

# CHARLESTOWN PATRIOT

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## around the town

### ★ Neighborhood Council Meetings ... Commercial Zoning Meeting

Zoning Committee Chairman Tom Cunha has announced that the last of the special meetings on the zoning of Charlestown will be held at 7 p.m. tonight, Thursday, Jan. 29, at the K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St. This meeting will focus on the zoning of commercial properties in the town.

### Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting of the council, chaired by Peter Looney, will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 3 at the K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Scheduled to be present to address community residents and business persons is Thomas J. O'Brien, executive director, Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA). He will speak on BRA property in the community and development issues in Charlestown.

### Precinct 5 And 6

#### Resident Parking Meeting

The Neighborhood Council will facilitate a follow-up community meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 10, on resident parking for Precincts 5 and 6. It will be held at Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

Petitions circulated to ask for resident parking on specific streets in the two precincts should be returned at that time.

For further information, contact Jim Mansfield of the Boston Transportation Department at 635-2447.

### Public Safety Committee Meeting

Co-chairmen John Dillon and Bill McCabe announce that the Public Safety Committee will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at a site to be announced. Officer Bill Smith of the Boston Police Department is scheduled to be present.

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

### ★ From The Desk Of Councillor Scapicchio ...

Charlestown residents who are concerned about the I-93 off-ramp onto Cambridge Street being constructed as part of the Central Artery project, are invited to attend a meeting in the Curley Room at Boston City Hall. It will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 3.

District One Boston City Councillor Paul Scapicchio will hold office hours from noon to 1 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 5 at the Golden Age Center, 382 Main St.

★ **Judy's On Vacation** ... Judy Evers, regional coordinator for the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, is on a vacation from now to Feb. 4. Residents who have issues relative to city services should call the mayor's 24-hour hotline at 635-

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## 'Breakfast With Santa' A Holiday Treat At St. Francis de Sales



CHILDREN gathered with Father Daniel J. Mahoney, pastor of St. Francis de Sales parish, in Bishop Lawton Hall to await a visit from Santa Claus during the annual "Breakfast With Santa" festivities held just before the holidays. Shown front row (l. to r.) Ryan DeRosa, Colin Murphy, Kayla DeRosa, Nolan Carrier, Jack Travis and Daniel Travis. Second row (l. to r.) Patrick Walsh, Kieran Kelly, Patrick DeRosa and Diana Kelly. In the back row is Erin Walsh with Father Mahoney.

(photo by Kathy Whitehouse)

## Boys & Girls Club Announces \$2.6 Million Donation

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston has announced they recently received a donation of \$2.6 million, the largest single gift in the agency's 105-year history.

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N. Ansin and Ronald M. Ansin have made this incredible donation in memory of their late parents, Sidney and Sophie Ansin.

The Ansins intend that the largest portion of their gift will be used

to support the renovations of the agency's Charlestown clubhouse.

More details on the planned renovations of the clubhouse will be available in the near future.

## Precinct 5 And 6 Residents Come Out In Support Of Resident Parking

Approximately 50 residents of Precincts 5 and 6 met in Bishop Lawton Hall at St. Francis de Sales Church on Jan. 22 to discuss parking issues. Residents in attendance were unanimous in their interest to initiate a resident-only parking program in these two precincts.

The meeting was facilitated by Bill McCabe, co-chairman of the Charles-

town Neighborhood Council (CNC) Public Safety Committee; along with Richard McCarthy, Precinct 5 representative on the CNC; and Jim Allwood, the CNC's Precinct 6 representative.

Richard Lipscombe represented the Boston Transportation Department. He offered information on the program and fielded questions from the residents.

Petitions were distributed to residents who will be canvassing the streets to gather signatures of residents in support of a resident parking program. They will be returned at the next committee meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 10 at Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

McCarthy is coordinating petitions for Precinct 5 and Allwood is the coordinator for Precinct 6 petitions.

For more information, contact Jim Mansfield at BTB at 635-2447.

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#### SERVICES FOR CHARLESTOWN RESIDENTS

##### Monday

• **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 resume on Feb. 9.**

• **5:30 to 6:30 p.m.** - Nicotine Anonymous support group meeting, Armed Services YMCA, 150 Second Ave., Charlestown Navy Yard

##### Monday And Friday

• **9 to 11 a.m.** - Charlestown Ecumenical Food Pantry open, Memorial Hall, 14 Green St.

