose children have moved away, thus their present apartment is too large. Bal-

lard noted that there are currently almost 1,000 families on the waiting list for the Bunker Hill Development.

Mary MacInnes, former Chairperson and presently Vice-Chairperson of the Bunker Hill Tenants Task Force, has been an instrumental force in planning and lobbying for funds to

rehabilitate the Charlestown development.

MacInnes expressed her delight at the progress of the rehabilitation program and imminent occupancy of the first of these buildings. She invited all back for a "real celebration" at the completion of the seventh and final building.

### Bunker Hill Tenants Task Force Calls Report of Widespread Vandalism Erroneous

Reports of widespread vandalism in the "Polk Street" section of the Bunker Hill Housing Development, as reported on Monday morning, December 15, 1986 by radio station WEEI, were totally erroneous, stated representatives of the Bunker Hill Tenants Task Force.

The WEEI report alleged that \$75,000 in vandalism had occurred to windows of buildings undergoing rehabilitation. These same buildings were the subject of a Mayoral press conference on Sunday, December 14th, regarding the progress of vacancy rehabilitation efforts by the Boston Housing Authority (BHA).

"We believe the mistaken impression of vandalism is based on the fact that the BHA has been installing plywood over these windows," said Terry Titcomb, Chairperson of the Task Force. "Actually, the plywood is currently being installed as a precautionary measure to protect the windows and the security of buildings not scheduled for reconstruction until next spring."

To date, only 16 windows have been broken out of the 2,700 that have been installed since last August. The estimated damage is about \$1,200.

By virtue of contractual requirements and potential cost savings, all windows had to be installed at the same time, prior to the start-up of inside work.

"Our organization has been vocal in its concerns regarding the security of these buildings," said Mary MacInnes, Vice-Chairperson of the Task Force. "Any incident of vandalism is unfortunate, but given the isolation of these buildings, there have been relatively few, isolated incidents."

"We are very upset that these precautionary steps have been carelessly described as vandalism, after all the hard work that has gone into these buildings," said Titcomb. "We've waited ten years to see their reopening, and we're not going to let it slip through our hands."

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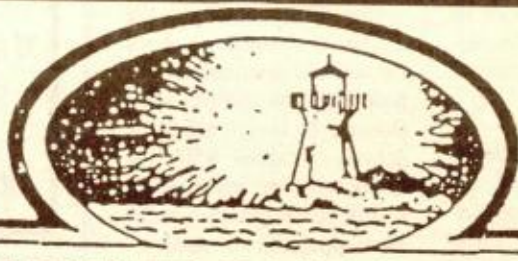
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Admission to the program is free and no tickets or advance reservations are required. Seating is limited and will be filled on a first-come basis. (Doors open at 7:30 p.m.) All age groups are welcome to attend, however, the lecture is in-

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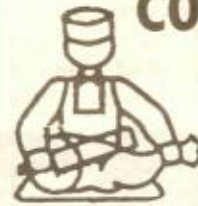
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from Saint Lazarus Parish in East Boston.

Some participants brought ornaments with them to decorate the tree. Ornaments are still welcome. They may be homemade, but should be able to withstand rainy and snowy weather. They may be brought to the ship and hung on the tree between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. through Christmas Eve.

Those present were invited below deck where hot chowder and refreshments were served to ward off winter's chill.

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The features will be "Morris' Disappearing Bag," in which Morris dis-

covers a secret present at Christmas; a juggler performs his most famous act as a last gift in "The Clown of God;" in "The Tiny Tree," the animals decorate a tree for a little girl; and Oscar Wilde's story of the prince and the swallow, "The Happy Prince."

The suggested readings, in conjunction with these films are: **Morris' Disappearing Bag** by Rosemary Wells, **The Clown of God** by Tomie de Paola, **The Little Fir Tree** by Margaret Wise Brown, and **The Little Lame Prince** by Dinah Maria Mulock.

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## Meeting On "Crack" Illicits Major Input From Charlestown Youth

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The video "Crack Down," which has been produced by the City of Boston to be used in conjunction with the city's drug education program, defines the drug, which is a form of cocaine, describes how it is produced, and, utilizing interviews with former "crack" addicts from various age and economic levels, relates the short and long term effects of the drug.

Crack (sometimes called "Rock") is the street name for a more purified (free-based) form of cocaine that is smoked. Crack, which may be as much as 90 percent pure, is five to six times stronger than the cocaine normally purchased on the street. Crack can be purchased in small amounts for an average of \$5 to \$10.

Crack produces in the user a rapid and intense high that lasts about five to seven minutes and is followed by severe depression. Crack is an especially dangerous drug because it can cause intense dependency and addiction after only two "hits."

According to the film, Crack was first seen in Boston in December 1985. In February of 1986, 13 vials had been seized by law enforcement officials and by May, over 1,000 vials had been seized. This point was made to inform

the public that there has been a dramatic increase of Crack on the streets of Boston in less than a year.

Several teens in the audience told the officials that they had not seen Crack in Charlestown — cocaine, but not Crack.

In fact, one youth stated that it was easier to get cocaine in Charlestown than alcohol. Cocaine is available on the streets, where it is necessary for a minor to find an adult to purchase alcohol. Both alcohol and cocaine are considered to be major problems in this community.

The audience of approximately 40 persons, were predominantly teens, many of whom are participants in the Peer Leaders Program at the Charlestown Community Schools. They had been requested by their program supervisors to attend the meeting and to bring a friend. Their participation provided an insight into the "drug scene" in Charlestown.

The teens responded to the question "Why do people do drugs?" with four reasons: 1) The drugs are out there and people are going to try something new, even though they know the danger; 2) Peer pressure; 3) A means to escape from their problems; and 4) They want to fit in with everyone else.

Dennis McLaughlin

commented that this was "scary to us older people" in that on one hand the young people want to "fit in" by using drugs, and on the other hand, the Rebound Program is being set up at Long Island Hospital to rehabilitate 16 to 19 year old drug and alcohol abusers.

Henriquez asked the gathering what the city could do in combating the drug problem. One teenage girl immediately responded that the process should begin in the home. She noted that parents don't always exercise control over their children, and for an example she pointed out that some parents let their teens out until 1:00 a.m. at parties. As far as having someone to talk to, a girl noted that it is too hard for kids to talk to their parents — they think that parents don't understand. She continued, stating that there is no one around here to talk to, only friends and some of them are on drugs. She said, "You don't know who to trust."

A parent said that she sees that the biggest problem with the young people seems to be alcohol. She noted that the media plays a big role in their perception of alcohol for on television, alcohol equates to sex. They see their parents having a few beers and on television, they see the

whole country drinking and figure that alcohol can't be that bad as everyone is doing it.

One girl presented an example that even though a young person might see that his or her parents are alcoholics and see the damage that this does, yet the teen still drinks.

Henriquez told the youth to talk to their parents and keep on talking, for it was worth a try. He also pointed out to the young people that "your parents trust you — they expect you to make the right decisions."

There are already too many drugs, stated a teen, noting "it may be too late." Henriquez pointed to a pre-teen in the audience, asking "isn't it possible to change the little one's attitude?" The girl admitted that maybe if education is directed to those of an early age, there might be changes. In response to a question as to whether there should be education in the schools, Henriquez stated that after January 1st, drug education would be in place

for kindergarten through grade 12 students. He pointed out that society is the model for behavior and that model has to be changed by education.

