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'Townie Santa' Visits 100 Of Charlestown's Elderly, Needy Shut-ins



MEMBERS of the "Townie Santa" Committee make final preparations to send teams of volunteers out into the community on Dec. 22 to delivery groceries, toiletries, gifts and a hot turkey dinner to 100 of Charlestown's elderly, needy shut-ins. Shown (l. to r.) are Julie Doris, Sheila Jackson, Michelle Jackson, Helen McLaughlin and Jackie Fabiano. (photo by Kathy Whitehouse)



DINNER IS SERVED by a team of cooks from Griffin Caterers as they prepare and serve over 100 hot turkey dinners at the American Legion Hall to deliver to elderly, needy shut-ins as part of the annual "Townie Santa" program. Shown (l. to r.) are Mary Beth Grace, Diane Wrenn, Sandy Griffin and Kelly Paquette.

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CNC Looks To Plans For The Future As The Community Moves To The 21st Century

by Lynn Peters

There was much discussion about the community's move toward the 21st century, as Charlestown Neighborhood Council members heard presentations on wireless communications and a new Boys

& Girls Club facility at the Jan. 7 monthly meeting held at the Knights of Columbus hall. In the year's first full-council meeting, officers were nominated and elected.

Attending the year's first full-council meeting

were the re-elected Chairman Peter Looney, First Vice Chairman Tom Cunha, Second Vice Chairman Mel Stillman and Secretary Jim Mansfield. Also present were newly elected Treasurer Jim Conway, (continued on page 16)



around the town

by Gloria S. Conway

★ Community Office Hours . . . Judy Evers, regional coordinator from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, will not be holding office hours on Monday, Jan. 20 due to the Martin Luther King Holiday. They will resume on Monday, Jan. 27 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

She will be on hand to discuss problems and answer questionson city issues.

★ Neighborhood Council Meetings . . . Basic Services Committee Meeting On Monument Square Antennae

Chairman Bill Galvin has announced that the Basic Services Committee will meet at 7 p.m. tonight, Thursday, Jan. 16 at the American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St. (at the corner of Chestnut Street) to hear a presentation by Gunwyn/Charlestown Limited Partnership on the installation of roof-top antennae on top of 30 Monument Square

(the former Charlestown High School building).

Development Committee Meeting On Boys & Girls Club

According to Chairman Tom Cunha, the Development Committee will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 21 to review the proposal for the renovation of the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club. The meeting will take place at the club's High Street facility.

Development Committee Meeting On Parcel R-87

Chairman Tom Cunha has announced that the Development Committee will meet to discuss the proposed development of Parcel R-87, located at Lowney, Tremont and Prospect streets, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 23 at the American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St. He said that representatives from the Boston Redevelopment Authority will be invited to attend.

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- 9 to 10:30 a.m. J.F. Kennedy Center's Goal Setting Group-Options Program, 55 Bunker Hill St. For more information, call Linda Hudson at 241-8866
- 10:30 a.m. to noon Women's Recovery Group session, Kennedy Center, Old Kent School, 23A Moulton St.

Fridays

 7:30 p.m. - Al-Anon meeting with help for families and friends of alcoholics, off lobby, Armed Services YMCA, 150 Second Ave., Charlestown Navy Yard

First and Third Sundays

 6:30 p.m. - CHarlestown After Murder Program (CHAMP) meeting, St. Catherine's Rectory, 49 Vine St. All are welcome

Mondays

- 2 to 5 p.m. Mayor's Office Hours with Judy Evers, regional coordinator, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St. Note: Office hours will not be held on Monday, Jan. 20 due to the Martin Luther King Day Holiday. They will resume on Jan. 27.
- 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. Nicotine Anonymous support group meeting, Armed Services YMCA, 150 Second Ave., Charlestown Navy Yard
- 7 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous beginners meeting, 55 Bunker Hill St.

Mondays And Fridays

- 9 to 11 a.m. Charlestown Ecumenical Food Pantry open, Memorial Hall, 14 Green St.
 Tuesdays
- 8 p.m. Al-Anon meeting with help for families and friends of alcoholics, Mary Colbert Apartments (side entrance), 20 Devens St.
- Wednesdays
- 5 to 7 p.m. Charlestown Ecumenical Food Pantry open, Memorial Hall, 14 Green St.
- 7 p.m. Co-Dependents Anonymous (CODA) meeting, Bunker Hill Health Center, 73 High St.

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CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

this week at a glance

Thursday, Jan. 16

- 3:30 p.m. Creative dramatics, improvisation and imaginative games Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 7 p.m. Charlestown Neighborhood Council Basic Services Committee meeting on proposed antennae on top of 30 Monument Square - American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

Friday, Jan. 17

- 10 a.m. Adult Discussion Group and Preschool Story Hour -Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 5 p.m. Deadline for submitting nomination papers for Kennedy Center Board of Directors - Ken-

nedy Center, 27 Winthrop St.

 8 p.m. to midnight - Comedy Night Fund-Raiser to benefit Charlestown Gym Hockey - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Saturday, Jan. 18

 3 p.m. - Bunker Hill Museum's Irish Exhibit Committee meeting -American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

Monday, Jan. 20

Martin Luther King Day Holiday

- 7:30 p.m. Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion monthly meeting - American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.
- 7:30 p.m. Charlestown Preservation Society Design Review

Committee meeting - Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

• 7:30 p.m. - Daughters of Isabella No. 1 meeting - K. of C. Main Hall, 75 West School St.

Tuesday, Jan. 21

- 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. -Children's Films - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 5:30 p.m. Healthy Charlestown Coalition meeting - Community Resource Room, 55 Bunker Hill St.
- 7 p.m. Charlestown Neighborhood Council Development Committee meeting on proposed renovation of the Boys & Girls Club High Street facility Boys & Girls Club, High Street

upcoming events

Thursday, Jan. 23

- 3:30 p.m. Creative dramatics, improvisation and imaginative games
 Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 7 p.m. Charlestown Neighborhood Council Development Committee meeting on Parcel R-87 -American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St. Friday, Jan. 24
- 10 a.m. Adult Discussion Group and Preschool Story Hour -

Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• 3:30 p.m. - Winter Stories & Crafts for children - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St. Saturday, Jan. 25

 8 p.m. to midnight - Annual Nite Before Fund-Raising Dance to benefit Charlestown Youth Hockey -K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St. Sunday, Jan. 26

Go Patriots!

Monday, Jan. 27

 9 a.m. - Opening of Catholic Schools Week Mass - St. Catherine's Church, Hayes Square

Tuesday, Jan. 28

- 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. Open House at Charlestown Catholic Elementary School - Tufts Street
- 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. -Children's Films - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

plan ahead

Friday, Feb. 14

 8 p.m. - An Evening with Tommy Makem to benefit the Pipes & Drums of Bunker Hill - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Saturday, Feb. 15

• 7 p.m. - Country & Western & Valentine Dance,

sponsored by the Daughters of Isabella No. 1 - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Saturday, Feb. 22

 7 p.m. - \$5,000 Drawing Dinner-Dance to benefit Charlestown Catholic Elementary School - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

It's A Girl . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Brian G. Callahan of Medford, proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Grace Ann, on Dec. 20 at St. Elizabeth's Medical Center. She weighed 8 pounds and measured 21 inches long.

The proud grandparents are Hon. and Mrs.

John J. Irwin Jr., of Medford and Edward P. Callahan and the late Regina Callahan of Charlestown.

Grace Ann will be joining her big sisters Brenna, age 5, Kiley, age 4, and Kathleen, age 1 1/2.

Mrs. Callahan is the former Ann Marie Irwin.

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HAPPENINGS AT THE CHARLESTOWN WORKING THEATER 442 Bunker Hill St. 242-3285

- Class Registration Registration for classes will be held on Saturday, Jan. 25 from noon to 3 p.m. We will be offering acting, dancing and singing classes. Also at this time, we will hold sign-up for those interested in participating in our next production. Our classes are open to ages 7 to 18, and we will have more information about upcoming productions at registration. Please call the theater for more information, or stop by on registration day.
- Parents Meeting We will hold a meeting for all parents and guardians of the participants of our youth programs on Thursday, Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. Our programs are growing and we need your advice. This will be a good time to meet other parents, voice your opinions and help us steer a course for the future.
- * Java Theater Co. Milton Koikendall, artistic director of Java Theater, teaches a scene study class for adults at the theater every Tuesday evening at 7 p.m. There is a fee for this class and, if you would like information, please call the theater.
- Pictures, Pictures, Pictures! Eddie Loan has
 the pictures from Little Women, Angels, Fireflies and
 Lambs and The Littlest Angel. He will be at the theater on class registration day from noon to 3 p.m. with
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For information, call the theater at 242-3285. See you at the theater!