##### Tuesday

• **8 p.m.** - Al-Anon meeting with help for families and friends of alcoholics, Mary Colbert Apartments (side entrance), 20 Devens St.

##### Thursday

• **9:30 to 11 a.m.** - J.F. Kennedy Center's Goal Setting Group, 55 Bunker Hill St. For more information, call Linda Hudson at 241-8866

##### Friday

• **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

## CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### this week at a glance

#### Thursday, Jan. 29

• **7 p.m.** - Charlestown Neighborhood Council Zoning Committee meeting on commercial zoning - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

#### Friday, Jan. 30

• **10 a.m.** - Adult Discussion Program on the USS Constitution Museum with educational coordinator Michael Bonnano - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

#### Monday, Feb. 2

• **12:45 p.m.** - Charlestown Cath-

olic Student Presentation - St. Catherine's Parish Hall, Tufts Street

• **6:30 p.m.** - Adult Book Discussion featuring "Felicia's Journey" by William Trevor - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• **6:30 p.m.** - ESL Conversation Group - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• **7 p.m.** - Townie Santa Committee meeting - Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

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

#### Tuesday, Feb. 3

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

• **7 p.m.** - Charlestown Neighborhood Council meeting - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

• **7 p.m.** - Boston 400 meeting - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

### upcoming events

#### Thursday, Feb. 5

• **noon to 1 p.m.** - District 1 City Councillor Paul Scapicchio Office Hours - Golden Age Center, 382 Main St.

• **5:30 p.m.** - Charlestown Against Drugs (CHAD) meeting - Kennedy Center, 27 Winthrop St.

• **8 p.m.** - The Jacques Thibaud String Trio of Berlin, sponsored by the Charlestown Preservation Society - MGH\*Charlestown HealthCare Center, 73 High St.

#### Friday, Feb. 6

• **10 a.m.** - Adult Discussion Group on the new Education IRA with financial consultant Jennifer Maxwell - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• **7 p.m. to midnight** - Dance to benefit the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

• **8 p.m. to midnight** - Char-

town Gym Hockey Mayor's Race Dance - Memorial Hall, 14 Green St.

#### Saturday, Feb. 7

• **9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** - Charlestown Gym Hockey Registration for 1998-1999 - St. Mary's Parish Hall, Winthrop Street

#### Sunday, Feb. 8

• **noon to 2 p.m.** - Open House with registration information - Charlestown Catholic Elementary School, Tufts Street

• **12:30 p.m.** - Mass of Anointing, followed by a Valentine's Party for senior citizens - Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

• **2 p.m.** - Ward 2 Democratic Caucus - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

#### Monday, Feb. 9

• **6:30 p.m.** - ESL Conversation Group - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

#### Tuesday, Feb. 10

• **10 a.m.** - Rep. Eugene O'Flaherty Office Hours - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

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

• **noon** - Discover the life of "Black Jacks" in the Age of Sail with author W. Jeffrey Bolster - USS Constitution Museum, Charlestown Navy Yard

• **7 p.m.** - Charlestown Neighborhood Council Public Safety Committee meeting - at a site to be announced

• **7 p.m.** - Follow-up meeting on Resident Parking in Precincts 5 and 6 - Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

#### Wednesday, Feb. 11

• **3 p.m.** - Court St. Jude #1123, C.D.A. meeting - St. Francis de Sales Convent, 325 Bunker Hill St.

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#### Friday, Feb. 13

• **7 p.m. to midnight** - Country Western/Valentine Dance, sponsored by the Daughters of Isabella No. 1 - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

#### Saturday, Feb. 28

• **7 p.m.** - \$5,000 Dinner Dance to benefit Char-

lestown Catholic Elementary School - K. of C. Hall 75 West School St.

#### Friday, April 24

• **7 p.m.** - Community Appreciation Awards Dinner - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

## ST. CATHERINE'S NEWS

★ **CYO 7th & 8th Grade Boys Olympics** - The Charlestown CYO is looking for any 7th and 8th grade boys who would like to compete in the annual CYO 7th and 8th Grade Olympics, which will be held at the Richard J. Murphy School in Neponset on Thursday, Feb. 19, during school vacation.