Complaints were raised by teens that there was nothing to do on weekends — no dances. Henriquez asked them that if there were organized dances, would they do drugs and drink, to which several responded "yes." One girl admitted that dances were stopped because of drinking. One related that if a dance starts at 7:00, friends will meet at 7:00, drink in a group and then go to the dance at 9:00.

Some felt that the only thing to do on a weekend was to drink. One teenage boy stated, "At our age, we don't consider that person an alcoholic — he is called a 'Weekend Warrior'." Henriquez cautioned that the pattern tends to proceed from weekend drunks, to heavy drinkers, to drug users.

A teen stated that she was "glad that something was

being done on Crack, as Crack kills, but alcohol kills and I don't see you doing anything about it."

Henriquez explained that the focus on the drug program is Crack which is seen as an epidemic in New York City and Boston wants to head it off. He stated that there are treatment centers in place that deal with alcohol problems to which persons can be referred.

One teen asked Police Officer Joe McNulty as to whether the police know what is going on. He said that drug related arrests are being made, but the police don't get much feedback on where drugs are being sold. He told the gathering that help is needed from the residents and that persons with drug related information could call 247-4697 in confidence. McNulty explained that police just can't burst in on a reported drug activity location — they have to investigate, stake out the site and obtain warrants. He noted that it may

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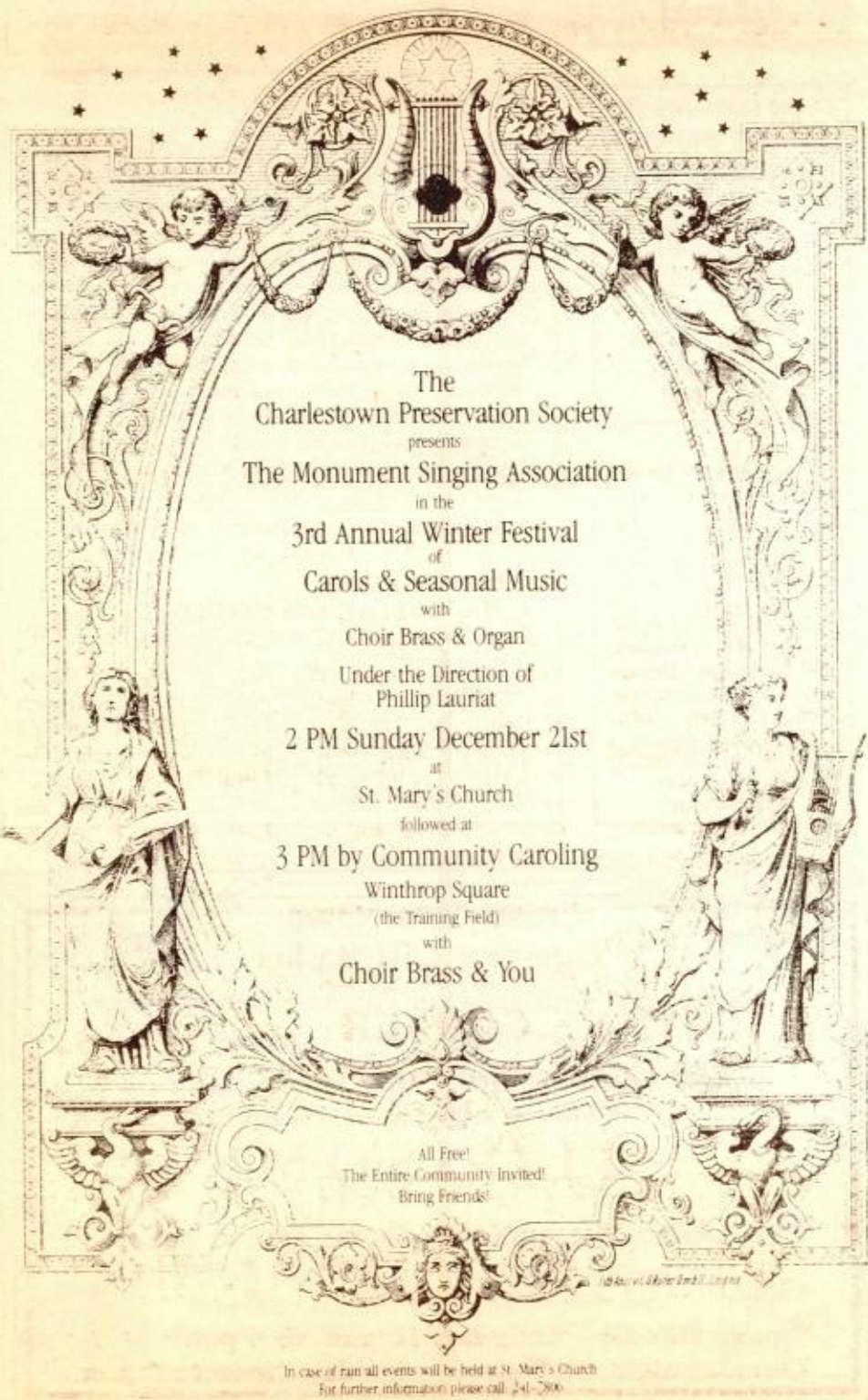
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## Bunker Hillbillie News

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At this point in time, all members of the band are considered Junior Wranglers. Once a Junior Wrangler has mastered the basic skills needed, he or she will be promoted to a Bunker Hillbillie.

On Wednesday, at the Christmas Party for the group, the "Top Ten" Junior Wranglers were announced. The

"Top Ten" are members who are progressing towards the goal of becoming a Bunker Hillbillie, based on their talent, behavior, attendance, and songs they have learned. The "Top Ten" are: Jill LaVallee, Joey Black, Dennis Elwell, Kelley Wedge, John Clougherty, Scott Clougherty, Erin Blakie, Patrick Walsh, Mike MacPherson, and Karen Black. Other promising newcomers are Erin McDonough and Cori Murdik.

In January, practice sessions will be expanded to allow more children to participate. To be eligible, a child must be a member of the Club, be at least seven years old but not older than 11 1/2 years, and pass a simple singing and rhythm test. All interested children should see Steve at the Club on Wednesday evenings or Saturday mornings.

Steve Coyne,

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• It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas . . . the Christmas lights in Mishawum Park are spectacular, especially on Tibbets Town Way. The Firehouse on Winthrop Street, Engine 50, has outdone themselves again this year with decorations. Great job, firepersons! And the tree inside Gate 4 in the Navy Yard, lit last Saturday evening, courtesy of the Boston Redevelopment Authority and the Charlestown Navy Yard Developers, outshines the one at the Prudential!

• Speaking of the tree lighting last Saturday . . . low tide forced Santa, Mrs. Claus and the four elves, coming to the Navy Yard ceremoniously by boat, to embark at the end of the pier instead of docking at the beginning of Pier 4 where the tree stood. Boston Police Officer Steve DaCorta saved the merry crew from a long, cooold walk by giving them a ride in his cruiser — lights flashing, siren sounding — the jolly North Poles arrived just in the "Nick" of time in grand style! What must the children have been thinking when they saw "Himself" getting out of the back seat of a Police car? Actually, they were delighted!