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The third session of Adult Religious Education will take place on Monday, Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. at St. Francis de Sales Convent. Please use the entrance on North Mead Street. All interested adults are invited to attend this discussion group.

Mass For The Anointing

On Sunday, Feb. 9 at 12:30 p.m. in the Bishop Lawton Hall, there will be a Mass for the Anointing for all members of the parish who may wish to receive this special Sacrament of God's love for strength of body and soul.

Seniors Valentine Party

All the senior citizens of the parish are cordially invited to a parish Valentine Party on Sunday, Feb. 9 in the Bishop Lawton Hall, after the Mass for the Anointing, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. The afternoon party will consist of lunch, entertainment and dancing.

If you would like to be a St. Francis de Sales Valentine, kindly sign your name at the ushers' table at Mass. Your signature is your ticket! Please do not sign up for anyone else. If they are unable to come to Mass to sign up, please contact the rectory at 242-0147. The Planning Committee has to have an accurate count.

First Penance And First Holy Communion

All second grade pupils in the parish are eligible for the Sacraments of First Penance and First Communion. If you have a second-grade student who attends a Catholic school other than Charlestown Catholic and your child will be receiving the Sacraments at St. Francis de Sales, please contact the rectory at 242-0417 for further information.

The Sacrament of First Penance will be held on Sunday, March 2 at the 9 a.m. Mass and the Sacrament of the Eucharist will be received on Sunday, May 4 at the 9 a.m. Mass.

Beano Gift Certificates

Beano gift certificates are available year-round at the rectory or at the Saturday Night Beano. They are available in any denomination.

Winners In The Festival Of Lights



MAYOR THOMAS M. MENINO presents a plaque to Kathleen and Vincent Taormina of Salem Street, Charlestown, who won the award for Charlestown in the 1996 Festival of Lights competition, a city-wide event that celebrates the holiday season and the creative spirit of Boston. Shown (l. to r.) Vincent Taormina, Mayor Menino and Kathleen Taormina.

It's A Girl . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Robert McIntosh of Charlestown, are proud to announce the birth of their first child, a girl, Allison Catherine, on Dec. 30. She weighed 6 pounds 11 ounces and measured 19 1/2 inches.

The proud maternal grandparents for the first time are Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lynch of Charlestown.

The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gerald McIntosh of Charlestown.

The maternal greatgrandmother is Alice Heatley of Charlestown.

Mrs. McIntosh is the former Mary Theresa Lynch.

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9:00 a.m. and through the day: Comparative coffee tasting (no charge), coffees from six different growing areas.

10:00 -12:00 noon: Meet our herbal expert and taste various herbal teas from around the world (no charge).

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.: Meet Charlestown artist Ann Nall, who will sign posters of her "Snow Chairs" series.

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Tea pots, coffee makers and all tea and coffee accessories will be 20% off, and another 20% will be donated to the Charlestown Boys' and Girls' Club.

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The bride-to-be is a 1988 graduate of Malden High School and is currently a full-time student at Eastern Kentucky University and will graduate with a degree in Occupational Therapy in December. She is also an Honor Society student of Phi Kappa Phi and has been named to the president and dean's lists for her exceptional achievements.

The groom-to-be, a 1989 graduate of Woodland High School in California, is currently employed by Winn Dixie Supermarket in Lexington, Kentucky, as manager of the meat department. He is attending Lexington Community College, pursuing a degree in accounting.

A May 24, 1997 wedding is planned. A dinner reception will follow at the Champions Country Club in Kentucky, hosted by the parents of the bride.

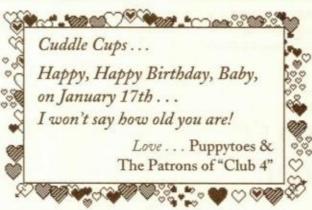
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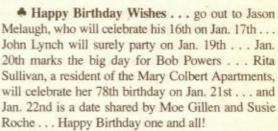
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Happy Belated Birthday Wishes. . , to Jillian Doherty, who celebrated her 18th birthday on Jan. 10th . . . and to Bob Urquhart, who marked his 70th birthday on Jan. 14th . . . Hope it was a happy one!

Get Well Wishes . . . are being sent to Margaret "Peg" (Loring) Hickey, who is a patient a Mass. General Hospital . . . We're sure she'd enjoy hearing from her many friends . . . Cards can be sent to Peg at Mass. General Hospital, Ellison Building, Room 12A, 11th floor, Boston, Mass. 02114 . . . Hope you're out and about real soon, Peg! . . . and to Priscilla Kenyon who is recovering from surgery at the New England Deaconess Hospital.

 Congratulations . . . to Sen. Bob Travaglini who has been appointed Vice Chairman of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means . . . Way to go!

♣ Interested In A Night Out? . . . Join the Charlestown Gym Hockey Board of Directors and parents as they host their second annual Comedy Night fund raiser tomorrow night, Friday, Jan. 17th, from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Knights of Columbus Hall on West School Street . . . Tickets are only \$10 and can be purchased by calling Debbie or Kerrie Lent at 241-8656; Jimbo Tucker at 242-3470; Timmy Dacey at 242-1937, or tomorrow night at the door of the Knights ... Mosey on down and help support the little ones!

Looking For A New Mayor . . . Patty Kelly has tossed her chapeau into the race for Mayor of Charlestown . . . Those who might be interested in running for Mayor, give a call to Charlestown-To-Charlestown Committee Chairman Arthur Hurley at 242-2724

 Bunker Hill Cup Plates . . . will be on sale at the Patriot Office, One Thompson Square on Saturday, Jan. 18th from 10 a.m. to noon . . . Proceeds from the sale of the cup plates will benefit the Bunker Hill Museum . . . Stop by on Saturday and purchase a "Piece of History" for only \$17. 75!

Artisan Cafe . . . in the Bunker Hill Mall invites everyone to its reopening celebration and sale on Sunday, Jan. 19th, beginning at 9 a.m. . . . Sample, free of charge, many new items, soups, etc. . . . Sign up for Espresso or Tea courses, meet the herbal expert and taste various herbal teas from around the world . . . Teapots, coffee makers and all tea and coffee accessories will be 20% off, and another 20% will be donated to the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club.

Teddy Bear Clinic . . . The Animal Rescue League of Boston invites children and their families to a Teddy Bear Clinic on Saturday, Jan. 25 at the league's headquarters, 10 Chandler St., (corner of Arlington and Tremont streets) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. . . . Complimentary minor repairs will be offered to teddy bears and other stuffed animal friends . . . The league's humane education department will also read stories and present tips on responsible pet ownership The event is free and open to the public call 426-9170 for additional information.

♣ What To Do With Your Greeting Cards? . . . Most people hate to throw away those beautiful holiday and/or greeting cards . . . Here's a place where you can send them - a home for neglected and abused children near Las Vegas that recycles the fronts of attractive greeting cards . . . Send the card fronts along to: St. Jude's Ranch for Children, 100 St. Jude's St., Boulder City, Nevada 89005 and give a helping hand to little ones who cannot fend for themselves!

Immaculate Conception School . . . in Everett will celebrate it's 75th Anniversary this year . . . A Mass of Thanksgiving, celebrated by Bernard Cardinal Law, will take place on Saturday, Oct. 25th at 4 p.m. in the church, followed by a Reunion Dinner Dance at the parish center . . . All alumni are invited and may call MaryLou Cummings at 389-7136 for more information

A Thought For The Week . . . Too much time is wasted by some people in telling how busy they - Anonymous



around the town

★ Neighborhood Council Meetings

(continued from page one) Monthly Meeting

The next monthly meeting of the Neighborhood Council, chaired by Peter Looney, will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 4 at the K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

All CNC meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

* 285 Medford St. . . . An electrical explosion rocked Triple Crown Delivery at 285 Medford St. at approximately 3 p.m. on Jan. 9. Ladder 9 and Engine 32 respon-

According to Boston Fire Department spokesperson Dave Walsh, two electricians were severely burned in the explosion with major burns to their faces. They were transported to Mass. General Hospital. Damage to the structure was estimated at \$10,000.