The boys will compete in basketball, volleyball, gym hockey, water basketball and the superstars contest - chin-ups, tug-of-war, etc.

★ **CYO Yard Sale** - Charlestown CYO will hold its semi-annual yard sale on Saturday, April 25. Start your spring cleaning early and get rid of any old items you have wanted to clear from your house by donating them for use at the yard sale, but please, no clothing! Your donation may be dropped off at St. Catherine's Rectory and it will be greatly appreciated.

★ **CYO Retreat Weekend** - A weekend retreat is being planned for Friday through Sunday, June 26 through 28 at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Wareham.

★ **Charlestown Catholic Annual \$5,000 Drawing** - For the fourth year, Charlestown Catholic will be hosting a fund-raising raffle with a top prize of \$5,000. Tickets to the event, which will be

held on Feb. 28, are \$100 for two people. Past years have been fun-filled evenings for the hundreds who filled the Knights of Columbus Hall, hoping to hear their name called for one of the prizes. In addition to the drawing, entrants are treated to a full-course dinner, music and dancing. To be part of this fun and worthwhile evening, contact Dodie or Bill Boyle at 242-2391.

★ **Regis College Scholarship Opportunities** - In celebration of Regis College's 70th anniversary, two new merit scholarship programs have been introduced. The scholarships are available to incoming freshmen who have been accepted to Regis College. Applications for the fall of 1998 are presently being accepted.

The Anniversary Scholarship is an \$8,000 scholarship that will be awarded to all accepted students with combined SAT scores of 1200 or higher. The Founders Scholarship is a \$5,000 scholarship that will be awarded to all accepted students with combined SAT scores between 1050 and 1190. These scholarships are mutually exclusive.

For more information about these scholarships, please contact Regis College Office of Admissions at 1-800-456-1820.

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Saturdays at the Gym Hockey concession stand;  
or at the door the night of the dance.



## Charlestown Lions Club Sponsors Peace Poster Contest . . . 'A World In Harmony'

The Charlestown Lions Club recently sponsored the organization's Peace Poster Contest - "A World of Harmony" - with winners awarded prizes at Charlestown Catholic Elementary School and the Clarence R. Edwards Middle School. The awards were presented by Charlestown Lions Club President Theresa McLaughlin and Lions Contest Chairman Catherine Donovan.

Kevin O'Neil was the first-prize winner at Charlestown Catholic and was the recipient of \$25. Second place and a \$10 prize went to Jennifer Fuller for her entry.

Taisha Liz Hernandez took first place at the Edwards Middle School and received a \$25 prize. Sara Bremer was the second prize winner and was awarded \$10.

The art work of first place winners O'Neil and Hernandez has been entered into the District 33K Mass. Lions Peace Poster Contest. Their art work will be on display at the Mid-Winter Lions Convention in February along with the winning art work of the 12-, 13- and 14-year-



**WINNERS** in the Lions Club Peace Poster Contest were recently awarded prizes. **TOP ROW:** At the left, Theresa McLaughlin (left), president of the Charlestown Lions Club, presents a first prize citation and \$25 to Kevin O'Neil (center) of Charlestown Catholic as Sister Mary Ellen O'Connell, CSP, principal, looks on . . . On the right Sister Mary Ellen congratulates O'Neil (left) and second prize winner Jennifer Fuller (right). **BOTTOM:** Students at the C.R. Edwards Middle School were awarded prizes. Shown (l. to r.) are McLaughlin, second place winner Sara Bremer, art teacher Annette McCarty, first prize recipient Taisha Liz Hernandez, who was awarded \$25, and Lions Club Contest Chairman Catherine Donovan.

old youngsters from Lions Clubs in eastern Mass.

## Bostonians Challenged To Create A Lasting Millennium Celebration

Mayor Thomas M. Menino and a group of civic leaders have issued a "call for creativity," inviting Bostonians to suggest ways the city should commemorate the turn of the millennium. The mayor was joined in making the announcement by members of Boston 2000, a private, non-profit organization formed to plan a year-long celebration in 2000.

Menino said, "Boston is a city with everything going for it: strong economy, falling crime rate and rising confidence in the future of downtown and the neighborhoods. I see the turn of the millennium two years from now as a moment of opportunity to launch efforts that will improve Boston's quali-

ty of life in the 21st century."