• The word has it that Saint Mary's Annual Christmas Concert, held last Sunday, was tremendous! Those in attendance gave evidence that the selection of religious and traditional seasonal tunes got everyone in the holiday spirit.

• Hold the presses . . . Who was that former-Marine seen putting out his trash in his wife's gold lame slippers? I'll never tell . . .

• Question of the week . . . has Arthur Crotty, President of the "Townie Santa" Committee, bought any more knee-hi stockings lately?

• Despite numerous rumors to the contrary, Jack Millerick of the Life Focus Center is alive and well and "living" in City Square. Nice tan . . . Florida sun!

• Have you read the excellent columns by music critic Ellen Pfeifer in the **Boston Herald**? Ellen, with her husband Attorney Dan Polvere and two children, are long time Charlestown residents.

• Take note . . . it has been reported that a credit card scam has been taking place in Charlestown. A card holder will receive a call stating that someone in their family has just made an expensive purchase using their card and they must verify the information — including the card number. This is a **SCAM**. Never give your credit card numbers out over the telephone!

• Have you ever noticed how much Tom Cunha of Bunker Hill Street resembles the renown opera star Luciano Pavarotti? It is remarkable! But can you sing, Tom?

• Recently there was a publicity campaign notifying the public of a crackdown on violators passing school buses discharging or boarding children — this is a vital safety consideration. On the other hand, school bus drivers have a responsibility to obey the rules of the road. Case in point — a schoolbus that barreled through the stop sign on High Street at Green heading for student pickup at the Warren Prescott School on Tuesday afternoon about 3:00 p.m., cutting in front of cars progressing up Green Street!

• A personal note from the staff of the **Patriot** . . . thank you, Helen Carroll, for your thoughtfulness. We love them!

• **VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** . . . "Townie Santa" will make deliveries this Sunday, December 21st, between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Anyone who can spare the time to allow a lonely, elderly shut-in to have a memorable Christmas, please show up at the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens Street, at 11:00 a.m. Talk about making you feel good . . . you can't top this, folks!

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## Housing And Development Major Topics Of Neighborhood Council Meeting

by Kathy Giordano

The December meeting of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council was called to order with a congratulatory note to Council Secretary Judy Evers who had just been appointed Charlestown's Neighborhood Coordinator in the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services. Evers' hard work and dedication to the Council was applauded and best wishes were extended to her on her new assignment.

As the meeting began, it was noted by Council member Steve McHugh that due to the length of most Council meetings, residents wishing to discuss business before the Council were forced to wait until 10:00 or 10:30 p.m. before doing so. He suggested that audience participation be allowed after committee reports, when appropriate,

to allow residents a chance to respond immediately after that report. This was allowed and residents of Sheafe and Sackville Streets were the first to benefit from the new ruling.

Tom Cunha, Housing Committee Chairman, reported that his Committee held a meeting on November 25th at Charlestown High School at which time the neighbors of Sheafe and Sackville Streets and Sheafeville Realty Trust, the prospective developer of the parcel of land situated in that area, were present. The Housing Committee took testimony from the developer and felt there was still a wide gap between what the developer wanted to do and what the neighborhood could live with. Cunha suggested that both sides sit down and

hold a serious discussion of their differences. It was noted that no resolution of their differences was reached at the November 25th meeting.

At this point, the Committee welcomed comments from the audience. Residents from Sackville and Sheafe Streets testified that although a few meetings had taken place between the developer and the neighborhood, these meetings were hastily called by the developer and most residents were not notified or unable to attend due to the late notice. They were all in agreement that it was not the development of the parcel of land that was bothering them, but the fact that Sheafeville Realty Trust had made no attempt to get all abutters and neighbors together with a scale model or a set of drawings show-

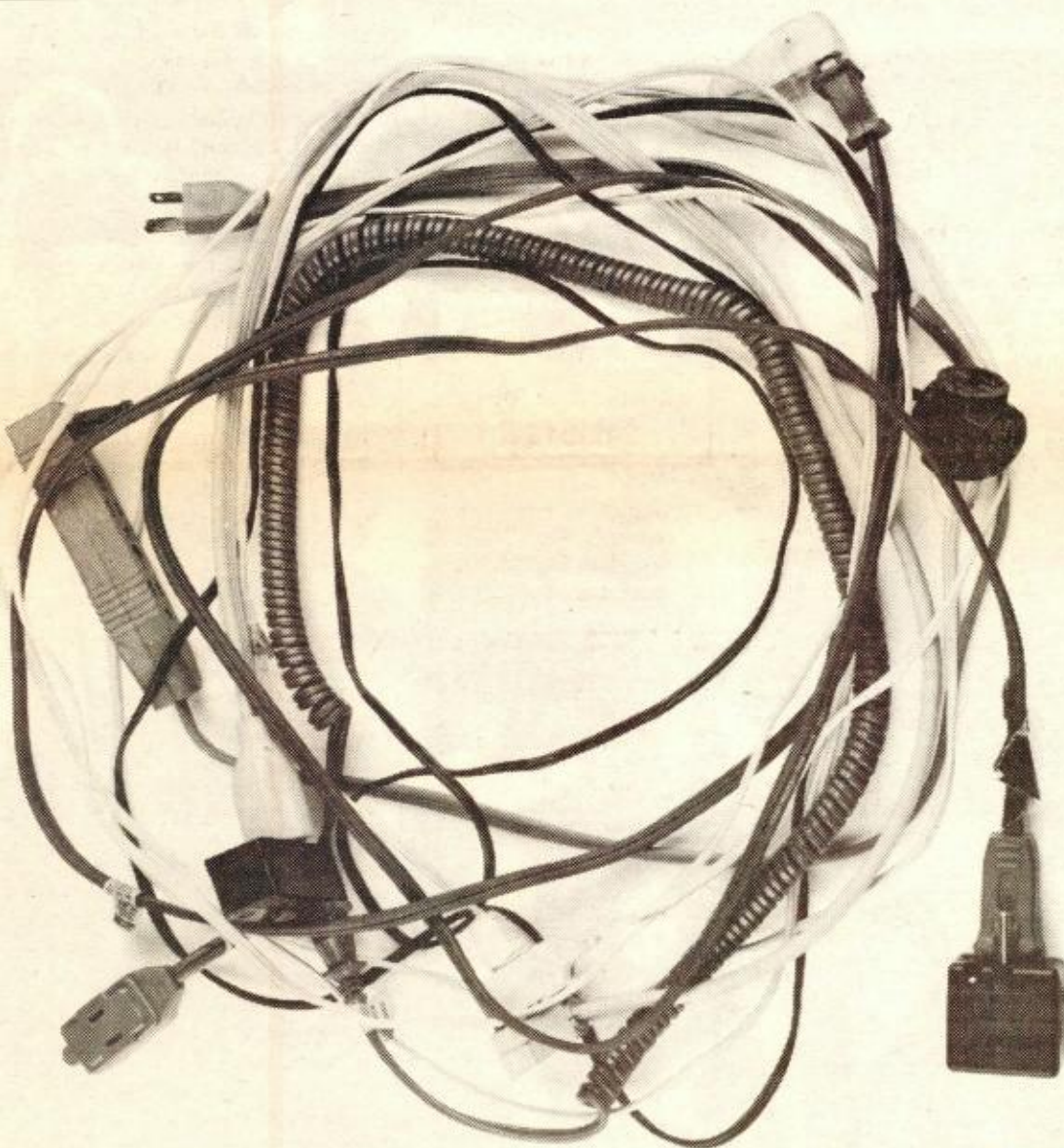
ing the parking scheme, yard space, unit breakdown, etc.