The cause of the explosion has not been determined. The BFD Safety Chief and the Arson Squad were called in to investigate.

★ Irish Exhibit Committee . . . The Irish Exhibit Committee of the Charlestown Historical Society's Bunker Hill Museum will meet at 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 18. The meeting will be held at the American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

Volunteers are needed to do research, assemble exhibit material and assist with the building of the exhibit.

* Design Review Committee . . . The Charlestown Preservation Society Design Review Committee will meet from 7:30 to 9 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 20 at the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

Homeowners with design issues may contact Ron Swenson at 242-9213 to be added to the agenda.

- * American Legion Meeting . . . Bunker Hill Post No. 26, The American Legion will hold its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 20 at the Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.
- **★ Board Of Appeal Hearings...** Petitions will be brought before the city of Boston Board of Appeal at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 21 in Room 801 at Boston City Hall:

· Gunwyn/Charlestown Limited Partnership (by Wireless PCS Inc. dba AT&T Wireless Services) are seeking permission to install roof-top antennae with related equipment on the 44-unit apartment building at 30 Monument Square, formerly Charlestown High School. (BZC-18627)

· David A. Parry seeks permission to construct a 20-foot dormer on 1 Henley St. and change the legal occupancy from a one-family to a two-family dwelling. (BZC-18590)

Persons with questions or concerns may call the board at 635-4775.

★ Central Artery/Tunnel Update . . . Nighttime Closure

Of Causeway Street On-Ramp

The I-93 southbound on-ramp at Causeway Street will be closed between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. from now to Jan. 22, with the exception of Friday and Saturday nights.

Traffic will be detoured through Causeway Street to Washington Street and to the Southbound on-ramp located in the Haymarket area.

★ Attention: Massachusetts Veterans ... All Mass, men and women who served in the United States military are eligible to receive free professional-level training, leading to careers in security, culinary arts, CDL Class 'B' driving, computer repair and computer operations and data entry.

The Veterans Technical Training Institute (Vet-Tech), located at the New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans in Boston, has openings for enrollment in these courses. If you are a veteran, currently unemployed or looking for a career change, Vet-Tech training may be the answer.

For more information, call Larry Spiegel at 371-1785,

* Recycling Program . . . The city of Boston Public Works Department Recycling Program conducts curbside recycling every week. Residents can recycle each week on their regular trash day. Materials to be put in the Blue recycling box for collection are plastic containers with the symbol and numbers 1-7, glass, tin, aluminum cans and foil, empty aerosol cans and aseptic packaging such as juice box containers. Please rinse out containers before placing them in the blue box.

Paper products collected include junk mail, office paper, cereal boxes magazines, phone books and corrugated cardboard. Please place paper items in a paper bag and place beside your blue box or tie with string. Cardboard can be folded and placed next to your blue box.

For more information on Recycling in Boston, call 635-4959 and for a missed pick-up, call the Sanitation Office at 635-

★ Operation A.B.L.E. . . . Free computer and business skills training is available for people 55 and older who meet Boston and Metro North residency requirements and income guidelines through Operation A.B.L.E. Applicants must want to work on a full- or part-time basis.

For more information, call 542-4180, or visit the open house each Friday at 10 a.m. on the fourth floor at 119 Beach St., Boston.

★ Safe Neighborhood Youth Grants...

Proposals for the third cycle of Safe Neighborhood Youth Fund Grants will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Feb. 7. Awarded in the form of mini-grants to neighborhood groups, organizations, churches and agencies, the initiative recompenses programs that promote and improve education and life skills. Violence prevention, dispute resolution, mediation skills, crisis intervention and youth leadership development are among the priority areas contemplated by the initiative.

Applicants must attend a prebidders conference on Tuesday, Jan. 28 at 9 a.m. in the Piemonte Room, 5th floor, Boston City Hall.

For a copy of the application and any additional information, please contact Kevin Stanton, Safe Neighborhoods Youth Fund manager, at 635-3140.

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News From Charlestown Catholic Elementary School



It's back to school in the new year for students at Charlestown Catholic. With just three weeks until marks close for the second marking period, teachers and students are working hard.

This week, parents of students in grades 2-8 will receive the results of the Standardized tests taken in the fall. An analysis of the results indicate that scores have improved since last year. Teachers continue to work with students to improve all areas of the curriculum.

Preparations are also underway for Catholic School Week which will be celebrated Jan. 26-31. A Mass at 9 a.m. at St. Catherine's Church on Monday, Jan. 27 will open the week, and all are invited. The theme this year, "We Are All One," will emphasize the unity of the school community, and our unity with all people. The older students will bring their younger prayer partners to the hall for milk and munchkins.

On Tuesday, Jan. 28, family, friends and those interested in registering a child are invited to open house from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. During the moming, each teacher will give a presentation. At noon, a special lunch will be prepared by the parents.

Games will highlight Wednesday. Prepared by



STUDENTS at the Charlestown Catholic Elementary School work on projects for their respective grades. TOP ROW: At the left, third graders Shanice Douglas, Caitlin Gallarelli, Shannon Devlin and Riordan Cannata look up their vocabulary words in the dictionary . . . On the right, fifth

graders Courtney Considine and James Dyer write a business letter to a company. BOTTOM ROW: On the left, seventh grader Courtney Wrenn works on her art project . . . At the right, fifth graders Ryan Hickey, Paul Collins and Ryan Murray take a break from their reading.

grades 7 and 8, these games will provide a fun time for students in grades K-6 for Student Appreciation Day.

Continuing the theme of unity, older and younger classes will work together on a project on Thursday.

Friday is Teacher Appreciation Day, and a prayer service, beginning at 11:30 a.m., will close the week.

Are you anxious to win \$5,000? Take a chance. Come to the \$5,000 Dinner/Dance and Drawing to benefit Charlestown Catholic. Call the school at 242-0169 before Jan. 24 to

purchase a ticket. A \$100 ticket entitles you to dinner for two and the chance to win \$5,000, \$300, \$200 or \$100.

Are you looking for a new school for your child? Is your child ready to begin kindergarten 1 (4 years old

by Sept. 1, 1997), kindergarten 2 (5 years old by Sept. 1, 1997), or grade 1 (6 years old by Sept. 1, 1997)?

Registration will be held on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 10 and 11. Parent and child must come for registration. The parent must bring a copy of the child's birth certificate, a copy of the baptismal record if not baptized at St. Catherine's, St. Francis de Sales or St. Mary's, a copy of the immunizations, a copy of the report card for a child in grades 1-8, and a \$35 application fee. Call the school for further information.

The Kennedy Center Services At Community Sites

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Tuesday, Jan. 21 9 a.m. - Coffee

9:30 a.m. - Swim at the YMCA 10 a.m. - Plastic Embroidery 11:30 a.m.- Kit Clark Lunch

Wednesday, Jan. 22 9:15 a.m. - Bus to Stop & Shop

Thursday, Jan. 23 9 a.m. - Coffee 9 a.m. to noon - Secure Horizons 9:30 a.m. - Swim at the YMCA 10 a.m. - Crochet 11:30 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch 12:45 p.m. - Bingo

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Monday, Jan. 20 Closed for Martin Luther King Holiday

Tuesday, Jan. 21 8:30 a.m. - Coffee 10:30 a.m. - Hispanic Coffee Hour 1:30 p.m. - Home Health Aide Training

Wednesday, Jan. 22 8:30 a.m. - Coffee 10 a.m. - Healthy Exercise + 11:30 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch 12:45 p.m. - Bingo

Thursday, Jan. 23 8:30 a.m. - Coffee 9:30 a.m. - Bus to Stop & Shop

9:30 a.m. - Drop-In Goal Setting Group

1:30 p.m. - Home Health Aide Training 5 p.m. - Drop-In Goal Setting Group

PLAN AHEAD Jan. 29 - Birthday Lunch at 11:45 a.m.