Possible projects range from finding the best use of Boston's Harbor Islands to finding ways to enrich the education of children.

Boston 2000 Chairman John Drew said plans will try to capture the civic pride symbolized by an inscription atop the Boston Public Library: "Founded through the munificence and public spirit of the citizens." Drew added, "If Bostonians respond to this call to creativity as we believe they will, Boston is going to see exciting things happen in the year 2000."

Until March 1, the public is invited to submit proposals to Boston 2000 for projects in:

advanced technologies, arts and culture, community building, education, financial services and regional economic competitiveness, health care and biotechnology, history, tourism, sports and recreation, and waterfront and harbor.

Working groups for each subject area, chaired by local leaders, will guide public forums in April and May to gauge support for the most creative proposals. At the end of June, Boston 2000 will seek funding and organizational support to implement the projects.

Proposal forms can be obtained by calling Boston 2000 at 635-3342, ext. 461, or by downloading from the web site at [www.boston2000.org](http://www.boston2000.org).

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## DEMOCRATS TO CAUCUS STATEWIDE

Registered Democrats in Ward 2, Charlestown will be holding a caucus on Sunday, Feb. 8, 1998 at 2 p.m. to elect delegates and alternates to the 1998 Massachusetts Democratic Convention.

Ward 2, Charlestown will be electing 11 delegate(s) and 4 alternate(s), equally divided between men and women, to represent their ward or town at the 1998 Convention. The apportioned number of delegates has been allotted based upon a formula giving equal weight to Democratic Party registrants and the average vote for Democratic candidates in the last general elections for Governor and President as published in the Massachusetts Elections Statistics Public Documents for 1994 and 1996.

Donna O'Brien and Sheila Brown will call the caucus at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 75 West School St., Charlestown.

The caucus is open to all registered Democrats, those ineligible to register and media representatives. Only those Democrats registered to vote in the town or ward as of Feb. 6, 1998 are eligible to participate and vote in this caucus. There is no proxy or absentee voting.

Candidates for delegate/alternate must be present and voting, they must give their permission in writing, and be nominated. All candidates may make a two-minute statement and may distribute materials on their behalf. All ballots are written and secret. Those candidates receiving the greatest number of votes on the first ballot shall be elected. Slate-making is allowed, but no special preference will be allowed. There is no quorum requirement and no admission fee or charge at the caucus, although donations may be solicited by the ward or town committee.

Discrimination on the basis of race, sex, age, color, creed, national origin, religion, ethnic identity, or economic status in the conduct of the caucus is strictly prohibited.

Challenges to the delegate selection process can be filed at the Massachusetts Democratic Party, 129 Portland Street, Boston, MA 02114 no later than five days after the caucus date.

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## Justice Art Exhibit Now At BHCC

Bunker Hill Community College President Mary L. Fifield invites the public to attend an opening reception for an art exhibit by Boston artist Shea Ramone Justice at the college's Charlestown campus, 250 New Rutherford Ave. The event will take place on Monday, Feb. 2

between 2:30 and 3:30 p.m. in the college's Art Gallery, located off the main lobby, "B" building second floor.

Justice graduated from the Fenway Program at English High School in 1988 and attended Boston University's School of Fine Arts where he received a bachelor's degree in art ed-

ucation. For the next two years, he taught art at Royal Palm Elementary School in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Currently, he teaches at the Fenway Middle College High School, located at Bunker Hill Community College.

As an artist, Justice has work on permanent display at Boston University's Martin Luther King Center. He has contributed work to local magazines, such as Bill Singleton's *Black History Is No Mystery*, and various newspapers in Boston. He has exhibited at Fort Lauderdale's "About the Arts" amateur art exhibit

and the Fresh Air Salon in Jamaica Plain.

He works primarily in watercolor and pencil. Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein and Salvador Dali are among his influences. His favorite subjects are African culture, music themes and movies.

The art exhibit is on display in the gallery now through Feb. 16.

For information on art gallery hours, upcoming exhibits, or if you are an artist interested in showcasing your work in the BHCC Art Gallery, contact Mark Rotondo at 228-2415.