Neighbors requested the Council notify the Board of Appeal of their testimony and that the order given the developer at the October 30th Board of Appeal Hearing to meet with abutters and neighbors had not been fulfilled. Cunha stated that the only reason that the Housing Committee of the Neighborhood Council did not make a recommendation to the Board of Appeal before the October 30th meeting was their desire that both sides work out their differences, but he now felt that the neighbors were "waltzed around" after repeated requests by the Committee to the developer to sit down and fully inform the neighborhood of their plans and work out their differences.

John Tobin, Chairman of the Neighborhood Council, asked the residents if they wanted the Council to send a letter to the Board of Appeal recommending a denial of the proposal by Sheafeville Realty Trust. Residents were in agreement that this was not what they wanted, but would request a delay in approval, in order to allow more time to work out all their differences. Tobin then asked if a letter to "recommend to deny the application without prejudice," a move that would delay any development of that parcel of land for up to one year, during which time the developer would have to go back before the Board of Appeal with new plans, that would be agreeable to the neighborhood. This recommendation was agreed upon unanimously. As one resi-

dent stated, "It is not the development of the land that we object to, but the unwillingness of the developer to work out all the differences between himself and the neighborhood. We are willing to negotiate but need more time to sit down and talk. We really feel we can work out something concrete." A motion was taken by the Council to send a letter to the Board of Appeal to "recommend to deny without prejudice" the appeal for variances for the parcel of land on Sackville and Sheafe Streets. This was seconded and carried with additional wording specifying a continuance of discussion between the developer and neighbors, a look at the history of past development in that area and specifically the importance of the public

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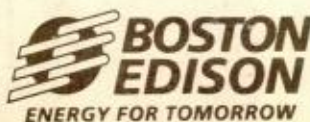
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to r.): John Kelly, Charlestown; Leah Kilmartin, Charlestown; Theresa Jacobs, South Boston; John Arlauskas, South Boston; Jesse McDonald, Charlestown; Jonathan Heelen, Charlestown; and Carrie Kilmartin, Charlestown. Shown back row (l. to r.): Donna Lane-Hickey, Massport community liaison/Charlestown; James Houlihan, Charlestown "Townies" coach; David W. Davis, Massport executive director; Mark Thomas, South Boston coach; Dorothy Connolly, Massport Community liaison/South Boston.

## C-Town Junior "A's" Invade New Hampshire Surrender To Ivy Leaguers 12 - 2

by Bernie "Scoop" Kelly  
The luxury Greyhound was filled with players and coaches on Wednesday, December 10, 1986 at 2:30 p.m., as they left the parking lot at Bunker Hill Council Knights of Columbus heading north toward the plush Ivy League setting at New Hampton Prep School in New Hampton, New Hampshire.

On board was Eddie "Baron" Johnson, filling in for the missing Head Coach, Johnny Tibbetts, along with Assistant Coach Johnny Kelly and a make-up team of Juniors, to challenge the Ivy Leaguers and fine tune the Juniors, as they near the end of their first half schedule of Junior Hockey and prepare for a rough second half schedule

that determines who will go to the Nationals in April.

The Ivy Leaguers, led by Coach Bill Cahill, were also looking for the chance to better their skills as they also prepare to enter into their holiday hockey fests. Coach (Fill-in) Eddie "Baron" Johnson only took 12 players, many of whom were not regulars on the O'Neil Club Team, but players who have played top quality hockey none-the-less, and had all the credentials for Junior "A" Hockey.

Assistant Coach Johnny Kelly knew through experience, the flaw would be the time together as players, getting to know each other's moves, was going to be the question.

Coach Bill Cahill's team was razor-sharp, and needless to say, went on to administer some fine hockey lumps to the gallant, but

out-classed Junior "A's."

After the game, both teams shook hands and after their hot showers, were invited to the recreation hall for a full buffet of food and drink for the combatants, where they could discuss the game and what went wrong.

That's when Eddie "Baron" Johnson said to Coach Bill Cahill, "How's about a chance to get even," and Coach Cahill agreed to a re-match sometime in March, whenever the details can be worked out. If I know Eddie, he'll be out recruiting pro's to get even. Ooohh, does he burn when he gets the wood put to him! Well, he has from now until March to get ready . . . right, Eddie? I just hope Johnny Tibbetts will be back by then.

John Campbell, the regular on the O'Neil Club, got both goals for the losers.

TEAM	PERIOD	1	2	3	FINAL
New Hampton Prep		3	4	5	12
O'Neil Club		1	1	0	2

GOALIES	SAVES
O'Neil - J. Connors	17
O'Neil - D. Ashe	15
New Hampton Prep - J. Smith	19

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## Charlestown Youth Hockey

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GAME 1  
Bruins 6 goals  
Islanders 5 goals

GAME 2  
Nordiques 13 goals  
Capitals 4 goals  
North Stars - Bye

• Please remember hockey dues are due on the 10th of

each month.

• The first dance of the year will be held in January. Look for more details in upcoming issues of *The Patriot*.

• The Board of Directors would like to wish everyone a Safe and Happy Holiday.

CYHA Board

## New All-City Basketball Tournament Seeks Participants

Boston Community Schools and Recreation Centers will sponsor its first all-city basketball tournament to be held throughout the week of school vacation, December 29 - 31, 1986.

The tournament is comprised of three divisions: Boys 19 and under, Girls 19 and under, and Boys 15 and under, and will be held at the Madison Park High Community School. Rosters are currently available at Boston Community Schools and Recreation

Centers Central Office. Completed rosters, with proof of date of birth for each participant, should arrive at the Central Office at 26 West Street by Friday, December 19, 1986. Eight teams per division will qualify on a first come, first serve basis.

For additional information, contact Brian Connolly, Boston Community Schools and Recreation Centers at 725-4920, or contact the Charlestown Community Schools at 242-2770.



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# Crusaders Clawed By Eagles 4 - 2! Huskies Snarl And Gnaw Terrier Puppies 10-5!

by Bernie "Scoop" Kelly

## CRUSADERS VERSUS EAGLES, 4-2

It's official — "Full Bragging Rights" are now restored to the Eagles, since they tucked it to the "Muskie's" last week by a score of 11 - 5, and again this week after clawing the Crusaders 4 - 2, in a see-saw game that was "too close to call" even by the oldest hockey buff known to man, Eddie "The Baron" Johnson. The "Baron" has remained incognito (home minding the house, and baby "Chris") since his Senior Hockey All-Stars took it on the chin last Saturday from the C-Town O'Neil Junior "A" Club by a score of 12 - 8. He refused to be interviewed, nor would he answer his telephone to explain the total collapse of his seniors, or the tons of "Crow" he must eat from the challenges and bragging bets he made that the Senior All-Stars would win!!