Happy January Birthday to Dot Arsenault, Ellie Attanaisa, Dolly Baker, Bee Boyle, Lillian Buckley, Helen Burhoe, Dot Burke, Betty Celata, Carmella Chase, Marion Considine, Leo Cullity, Mary Dennehy, Ruth Deveau, Dorothy Dumas, Ann Elia, Edith Fawcett, Helen Harvey, Dot Keniston, Marion McLaughlin, Kathleen Sheehan, Wanda Sheehan, Rita Sullivan, Helen Taylor, Bob Urguhart and Margaret Wolsfelt.

Skating Opens At Public Garden

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department is once again pleased to offer free ice skating on the lagoon at the Public Garden.

The Skating on the Public Garden program will run now through Feb. 23, weather permitting. The hours of operation are Fridays from 4 to 9 p.m. and Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The lagoon will also host skating during

the February school break, Feb. 17 through 21, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Supervision, skate rentals and food sales will only be offered during these dates and times.

"Skating on the Public Garden has become a hallowed winter tradition for generations of Bostonians," said Parks Commissioner Justine M. Liff. "With the Jan. 24 opening of the Frog Pond on Boston Common, we expect to see more people than ever lacing up their skates and joining us for a day of fun in the outdoors."

Due to the fact that the Public Garden lagoon features a natural ice surface. skating conditions will depend on the weather and temperature. For further information on ice conditions, please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 635-4505.

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On Wednesday, Jan. 22 at 6:30 p.m., there will be an information night featuring a video, prizes, questions and refreshments, concerning the cruise to Bermuda aboard the Royal Majesty. All are welcome.

TRIP TO FOXWOODS

On Monday, Jan. 27, there will be a trip to Foxwoods Casino in Ledyard, Conn. The cost is \$12 per person, and includes transportation, \$10 food voucher, \$3 in pull-tabs and \$2 for Keno. The bus will leave at 7:30 a.m. and will return at approximately 6:30 p.m.

For more information, please call Snuggles at 635-5175.

Edwards Accepting Applications

The Clarence R. Edwards Middle School at 28 Walker St., Charlestown is now accepting applications for grades six through eight. Parents are invited to visit the school from 8:30 a.m. to noon, during the last two weeks of January.

There will be studentled tours from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays of these weeks to assist parents in discovering the school.

For more information, call 635-8516.

Wrap-Around Day Care At The Kennedy Center

Do you need day care before your child goes to school or after your child gets out of school? Is your child between the ages of 3 and 5?

The John F. Kennedy Center may be able to help. The center will be open for Wrap-Around Day Care from 7:30 to 9 a.m. and from 1:30 to 6 p.m.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please call JoAnn Doherty or Sherry O'Brien at 241-8866.

'Parenting Skills Part I' At The Charlestown Branch Library

Donna O'Brien, M.A. and M.Ed., member of Group Therapy Associates in Charlestown, will discuss "Sibling Rivalry" at the weekly adult discussion group meeting at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St., at 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 24.

She will cover sibling

relationships, dealing with other children in play settings, helping a child develop a sense of right and wrong and building trust in the parent-child relationship.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information, call the library at 242-1248.

Give Your Child A Healthy New Year!

Do your children have health insurance? Do you worry about the cost of keeping them healthy? If you do, you are not alone.

Many families in Mass. do not have health insurance coverage for their children because they cannot afford it! They either make too much to qualify for Medicaid, or they work part-time or are self-employed, or their place of work does not offer medical insurance. Private insurance premiums may be too expensive. So, their children go without medical coverage and their parents worry about how they will pay the doctor's bill when the children get sick.

Now, the State of Mass. and the Department of Public Health has expanded the Children's Medical Security Plan for families in such a bind. This health insurance is for children who are Mass. residents and are **not** eligible for Medicaid. They do not need a Social Security number.

The plan provides access to preventative and primary care services from 0 to 18 years of age. This means free regular checkups and immunizations that help keep kids healthy. Visits when your child is sick or hurt are just \$1 to \$5. There is coverage for medically necessary eye exams, hearing tests, xrays, lab and other tests your doctor orders, limited reimbursements for prescription drugs and more.

Many people qualify for this plan! For example, the plan is free for a family of four whose total household income is \$31,200 or below! For a family of four whose total income is between \$31,200 and \$62,400, the monthly premium is only \$10.50 per child. Those whose income is more than \$62,000, the monthly premium per child is \$52.50. This may be much more affordable than private health insurance plans. With the Children's Medical Security Plan, the amount you contribute is based on your family's size and income.

Kids have a way of getting sick or hurt when you least expect it or when you can least afford it. This plan covers the care most uninsured children go without. Ralph Minear M.D., MPH, chief of pediatrics and adolescent medicine at the MGH Charlestown HealthCare Center, believes that children should have eight check-ups before they are 2 years old! These check-ups often include important immunizations and tests. Most healthy children also visit their pediatrician due to illness and injury about four or five times a year. Without health insurance, this could be a large financial burden on families.

So stop worrying and keep your kids healthy by enrolling them in the Children's Medical Security Plan today! Call the Mass. General Hospital Community Health Associates at 485-6137 for information and an application. Translators in Spanish and Khmer are available. Give your child a Healthy New Year!

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Dr. Lorenzo Lewis, Medical Director of the MGH Charlestown HealthCare Center, is pleased to announce that two new specialists in Speech and Language Pathology have joined Sarah Rozenhal Ward in the Communications Disorders Department.

Elizabeth Delnickas

Elizabeth Delnickas received her Masters degree in Speech and Language Pathology from the University of Kansas. Beginning with her clinical fellowship in the Kansas City Public School system, she has accrued extensive experience in treating children with delays in speech and language. Locally, she has worked at the North Shore Children's Hospital as well as the United Cerebral Palsy Association.

Since speech and language development problems can begin when a child is very young, Elizabeth suggests that parents not only monitor their child's language development, but urges them to talk and read to their children from the time they are babies. It is important for parents to find the time to play with their children, as play gives them the opportunity to learn. Allowing children to "lead" the play will ensure that they will continue wanting to learn.

Elizabeth recommends that if, as a parent, "you feel that something is wrong, go with your gut instinct and get some help." Some early "red flags" to watch for indicating speech and language problems are: 1. children who have lots of ear infections; 2. children who are unable to engage

in "imitation" games; 3. children who have difficulty following directions; 4. children who are not talking by 18 months of age. Take them for an evaluation. The earlier speech and language problems are detected, the better the prognosis. If children do not get the basic foundation skills, problems will start to build. "Children who have language and learning difficulties in school, most likely had some problems when they were much younger," says Elizabeth. "Early intervention can really help."

Elizabeth, as a senior therapist at MGH Charlestown welcomes questions regarding speech and language development issues. She would like to pursue her goal of increasing awareness through education of parents, professionals and other members of the Charlestown community about normal and problematic speech development in an effort to promote early intervention. She can be reached at 724-8194.

Sasha Yampolsky

As a recent recipient of a Masters degree in Speech and Language Pathology from the MGH Institute for Health Professions, Sasha Yampolsky is looking forward to helping patients with various forms of communications disorders. This might include stuttering, developmental disorders such as dyslexia and other written language disorders, learning disabilities and acquired disorders such as speech and language difficulties following a stroke or a head injury.

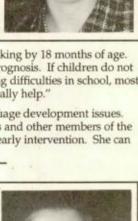
Sasha's undergraduate degree is in Electrical Engineering and Mathematics. She has worked at the Raytheon Company prior to entering the graduate program of Speech-Language Pathology. One of her clinical rotations was at an augmentative communication company (CAST) where she received extensive training in computer-aided communication used by patients with MS or Cerebral Palsy. Because of her mathematical background, Sasha is especially skilled at helping those with specific problems in math. Of special interest to Sasha is the disorder "acalculia," which is a math/calculation deficit acquired after a stroke or other neurological diseases.

Having come to the United States when she was 9 year old from Russia, Sasha is fluent in Russian and speaks French as well. Part of her internship was spent in an elementary school of bilingual Russian children who had written and spoken language difficulties.