## Folk Singer And Storyteller To Entertain At The Charlestown Library

"Building Bridges" is a high-spirited performance by folksinger and storyteller Tim Van Egmond, in which he weaves together tales, tunes and songs from a variety of cultures. He will appear at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St., at 4 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 19.

Music flows in and around Van Egmond's stories through his singing and playing on a wide variety of traditional instruments including limberjack (a wooden puppet that dances out a rhythm on a paddle-

board,) hammered and mountain dulcimers, guitar and conga drum.

A Reading Is Fundamental book giveaway will follow the performance and every child who attends will receive two free books. Seating is limited and early arrival is encouraged.

The program is sponsored by the Friends of the Charlestown Branch Library, the Mass. Biomedical Corporation and the Reading Is Fundamental Project.

For information, call the library at 242-1248.

## Winter Skating Classes Now Underway



LAUREL TRELLA of Charlestown, a professional ice skating instructor with the Bay State Ice Skating School, is teaching ice skating at area MDC rinks. Olympic fever is near and adults and children can learn to skate in 1998. Classes are held for all levels. There are separate classes for children and adults and families can take classes together. Lessons are held afternoons, evenings and weekends and students wear either figure or hockey skates. For more information, call 781-890-8480.

## 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

The family of Edward Roche wishes to thank their relatives and friends for their love and support during this difficult time.

I, also, wish to thank all who sent get well wishes to me during my recent hospitalization.

Sincerely,  
Anne Roche

**Happy First Birthday**  
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♦ **Don't Forget...** Your help is needed this Saturday, Jan. 31st to take down the garland and bows that decorated the light poles on Main and Bunker Hill streets over the holidays... Meet Will Stievater at 10 a.m. at 121 Main St. to get the job done... and if residents or business owners wish to take down the decorations in front of their property and dispose of them on their own, please feel free to do so!

♦ **Happy Birthday Wishes...** go out today, Jan. 29th, to Bob Scalli... Stevie Giordano turns 15 on Feb. 1st, a date also shared by Edna Kelly, Ellen Mondy, and "Uncle" Carmen Giordano... Ashley Foley turns double popsicle sticks (11) on Feb. 2nd, which is also party time for Florence Tognarelli... Feb. 4th is the big day for Little Philip Castor... and we have heard that Ruthanne Brennan will party hearty this weekend celebrating a "milestone" birthday!... Best of birthday wishes to you all!

♦ **The Charlestown Preservation Society...** will host a 20th anniversary Chamber Music program on Thursday, Feb. 5th. The Jacques Thibaud String Trio of Berlin will make a rare US appearance at the Charlestown HealthCare Center, 73 High St., beginning at 8 p.m.... Tickets are \$15 per person and can be purchased at the door, or by calling 241-7500.

♦ **The Old Ironsides Pennies Campaign...** will be continuing until October 1998! Funds raised during this campaign will go to purchase additional sails for the ship to augment the six sails used to power her on July 21st, 1997. These six sails were used as her battle sails during her engagements in the War of 1812. Donations, in any amount, are welcome and can be sent to: Old Ironsides Pennies Campaign, Charlestown Cooperative Bank, P.O. Box 38, Charlestown, Mass. 02129.

♦ **Open House...** Mt. Saint Joseph Academy will host an open house on Sunday, Feb. 8th from 2 to 4 p.m.... The school, located at 617 Cambridge St., Brighton, near St. Elizabeth's Hospital, is an all-women, private, Catholic high school... For more info. and directions, call Janice O'Meara at 787-7999.

♦ **Do You Have The Winter Doldrums?**... If so, call now for your tickets to Charlestown Catholic Elementary School's annual \$5,000 fund-raising raffle... Plan on enjoying a night out with a full-course dinner, music and dancing with friends and neighbors on Saturday, Feb. 28th at the Knights of Columbus Hall... Tickets for the event are \$100 for two people, and can be obtained at the school or by calling Dodie or Bill Boyle at 242-2391.

♦ **Speaking Of The Winter Doldrums...** does anyone remember what this week is?... It's the 20th anniversary of the Blizzard of '78!!!... Doesn't seem that long ago, does it?... It was a two-fold week - inconveniencewise and neighbor friendly. No traffic because of the driving ban and sidewalk (if you could find them) to sidewalk people. You saw more people in those two weeks than you did all winter!... Let's hope that we don't have a replay, although the kids would love it!... Remember how it ran into their February vacation?