**Note:** If you're wondering what to get the "Baron" for Xmas, "Softie," he loves "Crow." It seems he's always eating it.

That's enough of the Xmas spirit, now back to the Crusaders versus Eagles game, which showed only one goal scored in the entire first period by the latest Eagle rising star — namely Paul Wrenn, who outfoxed the Crusader Goalie Brad Michals for an un-assisted goal at 9:03 to put the Eagles out front by a score of 1 - 0!

The second period showed both teams skating equally strong, but suddenly "The Eaglet Line" — led by Chris "Blue Grass" Thornton — worked the puck by the Crusader defensemen and set the stage for a perfect goal by Chris Thornton, assisted by Richie "Hunso" Doherty along with the latest Eagle star, Paul Wrenn, for a 2 - 0 lead at 14:24 of the second period!

The Crusaders, led by the last "Awesome One" (Scott Geezil), scored a goal at 7:46, with an assist from Pat "Dukie" Cotter and Captain Ed "Mugsy" Kelly, to bring the Crusaders within one . . . Eagles, 2 - 1!

Jackie Sullivan put on the jets and hit the net strings at 6:53, with an assist from the league top scorer Darryl "Zip" Locke, making it 3 - 1!

With 5:03 on the clock, Dan "Boomer" Considine found daylight through the pads of Eagle Goalie Johnny Gray. He had an assist from Fran Bradley and Tom Mahoney (Moe's Boy) to bring the Crusaders within one, again, for a 3 - 2 Eagle lead!

The Crusaders began an all out press on the eagle defense . . . hoping to cause a miscue in the Eagle zone, but Joe "Rambo" Gauthier broke up the press and, with Chris "Blue Grass" Thornton, worked a give and go until "Rambo" Gauthier sent it between Brad Michals pads for a goal at 3:54 of the third period. Gauthier's goal was assisted by "Blue Grass" Thornton for the games final score.

### Latest Hockey Update From

#### Massachusetts General Hospital Emergency Ward:

**Date: December 1, 1986** — Dan "Boomer" Considine, Senior Hockey injury, nose cut, M.D.C. Police escort to Mass. General (E.W.), Patch up . . . Patient fine, recommend R & R . . . Released!

**Date: December 8, 1986** — Pat "Dukie" Cotter, Senior Hockey injury, hit by errant puck, which grazed his forehead requiring M.D.C. Police assistance to the Mass. General Hospital (E.W.) for patch work and R & R! The League's Directors and players console Dan's and Pat's misfortunes, and express hope for a quick recovery from the unforeseen ordeal!

Final Score . . . Eagles 4, Crusaders 2!

### GAME ONE SCORING BY PERIOD

TEAM	PERIOD	1	2	3	FINAL
Eagles		1	3	0	4
Crusaders		0	2	0	2

### GOALIES

Eagles - John Gray

Crusaders - Brad Michals

### SAVES

22

20

### ★ ★ ★ Game Stars ★ ★ ★

★ Pat Cotter - Corner Work

★ Brad Michals - High Fever

★ Paul Wrenn - Hustler

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### HUSKIES VERSUS TERRIERS 10 - 5

The second game, between the Huskies and Terriers, was sure to show signs of sagging buns for the Terriers. They could only dress eight players, due to the number of injuries and sick players on the roster. This allowed the Huskies to press and take chances, knowing the Terrier players would be so tired by the third period . . . and their strategy worked as planned.

The aggressive Huskies could smell blood and they aimed for the jugular as they attacked the Terrier Goalie Frank Saeli for three goals in the first period.

The first goal of the game was by John Sodergren, with assists from brother Joe "Silky" Sodergren and Jimmy "Cobra" Greene at 9:05, for a 1 - 0 lead!

Billy "The Kid" Kelly lit the light at 6:45 with help from the "Pudgy Barrister," Tim O'Conn, and Artie "P.P." Pelton for a 2 - 0 lead.

Jimmy "Cobra" Greene took a perfect pass from defenseman Richie "Max" Smart and after toying with the Terrier goalie, put a wrist shot to the upper corner with 0:27 on the clock, for a 3 - 0 lead!

With 13:40 into the second period, Jimmy "Cobra" Greene struck again. He had help from John Sodergren in making his second goal of the game.

While all eyes were on Jimmy "Cobra" Greene, because he was in good form and flying, the talk around the rink was that the "Cobra" may knock off the league's top scorer Darryl "Zip" Locke, . . . and sure enough — no one was watching "Pudgy," the Barrister, and cheapy did it again. He was left alone hanging around the Terrier net and got hold of a "Free-bee" (puck laying in front of the net, goalie helpless, or out of net) and slapped it into the open net as though he beat the goalie. Boy, oh boy, does he ever get an earned goal . . . legal! The cheap shot artist then shows off with his right arm raised, and pumping his arm like he just got the winning goal in a Stanley Cup Game!! The Merrimack grad goes half way round the rink then tries to scale the boards to his bench like the big guys, but invariably has to be helped over the backboards by the big players . . . seems Pudgy's a bit too short. Hey Pudgy, better keep using the bench gate entrance — even when you get your cheap goals — too bad the league ain't got a height requirement. Just a thought, State rests it's case, you're a witness!

Thanks to guys like Joe Burton and Billy "The Kid" Kelly, who assist guys like Pudgy, or he'd be scoreless!

Jimmy "Cobra" Greene put on the jets again and hit for the "Hat Trick" at 13:10 of the third period, with an assist from Joe Sodergren.

Joe "Silky" Sodergren scored just 20 seconds later at 12:50, with help from Jimmy Greene and John Sodergren!

John Sodergren hit the net strings at 10:06 with assists from Jim Greene and Joe Sodergren to make it 8 - 3 Huskies!

Joe "Silky" Sodergren got the last two goals for the Huskies, with assists from Larry Keefe and Richie Hart!

The standout players making things happen for the Terriers are the speedsters Brian Smith and Jay Yandle, who are the work horses for the Terrier offense! These guys make things happen when they are on the ice, and with just one more line of scorers, they could be contenders to any of the top teams!

Jay Yandle got one goal and two assists, while Pat Sullivan, who appears to be getting his legs back after the long

layoff, got two goals. The other speedster, Brian Smith, got one goal . . . should have had the "Hat Trick" except we still don't count the ones that hit the post. Sorry, Brian.

John "Shake & Bake" Dowd was sagging early, but came to life to contribute one goal and two assists and Phil Smith could only muster one assist in the losing cause!