In her treatment of patients, she feels it is very important for the family to be involved. She will teach the skills to family members so that they can "carry-over" the therapy at home. Sasha believes in "functional" therapy, which means teaching a patient the skills to enable them to get along in "real life," in school or at a job. She advises that parents watch for early signs of written language problems, such as children having much trouble "rhyming," which can be noticed well before they start to learn to read.

 ${f I}$ n her spare time, Sasha enjoys tennis, skiing, traveling and is a published poet.

Appointments for evaluations and treatment of speech and language disorders can be made with Sasha at MGH Charlestown by calling 724-8194.



'Townie Santa' Volunteers Deliver Christmas Packages To Charlestown's Elderly, Needy, Shut-ins



An outpouring of holiday spirit was much in evidence on Dec. 22 as volunteers gathered at the Mary Colbert Apartments to prepare for the delivery of holiday packages to 100 of Charlestown's elderly, needy shut-ins.

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

Meanwhile at The American Legion Hall, Sandy Griffin of Griffin Caterers and her group of volunteers, prepared and packaged over 120 hot turkey dinners to be delivered along with the Christmas packages.

Teamsters Local 25 provided its van, and retiree Mel Stillman was the director. The crew, that included Ed Connolly from the International Longshoremen's Association, loaded the van and began delivery to recipients in the Bunker Hill Housing Development.

The weather was sunny this year, and a spirited group of volunteers started the delivery at 11 a.m. and returned for two or three more trips. People from all walks of life, ranging in age from youngsters to senior citizens, helped in any way they could to see that deliveries were made for this special holiday project.

The volunteers, faced with the awesome task of delivering boxes filled with food items, toiletries and gifts, along with four shopping bags and a hot turkey dinner to each of the recipients went out with much enthusiasm. As with any task, willing hands make the project easier, and that Sunday was no exception.

Many organizations and businesses pitched in - with the involvement of some extending back over the previous two weeks as they packed the boxes. Among those taking part were the crew members of the USS Constitution, including her commanding officer CDR. Michael C. Beck, USN, and his children; a team from the Boston National Historical Park, led by Bill Foley, chief of interpretation; The Teen Connection of the Charlestown Community Centers; and the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club.

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

This program would not be possible if it were not for the generosity of the residents, businesses and organizations that donate money, goods and services each year. Also, it is the devotion of a small group called the Townie Santa Committee who work all through the year to plan for this holiday project that makes it happen each Christmas.

The Townie Santa Committee extends its thanks to all who participated in any way and welcomes all interested persons to join the committee in planning for "Townie Santa 1997."

A meeting to review the delivery of 1996 and make preliminary plans for 1997 will be held at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 3 at the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.



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♣ Charlestown High Lights . . . Thanks to the combined efforts of the Tallent family, who were wide awake on Sunday morning, we learned that Freddy Arroyo scored his first varsity goal and Paul Hennessey notched his first high school shutout as the 5-1-0 hockey Townies dropped O'Bryant 5-0. Bobby Krol, Pat Lacey, Eric Burns and Pat Walsh, the scoring machine, also had Charlestown goals. West Roxbury is this week's opponent.

Charlestown's hoopsters continue to rock the City League. The lady Townies defeated Brighton 69-62 behind another all-scholastic performance by Nicole Matson, who had 36 points. A trip to Madison Park, and another big win - lady Townies 58, Cardinals 31.

Not to be outdone, the boys rolled to 7-0. Brighton fell 73-51 behind the sharp shooting of junior Jamal Francis, who had 20 points and 8 assists, and senior guard Hugh Coleman, who dropped in 14 points. Madison Park dropped in for a visit, and like so many others in recent years, went home shocked and socked 80-44. Francis led the Townie scorers with a 21 points, and Ed Walker and Ian Urquhart chipped in 15 points each. Wilbraham star and former Charlestown standout Scott Clark dropped in for a visit.

This week, the basketball teams will be playing East Boston and South Boston. If everything goes as expected, the boys' game at home today, Jan. 16, versus South Boston, will be a battle of the undefeated! Be there!

Boston North Volleyball Team All-Stars are Elizabeth Correa and Carol Correa.

♣ Pro Line . . . Keith Tkachuk tallied his 27th goal of the season, but it wasn't enough as Phoenix was defeated by Buffalo 3-2 in overtime. The Coyotes enter the week tied with St. Louis and Chicago for third place in the Western Division. The team record is 19-21-4 and Keith's totals read 27 goals, 21 assists, 48 points not bad after getting off to a very slow start.

Tom Fitzgerald scored his 7th goal of the season and snapped a losing streak in defeating Calgary 4-1. Florida is four points behind first place Philadelphia and one point ahead of third place New York in the tight Atlantic Division race. The Panthers record is 22-11-9.

♣ Idle Thought . . . No matter where they build the football stadium, it must have a dome! It was a bit chilly at Foxboro on Sunday, and this is New England. Go Pats!

♣ C-Town Baseball Takes A Hit... On behalf of all the young people who play baseball in Charlestown, I would like to commend the person(s) who decided to wreck the clubhouse down at the Neck. You did a great job in ransacking the place and destroying equipment. In times when it is tough to raise money, you certainly made an impact. Congratulations... you certainly found a way to hurt

young kids!

♣ College Board ... Jon Lent is a member of the Iona hockey team ... UMass-Boston was defeated by Middlebury. The Beacons have dropped to 4-6-0.

♣ High School Prep Notebook . . . Three cheers for the Don Bosco Hockey Bears. They are very good, hard-working decent kids who are giving 100 percent. Nothing else needs to be said. Members of the Don Bosco Varsity Team are Billy Conley, Jimmy Cullity, Tim Cahill, Mike Upton, Ken McDonough, Tim Rourke, Bryan Page, Matt Spencer, Joe Seeley, Mike Quigg, Timmy Hayes, Nick Redmond Andy Kefalis, Terry Flaherty, Mike Sweeney, Stephen Ford, Mike McPherson, Scott Collins, Tommy Christopher and Liam Lynch.

It was an exciting week for Nick Smith and his Boston Latin Wolf Pack. The Latin hoopsters defeated Westford 71-69 in overtime. Daryl Edwards sank the game-winner with just four seconds to go, and whipped Xaverian 69-62 in a non-league battle, and once more it was OT. Latin is undefeated. On the ice, Jimmy Mahoney and his Latin Wolf Pack had an exciting week. The Boston Latin hockey team stopped Andover 3-1 and Concord Carlisle 2-1.

Malden Catholic Icemen are being seen and heard. The Lancers stung BC High 3-2, and topped Xaverian 4-2. The record right now is 6-1-2.

Matignon picked up a couple of more impressive hockey wins, defeating St. Bernard 5-1 and Arlington Catholic 7-2.

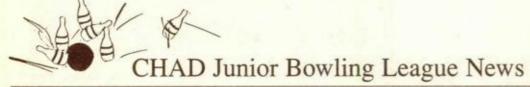
On the hardwood, Captain Brian Ward and his Arlington Catholic team defeated Archbishop Williams 73-50, and BCH derailed Don Bosco 81-42. Cathedral fell 75-63 to Bishop Fenwick.

In the pool, let's not forget the great job senior Matthew Chardovoyne does for the Boston Latin swim team.

No, I didn't forget the fact that Billy Burke had three goals and two assists in the Snowden 8-4 win versus O'Bryant.

♣ Tidbits... Birthday best to Monique Matarazzo... Debbie and Gail, your assignment from the CHS cafeteria staff is to write 100 times, "This is a toaster. This is a washing machine."... Mel Gibson, Mrs. G would like the bagpipe with the "silencer" ... Glad to hear that Jay Sousa is feeling better ... Good news from the CHS office, Janet and Sissy have invented a SlimFast bagel ... Paul Comier is no longer a bachelor! ... Who is Bobby Krol Simpson? ... Countdown: 94 ... Mrs. O'Brien is learning to cook eggplant ... Glad to hear Dom T. is OK ... Hello to Roger B!

Smile!





Crickets is the first-half champion in the CHarlestown Against Drugs (CHAD) Junior Bowling League.

In a match between the first- and second-place teams, Cricket's defeated the Diane Modica team in a 6-2 match. Marianne Kissane was top bowler for the Cricket's team, bowling a 245 triple. Runner up was Chris Schievink, who bowled 211. Danny Kissane bowled 203 and Brent Awbrey bowled 184.