♦ **You Can Make A Difference...** by volunteering some of your time at the Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital on Nashua Street in Boston. Day and evening slots are available in patient care, administrative and research areas... Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) is looking for seniors, ages 55 years or older, to volunteer three hours per week to assist children who suffer from chronic illnesses or disabilities, and give their families some relief while allowing the child to meet a special new friend to enrich their lives. If you are willing to become involved with the Family Friends Program, call Marie Cullen at 442-8737... and the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum is seeking volunteers to work as museum aides, administrative assistants, museum store and mailroom clerks, research assistants and event staff... Interested parties should call Levina Kim at 929-1236.

♦ **The Samaritans Of Boston...** a non-profit, non-denominational suicide prevention center, is again seeking volunteers 16 years of age and older, to be trained to assist the staff with their telephone befriending services... If you can volunteer some free time and provide support to lonely, despairing individuals, call 536-2460.

♦ **Thought For The Week...** One can acquire everything in solitude - except character.

- Stendhal





## around the town

### ★ Judy's On Vacation . . .

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4500.

Community Office Hours will resume on Monday, Feb. 9 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

### ★ Townie Santa Committee Meeting . . .

The Townie Santa Committee will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 2 at the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St. This will be an opportunity to review the 1997 delivery of Christmas packages to Charlestown's elderly, needy shut-ins and to discuss preliminary plans for the 1998 delivery. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

### ★ Cable Television Renewal Hearing . . .

Mayor Thomas M. Menino has scheduled a cable television hearing from 4 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 3 in the Community & Media Room of the new Boston Police Headquarters, 1 Schroeder Plaza in Roxbury.

The mayor seeks to obtain public comment on the renewal proposal of Cablevision of Boston, the incumbent provider of the city's existing cable franchise since December 1982. Prior to renewal of its current license, the city seeks public testimony on the service offerings, systems upgrading and customer services to be provided to Boston subscribers in Cablevision's renewal franchise.

The city issued a report of the Task Force for Cable Television Franchise Renewal in August 1997. The city simultaneously submitted a request for renewal of the Cable Television Franchise to Cablevision of Boston to which a renewal proposal was received by the city in

November.

The report, request and proposal are available for public inspection in the City Clerk's office during normal business hours. Each document has been posted on the Internet at: [www.ci.boston.ma.us](http://www.ci.boston.ma.us) (city home page/Technology/Cable).

Public testimony at the Feb. 3 hearing is encouraged. Written comments can be addressed to Mike Lynch, Mayor's Cable Office, 43 Hawkins St., Boston, MA 02114 or E-mail: [mikelynch@ci.boston.ma.us](mailto:mikelynch@ci.boston.ma.us). For further information, call 635-3112.

### ★ Boston 400 Meeting . . .

Boston 400, the city's comprehensive planning initiative, will hold a public meeting to explore the topic, "Enhancing Boulevards and Main Streets in Charlestown." The meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 3 at the K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

The Boston Redevelopment Authority, (BRA) which is directing Boston 400, is holding a series of meetings to discuss topics selected by members of the community. The topics address a wide range of physical planning issues, such as street-scape, transit, parks and open space, improvement of business districts, public facilities, and historic and cultural resources.

Residents and business persons are invited to attend meetings in Charlestown and any other meetings that interest them. To get on the Boston 400 mailing list and get a complete calendar, call the BRA at 722-4300 ext. 4403.

### ★ CHarlestown Against Drugs . . .

Charlestown Against Drugs (CHAD) will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 5 at the Kennedy Center, 27 Winthrop St.

All interested persons are welcome.

### ★ Boston Harbor Islands Workshop . . .

The Boston Harbor Islands Partnership is hosting workshops to focus on the future of the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area. Public comment is requested to help shape the structure of a long-range management plan for the Boston Harbor Islands.

Workshops are scheduled for 7-9 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 5 at the John F. Kennedy Library, Columbia Point, Dorchester; and 7-9 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 12 at Madison Park Village, 22 Dewitt Drive, Roxbury.

For more information, contact the National Park Service at 223-5060.

### ★ Central Artery Update . . .

The southbound I-93 High Street off-ramp will be closed from 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31 until 5:30 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 2. Traffic will be detoured via the Summer Street off-ramp.