### GAME TWO

### SCORING BY PERIOD

TEAM	PERIOD	1	2	3	FINAL
Huskies		3	2	5	10
Terriers		0	2	3	5

### GOALIES

Huskies - Tom Bryson

Terriers - Frank Saeli

### SAVES

21

28

### ★ ★ ★ GAME STARS ★ ★ ★

★ Jay Yandle - Hustle

★ Brian Smith - Corner Work

★ Artie Pelton - Defense

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### SENIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE STANDINGS

TEAM	W	L	TIE	*POINT STANDINGS
Eagles	7	0	1	15 points
Huskies	6	1	1	13 points
Crusaders	2	6	0	4 points
Terriers	0	8	0	0 points

\*Point Standing - 2 points for win - 1 point for tie

### LEAGUES' TOP SCORERS

Name	Team	Goals	Assists	Points
1) Jimmy Green	- Huskies	17	16	33
2) Darryl Locke	- Eagles	24	9	33
3) John Sodergren	- Huskies	16	11	27
4) Jackie Sullivan	- Eagles	13	12	25
5) Billy Kelly	- Huskies	10	14	24
6) Joe Sodergren	- Huskies	12	11	23
7) Tim O'Connell	- Huskies	9	9	18
8) Joe Burton	- Huskies	10	7	17
9) Richie Hart	- Huskies	4	12	16
10) Chris Thornton	- Eagles	10	6	16

### Attention . . . Latest Hockey News Flash . . .

**Note:** It finally happened, Darryl "Zip" Locke, tied for the top spot in the Top Scoring by Jimmy "Cobra" Greene, as they race for the League Top Scorer Trophy.

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## Meeting On "Crack" Illicits Major Input From Charlestown Youth

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take police several months to conduct an investigation that would lead to a conviction.

McNulty was asked whether the police are interested in local dealers or the suppliers. McNulty said that they sometimes watch the dealers in hopes of being led to the supplier. One woman stated that she would like to see the suppliers dealt with. Henriquez added that the major suppliers are "in and out" and that the objective of the drug enforcement officers is to dry up the market. He noted that "police are not supermen, they rely on tips."

A teenage girl stated,

"Cops look for tips, but some of those who sell drugs are our friends." A parent added that it was unrealistic to expect kids to "drop a dime" on their friends.

Henriquez commented that a person selling drugs runs the risk of being shot, arrested, spending time in jail — there is clear reality for those out there dealing and it is a matter of time before they "bite the dust."

Henriquez said that residents will definitely come to the conclusion that "enough's enough," for there are too many spectators and "you should be involved in what goes on in your neighborhood."

A teen commented that she felt she didn't fit in without doing drugs to which Henriquez responded that a person can fit in anywhere if they make the choice and that it is the responsibility of each individual to decide what he or she wants to do.

John Daniels from Health and Hospitals noted that teens often feel that they have the rest of their lives ahead of them — they may drink or take "coke" and feel nothing will happen to them, but, he warned that there are 14 and 15 year olds who are alcoholic or addicted to drugs. He told them to look at a friend who drinks or takes drugs and acts strange for when they are high their perception is erroneous and when they don't remember what happened, there is usually a problem.

When a person is high, they won't listen, stated a teen, to which Daniels replied, "Keep telling them, for as long as a person is alive and breathing, there is always a chance to help them."

Anne McDonald, a Registered Nurse and a Clinical Specialist in Psychiatry, who was present along with Dr. Mark McCormick from the Community Mental Health Social Services Department of the Bunker Hill Health Center, noted that "things are acceptable as people accept them — people have to start saying 'no' to turn the tide." She congratulated the teens who had raised questions and noted that they need answers.

Henriquez stated that the city is conducting similar meetings in 23 neighborhoods. The information gathered at these meetings will be utilized to set up

programs, using the Boston Community Schools as the vehicle. He said that plans are to include young people in these programs, possibly using them to recruit others. In addition, an increase in after school and other activities would be planned.

One teen had commented during the meeting that it was "too bad more kids weren't here (at the meeting) to see how bad (Crack) really is." The timing of this neighborhood meeting, during the pressure of preparing for the holidays, may have accounted for the low turnout, especially for adults.

Following the meeting, Henriquez commented that the "kids were brutally aware — they knew where the problems were." He said that many persons don't recognize drugs or alcohol as a problem and that only between awareness and education, can there be a start in changing attitudes.

He stated that "kids are frightened of drugs and they are starved for information and that it is up to us to provide that information — to make them aware."

Henriquez said that the information gathered will be assimilated and brought back to area leaders, residents and youth at meetings to be held in a central location, possibly the Parkman House. The perceptions received from the community will be evaluated as to whether they are realistic for this particular area and would "plug in" to the needs of the community.

He said that four pilot programs will begin by January 15th, with the Community Schools as a base. The initial programs

will involve South Boston, Roxbury, East Boston and Dorchester which Henriquez stated were selected based on the size of the area and need.

He said that Charlestown would be included in the second phase, along with Jamaica Plain and Allston-Brighton, slated to begin no later than March.

Henriquez stated that the program would be community-based with local input and young people having "basic ownership" of

the program. He said that "we have to start giving the kids the attention they need instead of keep putting them off. And in exchange for giving them the basic ownership of the program, we will expect responsible action in return."

Henriquez noted that the drug program is not going to be a "one shot deal." He said that there has been a guarantee by the Mayor that the city will have the resources and where-with-all to continue the program.

### Where To Go For Information and Help . . . .

Information and referral services are available to individuals with drug and/or alcohol related problems or to family and friends of such individuals who might be seeking means to aid or cope with a drug or alcohol dependent person.

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• **Charlestown Clubhouse of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Boston**, 15 Green Street — Marty Shannon, who has experience with various alcohol and drug programs, including the Freedom from Chemical Dependency Foundation, is available for counseling, information, and treatment referral. She has films and speakers available to present to interested groups. Shannon is at the Clubhouse Tuesday, Thursday through the evenings, and on Saturday. Telephone 242-1775.

• **Charlestown Community Schools**, 255 Medford Street — the video "Crack Down," shown at the recent neighborhood meeting is available for viewing. Telephone Bob McGann at 242-2770.

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## Life Behind The Wall



by Ronan FitzPatrick

From Genoa, Italy, the *Italica* steamed into the harbor this past week. With Moran Terminal its destination, the vessel was stocked to the heights with containers. I am sure some were destined for Christmas purchases throughout the region. Granted, the balance of trade payments will be tilted, but this deficit is outweighed by two paramount results — continued employment for the longshoremen, checkers, and watchmen of our town and adjoining neighborhoods, and additionally, the availability of unique foreign goods to bring joy and contentment to our most special commodity — the children, for the current holidays.

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All advanced sport programs rely on an adequate feeder system. Our community has several outstanding programs, covering the range of participatory athletics. One of the earliest and most successful was the Pop Warner Football Program. One would be remiss not to mention the contribution of Joe Wilkins and Harry "Buddy" Yandle. Many a "Townie," regardless where he resides today, is deeply appreciative of the genuine directions and disciplines instilled by these men. Careers have taken different directions, but the products of the program constantly praise the concept. As we approach the festive season, let's give thanks to Joe and Buddy for inculcating character and purpose to many a "Townie."

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Enjoy the positive comments about this column as I travel about the Town. A major issue of parking within the Yard was raised again by "Townie" Ann Collins. Hopefully, the restrictive parking plan will be reviewed again, with expansion and prudent decisions formulated.

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Campaigns ebb and flow, but recently I was struck by the lingering concern demonstrated by former Eighth Congressional Candidate, James Roosevelt. Deeply moved by the support that was shown him, Jim has expressed his constant availability on all issues germane to the community. This display of brotherhood was fostered in a large way by the affable John "The Fox" McLaughlin. Without John's direction and loyalty, Jim would never have appeared on the scene. We are indebted to John's foresight and to Jim's lasting attention and assistance.