Congratulations to the Cricket's team. They will face the winner of the second half in the championship game at the end of the season.

Top bowler for the Modica team was Richie Burns, who though under the weather, bowled a strong 238 triple. The runner up was Chris Chiampa, who bowled 203.

The Shamrocks slamdunked the Bunker Hill Real Estate team 8-0. Top bowler for the Shamrocks was Jon Paul Awbrey with 229, and runner-up was David Grace with 194. Top bowler for Bunker Hill Real Estate was Mike Shackford with 223, and runner-up was Shawn Burke with 196.

The Charlestown Patriot bumped off the Kennedy Center 7-1. Top bowler for the Patriot was Craig Gaudette with 229, and runner-up was Sara Johnson with 176. Top bowler for the Kennedy Center was Brendan Grace with 186, and runner-up was Nicole Chiampa with 163.

The Red Store threw a shutout at the American

Legion team 8-0. Top bowler for The Red Store was Steven Awbrey with 239, and runner-up was Alex Gaudette with 214. Top bowler for the American Legion was Sheilann Williams with 258, and runner-up was Andrew Foley with 171.

The McCarthy Brothers team split 4-4 with the Jenny's team. Top bowler for the McCarthy Brothers was Matt Paley with 255, and the runner-up was Jared Silva with 181. Top bowler for Jenny's was Jimmy Kissane with 267, and the runner-up was Ryan Stillman with 192.

Bowlers of the week are Jim Kissane 267, Sheilann Williams 258, Matt Paley 255, Marianne Kissane 245, Steven Awbrey 239, Richie Burns 238, Jon Paul Awbrey 229, Craig Gaudette 229, Mike Shackford 223 and Alex Gaudette 214.

Bowlers trying the hardest are Eryn Burke 131, Keri McGuire 135, Joe Awbrey 146, Jessica Grace 153, Michelle Williams 162, Casey Durham 169, Sara Johnson 176, Brent Awbrey 184 and Chris Chiampa 203.

See you all on Saturday at 11:30 a.m. sharp!

Standings W L

Cricket's	58	30
Red Store	53	35
Diane Modica	50	38
McCarthy Bros.	48	40
American Legion	47	41
Jenny's Pizza	42	46
Chas'n. Patriot	37	51
Kennedy Center	35	53
B.H. Real Estate	32	56
Shamrocks	30	58



Healthy Charlestown Coalition

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NEXT COALITION MEETING

The next monthly meeting of the Healthy Charlestown Coalition will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 21 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Kennedy Center's Drop-In Resource Center located in the BHA Administration Building at 55 Bunker Hill Street.

At this meeting, we will discuss our plans for the Community Awareness component of the MGH Substance Abuse Initiative. There will also be updates from the Violence Prevention Team, the mini-grant sub-committee and a recap of the coalition's joint planning session with CHarlestown Against Drugs (CHAD).

PLANNING RETREAT

As part of the coalition's involvement in the Mass, General Hospital's substance abuse initiative, we will participate in a joint planning retreat with members of CHAD. The planning session will take place on Friday, Jan. 17 in the Hull Room at the Charlestown Navy Yard from 12:30 to 5 p.m.

The goal of this meeting is to enhance the coordination of substance abuse prevention programs in Charlestown for the upcoming year. If any individual or organization would like to participate in this planning session or has any information that would assist our efforts in coordinating substance abuse resources and programs in the community, please do not hesitate to call the coalition office.

If any local organization or individual who lives or works in the Charlestown community would like to become involved with the coalition, contact Danny Ryan at the coalition office, 241-3756.

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CHARLESTOWN BOYS & GIRLS CLUB NEWS

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* EDUCATION

Best Year In School Ever Program - We sold 2,880 lollipops!!! A great big thanks to all those who bought lollipops from "Best Year" members during December. The money raised will be put toward reducing the cost of "Best Year's" ski trip on Feb. 19. A special thank you goes out to St. Catherine's and Boys & Girls Club bingo players for helping support our sales.

The Number 1 seller was Fallon Leonard, selling a total of 390 lollipops. Great job, Fallon!

Attention All High School Seniors! - Deadlines for college applications are quickly approaching and passing. If you need help with any applications, you should see Maureen O'Mara immediately!

Diane Gandolfo is in the Teen Education Room every Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. for anyone who needs help with homework. You don't have any excuses!

Tutoring Workshop - Thanks to Pat Doherty, Karen Kearney, Diane Blumstein, Kathleen Mortimer and Patricia Freeman, who attended our tutoring workshop. Thanks also to Christine Mahan who did a presentation on helping the children to read.

Art Room Wish List - We are looking for old magazines, pictures, cardboard tubes, ribbon, buttons, paper bags, newspaper and styrofoam balls. If you could donate any of these materials, it would be greatly appreciated.

Don't Forget! - We are learning about Mythology every Thursday at 4 p.m. in the library.

Do You Like To Draw? - If you are in the sixth grade,

From Jerry's Desk ...



ATTENTION ALL ALUMNI!!

As most of you know, the Boys & Girls Club has hosted a reunion for Boys Club members every January on the weekend before the Super Bowl. This year, the event will instead be held in the spring and will be in support of the renovation of the club's facility.

Details on this event will be mailed to all alumni as soon as they are available. In the meantime, we ask all of our alumni to participate in the Bricks Campaign. Please call Jerry Steimel at the club is you have any questions.

come up to the club to find out about the animation class which will start the end of January. Talk to Jenny.

* TEEN CENTER

New Year's Eve Party - There were 23 teens who participated in the New Year's Eve bash. The teens went out to the movies and had Chinese food when they got back to the club. The evening was a great success!

Latin Basketball Game - On Jan. 3, the teens went to watch one of their fellow teens, Nick Smith, over at Latin. Latin defeated Acton-Boxboro.

Ski Trip - Eleven teens will be going to Wachusett Mountain on Saturday, Jan. 25 for a day of skiing. The money is due by Wednesday, Jan. 22.

Sign-Ups - There will be sign-ups for trip to Amesbury Sports Park and two more ski trips on Tuesday, Jan. 21. First-come, first-served as spaces are limited. See Sharon.

Keystone Club - The Keystone Club will participate in a Peer Mediation Training session for six weeks. The training begins on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 3 p.m. See Sharon.

Super Bowl Party - On Sunday, Jan. 26, the Teen Center will be open for the game. There will be pizza and soda. Come and join in on the fun! Sign up with Sharon.

* SPORTS REPORT

Boys 12 & Under Basketball - The boys team opened up the season with a tough loss to a strong Newton team 38-27. A tough game was played by all the kids with guard Bucky Jones scoring 17 points for Charlestown.

Swim Team - The Boys & Girls Club swim team lost a close meet to Arlington on Friday night. Their next meet will be this Saturday, Jan. 18 at Billerica. Good luck to the team!

* UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday, Jan. 18 - A Volunteers Mystery Trip will take place from noon to 3 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 24 - Third annual Beach Party will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. for ages 6 to 13.



CHAD Tennis Team Starts New Year With Win Over Winchester

After a couple of weeks off because of the Christmas holidays, the CHarlestown Against Drugs (CHAD) traveling tennis squad was out on the road again looking for some competition last Saturday.

They found it in the town of Winchester where they met its junior team in an entertaining match.

The kids played a round-robin tournament, with the win going to the team with the most total games accumulated. This time, the local kids came away with a close victory by edging Winchester with a total score of 23 to 21 games.

The match was played in a very fun and friendly atmosphere where both teams graciously competed on and off for close to two hours. Once again, the CHAD kids showed a lot of improvement and enthusiasm by striking great shots from all areas of the court with confidence.

Participants in Saturday's match were: Nick and Matt Phillipi, John Fabiano, Brian Knowlak, Seth Stulgis, Saba and Jappette

Next for the CHAD squad is a rematch against Westford this coming Saturday.

- Tom Desmond

BHCC Offering Telecourses

Bunker Hill Community College is offering a variety of courses this spring on public education television, WGBX-TV, Channel 44.

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Telecourses being offered for the Spring 1997 semester include: psychology, sociology, management, college math, science, government, history, philosophy, film, Spanish, Italian, French and Portuguese.