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Hope Jim and John enjoyed the Christmas Tree erected on First Avenue looking towards Pier 4. An impressive sight!

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Another splendid decorating achievement was accomplished atop the Signal Building 197, soon to be condominiums. The water tower is strung with a festival of lights. It appears the adjoining decoration is either a single candle or a tree — the interpretation is in the eyes of the beholder.

To the Barkan enterprise, thanks for the Christmas feeling.

Kudos to the unit owner of # 42 for his wonderful display of Christmas lighting. The decorations are the best within the Shipway's complex.

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With the arrival of the Waltham Lime and Cement delivery, the final stages of interior work on Constellation Wharf is on schedule. The exterior work is complete, as evidenced by the copper flashing installation on the roof decks.

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Trolley tours and Hub busses waiting for passengers at the Yard, attest to the substantial increase of visitors. The Park Service is overjoyed with the approximately 96,000 visitors for their last reporting period.

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The Emperor strikes again! What an investment to be undertaken by Neil St. John Raymond with an estimated \$45 million to be pumped into Building 149. Who needs this type of revenue infusion? None other than Massachusetts General Hospital. Massachusetts General Hospital will have approximately 400,000 square feet for research and development plus information systems operations. This merger will have far reaching ramifications for the community — maybe the location for the shooting of *Coma II*. Stay tuned to your local paper for employment ads.

and believe me it is a beautiful sight to see. I loved every minute of it.

A special thank you also to Helen Lawler and her committee that worked together to distribute those tickets evenly. A real enjoyable afternoon and night. Happy Holidays and God Bless you all.

Margie O'Halloran

## Thank You For Your Donations

On behalf of the committee, we would like to thank all the people who found the time to donate their fine clothing to the needy and homeless of Long Island Hospital.

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Although other potential developers have submitted proposals for the same parcel, we feel that our proposal best addresses the needs of our community.

Over the next few weeks, there will be public meetings and we will be looking for community support to help us convince the Boston Redevelopment Authority that the CHARLESTOWN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S PROPOSAL is truly the best proposal for the community. We hope that you will join us in this endeavor.

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##### Friday, December 19

10:00 a.m. - Arts & Crafts, Senior Lounge

##### Monday, December 22

9:30 a.m. - Stop & Shop Bus at Anchorage  
Apartments, Constitution Co-op, and  
Senior Lounge

9:30 a.m. - Sunshine Club, Senior Lounge

10:00 a.m. - Coupon Club, Senior Lounge

10:00 a.m. - Crochet, Mary Colbert Apartments

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

1:00 p.m. - Bingo, Senior Lounge

##### Tuesday, December 23

10:00 a.m. - Crochet, Senior Lounge

12:00 p.m. - Bowling, meet at Senior Lounge

##### Wednesday, December 24

NOTE: Stop & Shop Bus will pick up on  
Monday, December 22 this week only  
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9:30 a.m. - Social Security Representative,  
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10:00 a.m. - December Birthday Brunch,  
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10:00 a.m. - Crochet, Mary Colbert Apartments

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##### Thursday, December 25

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#### MENU

Friday, December 19 - Cream of potato soup with crackers, seafood salad, marinated vegetable salad, cherry shortcake, hamburger roll with butter.

Monday, December 22 - Beef strip with gravy, whipped potato, green beans, chilled fruit, dinner roll with butter.

Tuesday, December 23 - Turkey Hawaiian, rice, Hunter's pudding, bread with butter.

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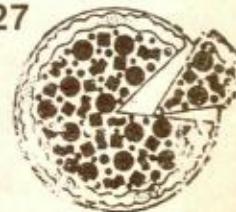
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## Housing And Development Major Topics Of Neighborhood Council Meeting

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safety issue, referring to the devastating fire that took place there in July, 1985. This motion was passed by the full Council.

Other housing issues discussed were the Wiley House on Washington Terrace and the proposed development of a three family dwelling on an adjacent lot on Old Rutherford Avenue. This discussion was tabled until the property in question had been designated to a developer by the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA).

Also mentioned was the property at 329 Bunker Hill Street which had gone before the Board of Appeal that day (December 2, 1986) requesting a two family dwelling be changed to a three family dwelling. Cunha stated that the

Housing Committee sent a letter to the Board addressing the subject, stating that the two abutters had signed an agreement indicating there was no problem or opposition from the neighbors.

Basic Services Committee Chairman, David Flanagan, reported that the response to the questionnaire printed in the November 13th edition of **The Patriot** has been disappointing. Flanagan stated that the major concerns reported were pot holes and street lights. A repeat publication of the questionnaire and the distribution of copies of same throughout the community in local stores was agreed upon.

Council members discussed the possibility of having the Commissioner of Public Works come before

the Council at an open meeting so that the problems of the various neighborhoods could be addressed. It was also suggested that city department heads be present at this open meeting so that residents could air their complaints and be better informed of how to go about reporting such problems in the future. Flanagan will send invitations to the DPW Commissioner and department heads to attend future public meetings.

The Public Safety Committee reported that the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services had a comprehensive program on drugs, in particular "Crack," that will be presented to the community on December 15th.

Among the various topics that the Development Com-

mittee discussed were the proposed development of the Nancy Sales building on Terminal and Medford Streets, and parcels R-87 and C-2A. Don Gillis, Director of the Office of Neighborhood Services, stated that the developers of the former Nancy Sales building are anxious to present their plans to the community. He also stated that the Harborpark Committee has been put on record as opposing the developers' plans, feeling that this property should be kept a small commercial type project. Donna Lane-Hickey of Massport stated that Massport thought it would not be feasible to have homes on a pathway that is used by up to 300 trucks per day. The Development Committee will hold a public meeting on Thursday, December

18th to discuss the developers' plans for the building, at which time the public will be allowed to comment on their concerns.

Parcel R-87 had been a topic of discussion between the BRA and members of the Development Committee at a recent meeting held at the BRA Office. Still under consideration regarding this parcel of land on Tremont and Prospect Streets is the selection process to determine who will receive the lots and the process to best develop this area, at what cost and the appearance of the units. No solution was reached, only ideas passed back and forth. The BRA will make the final decision and then notify the Council.

To avoid a conflict of interest, Council Chairman John Tobin, and Co-Chair-

man Tom Cunha removed themselves from discussion of parcel C-2A, since they are both involved in the Charlestown Economic Development Corporation's proposal to develop this parcel. Council member Ronan FitzPatrick chaired further discussion and reported that there had been four proposals submitted for consideration and at this time they are being reviewed by the BRA. December 18th had been set for a final designation date, but a request to delay this date for 30 days will be asked of the BRA to give the Council an opportunity to hold a public hearing, inviting the developers of the four proposals to present their plans to the residents of Charlestown. A date will be set and notification will be printed in the **Patriot**.

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GWV TRAVEL Vice President Robert Salter, (left), and Interface Group executive Keith Westerman discuss the "Starry, Starry Night" at the Sheraton Boston Hotel that wound up the 1986 campaign of the United Way of Communications Bay with UWCB Communications Director Norita Lee of Charlestown. (photo by Sam Greenwald)

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**TASTE OF THE TOWN:** C. Paul Luongo (left) and writer Bernice Speen of Charlestown (center) congratulate Jeff Smith, star of PBS's "The Frugal Gourmet," on the recipes he prepared at the gastronomic extravaganza "The Taste of the Town," held at the downtown Filene's to benefit WGBH. Smith joined Julia Child and several other PBS chefs to demonstrate their culinary skills for the delight and delectation of a large and hugely enthusiastic crowd. (photo by Sam Greenwald)

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On Friday, December 19th, at 10:00 a.m., the Adult Discussion Group of the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main Street, will feature a "Holiday Cookie Exchange Party."

Everyone is asked to bring a plate of their favorite homemade cookies along with the recipe. A copy of everyone's recipe will be made so that all have a set to take home.

The suggested reading, in conjunction with this festive event, includes: **Gifts From The Kitchen**

by Norma Nyers and Joan Scobey. **John Clancy's Christmas Book: Menus and Recipes for Holiday Entertaining**, and **Joy of Cooking** by Irma S. Rombauer and Marion Rombauer Becker.

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The Adult Discussion Group will not meet on December 26th or January 2nd. Meetings will resume on Friday, January 9th with Patricia Lynch speaking on fine furniture.

A happy holiday is wished to all.

## Public Hearing On School Transportation

A public hearing on Boston School Superintendent Laval S. Wilson's proposal to transfer 2654 high school students from school buses to special MBTA buses in January will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 20, at Madison Park High School, 55 New Dudley Street, Roxbury.

The School Committee will conduct the hearing and then meet to vote on the motion.

The Committee will also listen to the concerns of parents and students about the Superintendent's considering the transfer of another 1273 high school

students from school buses to regular MBTA transit service.

Information letters on the hearing and plans have been mailed to the parents of all 4000 students involved.

The seven high schools involved are Brighton, Hyde Park, Latin Academy, Latin School, English, Technical, Madison Park, and the Humphrey Occupational Resource Center.

For the 2654 students involved in the transfer, the proposed special MBTA buses would travel the same routes as the school buses now travel.

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# Charlestown Police Line

From the desk of  
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Monday, December 8

A local restaurant was making a delivery to Walford Way when the delivery man was confronted by a dark skinned male, about 18 years old, who slashed the victim across the face with a knife and stole the food. The victim was taken to the Massachusetts General Hospital.

A security guard was working on First Street when he was assaulted by two individuals, a black male and a white

male, who beat him to the ground and attempted to rob him.

A Charlestown resident was arrested by Detectives of Area A on Bunker Hill Street on a robbery warrant.

A Charlestown High School student was arrested by the Security Police for assault and trespassing.

A Charlestown man was arrested by Officer O'Loughlin at O'Reilly Way in a stolen van and for possession of burglarious tools.

Tuesday, December 9

A Boston resident was arrested on Medford Street by Officer Whiffen for possession of narcotic drugs and operating

a motor vehicle while under the influence of narcotics.

A Charlestown resident was involved in a family disturbance at McNulty Court. When the Police were called to the scene, he threatened the officers with an axe. He was subdued and arrested by Officer Callahan.

Wednesday, December 10

A Charlestown resident was arrested by Detective Donahue at City Square on an armed robbery warrant.

Friday, December 12

A Charlestown youth was struck by an automobile on Bunker Hill Street when he ran into the street. He was taken to the Massachusetts General Hospital where he was treated for injuries to his leg.

Saturday, December 13

A Stoneham resident was arrested by Officer Whiffen on Terminal Street for operating a motor vehicle under the influence of alcohol.

*These incidents will be further investigated by the Detectives of Area A.*

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

## Sergeant Canney Awarded Commissioner's Citation

Sergeant Walter Canney, head of the Detective Unit of Area A of the Boston Police Department, was recently awarded the Commissioner's Citation by Boston Police Commissioner Francis M. Roache. Canney received this commendation for an inci-

dent that occurred in East Boston on April 19, 1986.

According to police department records, at approximately 8:00 p.m. on that date, Detective Joseph Fiandaca and Detective Joseph Mugnano received a call from Patrolman Guy Spinelli at the East Boston

Satellite Station that he had just received a telephone call from an unknown informant stating that one George Cermack, an escapee from the Warwick, Rhode Island prison system who was wanted on several Federal and State warrants, was carrying a firearm and utilizing a police scanner and was possibly in the area of 22 Murray Court in East Boston.

As a result of this call, Sergeant Canney joined with the officers and drove in that direction in an effort to apprehend the suspect.

The officers set up a surveillance at the intersection of Summer and Orleans Streets, after having gone to 22 Murray Court with negative results.

About 9:00 p.m., the officers observed a white male, approximately 40 years of age, walking on

Orleans Street toward Murray Court. This subject, on closer observation, appeared to be wearing a hearing aid. As the officers approached, the subject, later identified as George Cermack, bolted and ran on Orleans Street. When the officers approached Cermack, he reached into his belt and pulled out a fully loaded revolver. Sergeant Canney drew his revolver and ordered Cermack to drop his gun. After a brief moment of hesitation, Cermack dropped his revolver.

Cermack was arrested on warrants for Armed Robbery and is under investigation by the FBI for several bank robberies.

Sergeant Canney, who is a resident of Baldwin Street, Charlestown, received the Commissioner's Citation for Meritorious Service at the Annual Police Awards Ceremony.

## "Billy's Christmas Gift" A Christmas Play

A "Back to the Future" theme is the centerpiece of "Billy's Christmas Gift," an original play that will be presented by the congregation of Saint John's Episcopal Church on Saturday, December 20 and Sunday, December 21.

The story centers around a teen-aged boy named Billy, who is angry because this Christmas is looking very bleak. Billy's father has lost his factory job and Billy does not believe in Christmas anymore! But Billy's life is transformed when he is transported back to another Christmas Eve, nearly 2,000 years ago.

"Billy's Christmas Gift" was written and directed by John Hildebrand of Saint John's and stars Willie Fornash of Charlestown as Billy. Other members of Saint

John's complete the cast.

The play will be presented at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 20 and again at 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 21 at Saint John's Parish House, 27 Devens Street, Charlestown.

Admission is free, and refreshments will be served at the Sunday performance.

All are welcome.



## Boston Police Explorers Post 1212-15

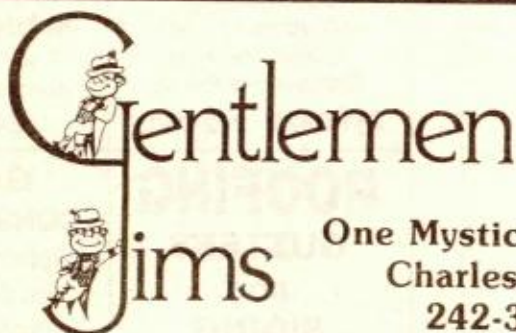
The next scheduled meeting of the Boston Police Explorers Post 1212-15 will be held on Thursday, January 8, 1987 at 7:00 p.m. at 55 Bunker Hill Street. Money will be collected at this meeting for the upcoming Winterfest.

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I wish all the Explorers and their families a very Merry Christmas and the Happiest of New Years, with Holiday Greetings to the good people of Charlestown and many thanks for all their generosity and assistance to Explorers Post 1212-15 in the past year.

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