Registration is now taking place. To register, receive a brochure describing the courses, or for more information, contact the Telecourse Office at 228-2350 or 228-2225.

Charlestown Gym Hockey News

Standings - Ja	n. 11		
	W	L	T
Bunker Hill Florist	12	2	1
The Horseshoe	11	3	1
Bunker Hill Insurance	9	4	1
Jimmy's On Top	9	6	0
Bryan's Pals	8	5	2
Main St. Furniture	8	6	1
Grant Photo	6	7	1
Dunny's Pals	5	8	2
Kerrigan's	3	11	0
Li'l Al's	2	10	1
T. J.'s Kids	1	13	0

Players of the Week - Jan. 4 Bryan's Pals Katy Locke Sal Lainez B. H. Florist Michael McLaughlin Matthew Whalen Bunker Hill Insurance Greg Meena Sarah Sherman Dunny's Pals Timmy Donahue Roslyn Arroyo Grant Photo Caitlin Coleman Courtney Ferriera Michael Woods Jimmy's On Top Kathleen Sullivan

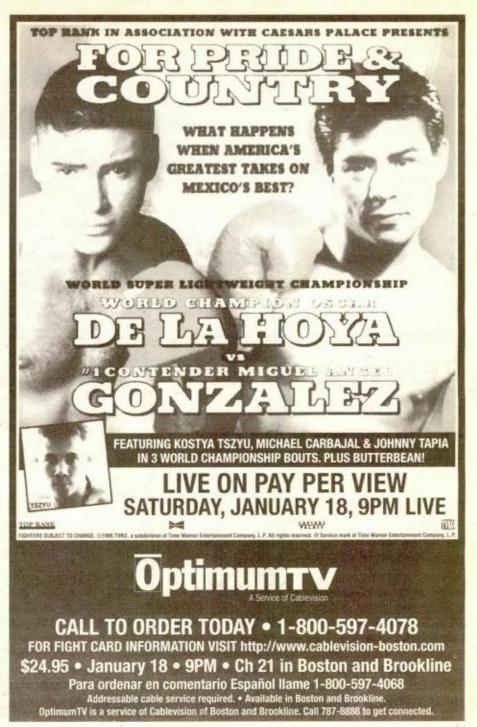
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	Caitlin Walsh
Main St. Furniture,	Seamus Lynch
Medford	Derek O'Brien
The Horseshoe	Ryan Mulrey
	David Zimmerle
T. J.'s Kids	Shannon Devlin
	John Burton

Players of the Week - Jan. 11 Everyone, adults and kids, who braved the weather and came.

Charlestown Gym Hockey will hold its annual Comedy Night Fund Raiser tomorrow night, Friday, Jan. 17 from 8 p.m. to midnight at the K. of C. Hall.

Tickets are only \$10 and can be purchased at the door on the night of the event, or by calling: Debbie or Kerrie Lent at 241-8656, Jimbo Tucker at 242-3470, or Timmy Dacey at 242-1937.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m., so get there early to get a good seat. Thank you for your support.



How Can You Help The Old Ironsides Penny Campaign? Send or bring your donation, in any amount, to: Old Ironsides Penny Campaign, Charlestown Cooperative Bank, P.O. Box 38, Charlestown, MA 02129. Funds raised during this campaign will go to purchase sails for the ship in celebration of her 200th anniversary this year. It is hoped that she will sail out into the harbor under her own power for the first time since 1881.

St. Catherine's Holiday Bazaar Featured Gifts, Games And Surprises photos by Kathy Whitehouse



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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



Thank You!

I would like to thank all my friends for the get well cards, flowers and visits. A special thanks for all the prayers - that is why I came through the surgery the way I

Thanks again, Catherine O'Brien

Thank You!

Dear Daughters of Isabella #1,

I would like to thank you for the beautiful Christmas cactus plant that you sent to me after my accident. Your kindness and thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

I wish you all a safe and Happy New Year.

Sincerely, Diane Wrenn

Thank You, Townie Santa!

Dear Gloria,

I didn't exactly know where to send this note.

I want to express my thanks to Townie Santa for the generous packages and the lovely turkey dinner that was delivered to me on Dec. 22.

The two ladies that delivered them were delightful. Thanks again.

> Sincerely, A Grateful Townie

Is Stealing Your Profession?

To The Editor:

This is written to the person who stole money from my jacket pocket just before Christmas. I had that money for Christmas gifts. I worked hard for that money - you know the amount you took from me.

Why don't you get a job, or is stealing your profession. I had no gifts to give because of you, although I'm sure you don't care. You got my money - that's all you cared about.

At one time, you could trust people in Charlestown that's not possible anymore. You are a real loser.

A True Townie

Thank You For The Christmas Box

To everyone that contributed to my Christmas box from "Townie Santa," I have to thank you so much.

My grandmother used to say, "When you have bad luck, you're paying for your past sins." Well, God must have made up with me. That was the biggest and best Christmas box I ever saw - everything I needed and wanted, and even the right brands. I really appreciate it and thank everyone who helped.

God bless you one and all,

It Was An Outstanding Story!

To the editor:

I congratulate Globe reporter Mary Hurley for her outstanding commentary on Terry Ring in the Sunday Globe's City Weekly section on Dec. 22. Over the years like many other folks in Charlestown, I have come to know Terry Ring. She could just relax and say let someone else do it, but that isn't Terry Ring. She endures her pain knowing she's helping those kids down at Charles-

Terry's Townie roots ring on in this new year. Her words are few, but her deeds are many. Actions speak louder than words. Sal Giarratani

Thank You, Head Start

It is with great sadness and hesitation that I am announcing my retirement from Head Start after 28 years. I have always considered Head Start as my second home and will be leaving with a heavy heart.

Over the years there have been many challenges and difficulties, but the achievements and rewards were greater. Working for the people, families and community of Charlestown, has given me the most happiness and memorable years of my life. I will truly miss teaching.

> Thank you Peggy Cochran Foti

McLaughlin House Thanks The Charlestown Patriot

The staff, board and clients of the Dennis McLaughlin House of Charlestown Inc. would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Gloria and Jim Conway for publishing our article "Seeking Secret Santas For The Children of the Mc-Laughlin House." Dozens of Secret Santas from Charlestown and the Greater Boston community contributed toward making the Christmas of 1996 a very special one for the mothers and children of the McLaughlin House.

We really appreciate the way that the staff of The Patriot sincerely cares about Charlestown and actively works to help improve the quality of life for the people living in this Sincerely,

Cathy Qualitz, executive director, and Sharon Paulo, case manager

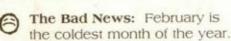
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- THE WALL

We would like to express our deep appreciation to our family and all of our friends for their love and support during the loss of our daughter, Tayla Marie. Your expressions of sympathy will be in our hearts forever. With all our love . . . Robin & Tim Headle

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For purposes of both the tax credit and the income exclusion, qualified adoption expenses include such items as adoption fees, court costs and attorney fees. Both new tax breaks apply only to adoptions of children under the age of 18 or individuals who are physically or mentally incapable of taking care of themselves.

As you might expect, these tax breaks come with some fine print. For example, you can't benefit from the credit and the exclusion for the same expenses, foreign adoptions are subject to certain limitations, and adoption of a spouse's child isn't covered at all. Any payments made by your employer must be part of an "adoption assistance program," and this program must meet a number of technical requirements.

The credit and the exclusion are both limited to \$5,000 of qualified adoption expenses per child, except for adoptions of children with "special needs," in which case the limit generally increases to \$6,000. Both tax breaks are phased out beginning at \$75,000 of adjusted gross income, and they are completely eliminated at \$115,000 of income. Only the credit for adoption of special needs children is scheduled to continue indefinitely. The other adoption breaks expire at the end of 2001.

Many people will welcome these new tax provisions. But to make the most of them, you'll probably need to do some careful tax planning. Please give us a call if we can help.

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THE CHARLESTOWN POLICE LINE

From the desk of Capt. Ronald X. Conway, Commander, District A-1, Boston Police Department

Monday, Jan. 6

Someone smashed the front window of the Bunker Hill Laundromat.

Tuesday, Jan. 7

A person on Medford Street was approached by a carload of youths who made threatening remarks.

A motor vehicle parked on Phipps Street was damaged.

A person was assaulted at the rear of 161 Bunker Hill St.

A motor vehicle was struck by unknown person(s) at

Monument Avenue and Main Street.

Wednesday, Jan. 8

A person involved in a motor vehicle accident on Rutherford Avenue sustained neck and back injuries.

A suspect was arrested at Main and Sullivan streets for

Legal Notice

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
Suffolk Division
Docket No. 96D-2113

Summons By Publication Cheryl Ann Freeman, Plaintiff

Neil C. Freeman, Defendant

To the above named Defendant:

A complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff, Cheryl Ann Freeman, seeking an action for divorce.

You are required to serve upon Cheryl Ann Freeman plaintiff - whose address is 51 Colonial Ave., Apt. # 1-R, Dorchester, MA 02124, your answer on or before March 13, 1997. If you fail to do so, the Court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Boston.

Witness, Mary C. Fitzpatrick, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Boston, this 30th day of December 1996.

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A woman was assaulted on Main Street by a person who claimed she did not like her family.

Thursday, Jan. 9

A motor vehicle parked on Main Street was struck by another motor vehicle, the driver of which failed to make him/herself known, causing the motor vehicle to hit the one in front of it resulting in the motor vehicle sustaining frontand rear-end damage.

Friday, Jan. 10

The Burger King in the Bunker Hill Mall was robbed by three males wielding kitchen knives.

Saturday, Jan. 11

Some time between Sept. 1, 1996 and Jan. 7, 1997, there

Children's Film Program At The Charlestown Branch Library

The Film Program for Children will be presented at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St. on Tuesday, Jan. 21 at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Two children get wet giving their cat a bath in "Let's Give Kitty a Bath"

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was a breaking and entering at the Ryan Park recreation room. Various items were stolen.

It's A Girl . . .

Mark and Joann Corwin are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Jessica Kate, on Dec. 16.

The maternal grandparents are Joan Enos and the late John Enos of Charlestown.

The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Mike Corwin of Marshfield.

Jessica's maternal great-grandparents are Mr.

and Mrs. Harold Greatorex of Charlestown, and the late Mr. and Mrs. John Enos of Charlestown.

Her paternal greatgrandparents are Genevieve Flynn and the late Andrew Flynn of Plymouth, and Walter Corwin and the late Charlotte Corwin of Quincy.

Mrs. Corwin is the former Joann Enos of Charlestown.

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"Winter Stories and Crafts" will be the topic of a special program at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St., on Friday, Jan. 24 at 3:30 p.m.

Stories and crafts on the theme of winter and snow will be presented. Seating is limited and preregistration is required. Unfortunately, groups cannot be accommodated.

For more information, call 242-1248.

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Most holy apostle. St. Jude, faithful ser. vant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron of hopeless cases, of things most despaired of. Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use I implore you, of that particular privilege given to you to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations and sufferings, particularly (Here make your request) and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever, I promise, O blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen. Thank you for prayers answered.

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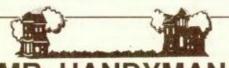
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CNC Looks To Plans For The Future As The Community Moves Toward The 21st Century

(continued from page 1) and members Marty O'Brien, Peg Bradley, Ken Stone, David Whelan, Bill McCabe, Edna Kelly, John Dillon, Bill Galvin, Judy Brennan, Don Haska, John Iacoi, Dan Kovacevic, Danny Ryan and Kate Mc-Donough.

Representatives of AT&T Wireless Services presented the company's intention to locate its technology atop 30 Monument Square, former-Charlestown High School, now condominiums. AT&T currently has nine antennae at the Schrafft Center.

Six antennae, placed in two sets of three 2-feet tall, 3-inch-deep and 4-inchwide boxes, are proposed for the Monument Square site to serve as one of AT&T's initial 40 Bostonarea wireless sites. Representatives described AT&T's product as advanced intelligence which has text- and voice-message abilities.

Council members expressed concerns about how AT&T Wireless Services would impact on Charlestown, including the affect of the antennae on the historical and residential Monument Square and the precedent set for competing companies looking for other Charlestown sites in the future.

The issue was referred to the Basic Services Committee Chairman Bill Galvin who will hold a meeting to discuss abutters' concerns with AT&T representatives tonight, Thursday, Jan. 16 at the American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St., at 7 p.m.

Representatives of the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club staff and board of directors requested the council's support in working with the community on the

upcoming \$4 million-renovation of its High Street facility.

According to Clubhouse Director Jerry Steimel, the Charlestown building has had no major renovations since its 1918 reconstruction. Abutters and community organizations have already expressed concerns for the Boys & Girls Club intentions for the site. The council is expected to assist in the community discussion and design process through public meetings with abutters, neighbors and club representatives.

While Attorney Pat Sweeney explained that they have the footprint for construction plans and the program space that must fit into it, they have not yet hired an architect. CNC members asked for specific timelines as quickly as possible. The issue was refer-

red to the Development Committee which will host a Tuesday, Jan. 21 public meeting at the club's High Street building at 7 p.m.

In committee reports, Public Safety Committee Co-Chairman John Dillon reported that 242 calls were made to police in December. There were 24 arrests, six of which were drug-related.

Cunha reported that the Development Committee will hold a Thursday, Jan. 23 meeting on the latest delay of the redevelopment of Parcel R-87, which borders Tremont and Prospect streets and Lowney Way.

The original Jan. 9 meeting was cancelled, Cunha said, by the Public Facilities Department which was expected to redevelop the site beginning this year. However, the Boston Redevelopment Authority has regained responsibility for Parcel R-87, and plans are once again uncertain. The Jan. 23 meeting will be held at the American Legion Hall at 7 p.m.

Basic Service Committee Chairman Galvin reported the committee's recommendation to oppose the location of a takeout pizza and sub shop at 219 Bunker Hill St. This was based on the concerns of abutters as to cooking odors blowing into their homes, it becoming a high school and teen hangout, and not being compatible with new residences and business neighbors. The council approved the committee's recommendation.

Council Chairman Peter Looney announced that members are encouraged to participate on any of the council's 14 existing committees. Danny Ryan was appointed to chair the

Youth Committee.

In old business, Billboard Chairman Ken Stone reported that Murphy Communications had resubmitted a request to present its plans to locate a billboard in the Sullivan Square area of Charlestown to the council. In December, that request was not supported by the members. Council members upheld their decision not to consider locating any new billboards in any part of the community.

Looney was also asked to follow up on any development on the reconstruction of Bunker Hill Street by the city. The community has been asking the city for an update since last summer.

The next monthly meeting of the CNC will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 4 at the K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St., at 7 p.m.

Norembega Women's Club Holds Holiday Party



Volunteer Makes A Difference For Children

level of compassion and commitment to the most vulnerable children of the commonwealth, Sharon Couillard-O'Brien of Charlestown has become a volunteer case reviewer with the Department of Social Services (DSS). She will assist in reviewing cases of abused or neglected chil-

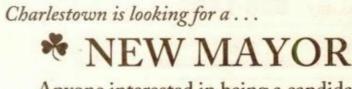
"Volunteer case reviewers play an integral role in the lives of children who have suffered from maltreatment. These volunteers offer a fresh, community perspective during some very tough decisionmaking review sessions," said DSS Commissioner Linda K. Carlisle.

cently completed a 1 1/2day training session and is expected to review at least one case per month during the year. By law, each child's case is reviewed every six months to ensure that the necessary and appropriate services are being provided. The review is conducted by a three-member panel, which always includes a volunteer from the child's community.

"The influx of drugs and the proliferation of domestic violence is taking a major toll on the children of the commonwealth. Each year, more and more children are reported to DSS due to issues of abuse and neglect. We need to

Demonstrating a high Couillard-O'Brien re- enlist the help of members of the communities where these children come from. While we realize that not everyone can become foster or adoptive parents to children in need, volunteering as a case reviewer is an important service to the community, as well as a rewarding experience," added Carlisle.

> DSS is always looking for new volunteers. The agency has a strong commitment in ensuring that the volunteers match the ethnicity of the child they are reviewing, as well as live in the same community as the child. Please call 1-800-423-2022 for more information on becoming a volunteer case reviewer.



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