Charles Street and Storrow Drive West have been narrowed from four lanes to three lanes between Blossom Street and the Leverett Circle intersection from 9 p.m. until 6 a.m. This will continue until Tuesday, March 31.

### ★ Job Survival Hotline For Working Women . . .

Thousands of working women have dialed the 9 to 5 Job Survival Hotline looking for answers and information on workplace rights and policies. The Hotline offers basic information on workplace rights, tips and strategies for improving workplace policies as well as referrals to local and national

resource organizations.

Trained hotline staff members are available to answer your questions from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Just dial 1-800-522-0925.

**★ Board Of Appeal Hearing . . .** A petition will be brought before the city of Boston Board of Appeal in Room 801 at Boston City Hall:

Tuesday, Feb. 3 at 9:30 a.m.

• James Conniff is asking the board to change the legal occupancy of 2 Tremont St. from a three-family dwelling to four apartments and to construct a 14'x14' roof deck. (BZC-19360)

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

### ★ Keep Your Eye Toward The Mystic . . .

A Charlestown neighbor spotted an article in an area weekly newspaper that indicated Cabot Power Corp. is developing plans for a new \$200 million generator in Everett, less than a mile from the existing Boston Edison power plant on Alford Street.

Cabot Power, which is owned by the Boston-based chemical company, Cabot Corp., is talking about a gas-fired plant and recently presented the proposal to Everett business people and elected officials.

According to the article, the plant would be located on a five-acre lot next to Cabot LNG Corp. that sells natural gas. It would become operational during the year 2000.

The location of this plant would be directly across the Mystic River from the former Domino Sugar facility on Medford Street, now owned by The Flatley Co.

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## Three Critical Incident Response Teams Formed And Trained To Meet Community Needs In Crisis Situations

The impact of losing a member of the community by a sudden death such as illness, suicide, homicide, drug overdose, accident or other sudden tragedy can have a devastating and, perhaps, a long-lasting impact on residents.

Citizens young and old, teachers, students, administrators, and families are stunned and often times overwhelmed with feelings of grief and helplessness and thoughts of confusion, guilt or resentment that need to be addressed.

If the crisis is managed effectively, e.g., with an organized response structure specifically designed to meet a particular community's needs, or a particular housing development's needs, those most impacted by the crisis will be afforded the opportunity to feel valued, connected and contained, rather than feel helpless, alone and out of control.

In order to meet some of these community needs of Charlestown, the Charlestown Critical Incident Response Network,

comprised of three teams, was formed and trained recently.

The training was organized by Peter Looney and Charlestown Against Drugs (CHAD) and sponsored by Mass. General Hospital-Community Benefits Program, Mayor Thomas Menino and the city of Boston Safe Neighborhood Fund, and the Metro Boston Department of Mental Health. The teams were trained by the Behavioral Healthcare Network and certified by the International Critical Incident

Stress Foundation in critical incident stress management.

Thirty-two members from the Charlestown community were trained and certified and will now be available to conduct defusings and debriefings for the Charlestown community.

For further information regarding services provided by the Charlestown Critical Incident Response Network, please call Peter Looney at 635-4700, ext. 130.



THIRTY-TWO PEOPLE attended a two-day training session recently in the Hull Room of Building 5 in the Charlestown Navy Yard, forming three Critical Response Teams for the community. Participants included police officers, representatives of various organizations and agencies in the community and residents. TOP ROW: At the left are (l. to r.) Tom Mahoney, MGH Security; Officer John Boyle, Sgt. Tom Lema, Officer Teddy Boyle, Lt. Bernie O'Rourke and Officer Winnie Cotter, all from the Boston Police Department; and Officer Rebecca Coburn,

manager of police and security for MGH in the Charlestown Navy Yard. . . On the right are seated (l. to r.) Michaela Keaveny and Diane Gandolfo, Boys & Girls Club; Mimi Wrenn, Charlestown Community Centers; and Sharon Fidler, Boys & Girls Club/Teen Center. Standing (l. to r.) Bob McGann, Charlestown Community Centers; Denise Tompetrini, Boys & Girls Club; Scott McCloud, Ph.D., Camp Bunker Hill; Dan Ryan, Healthy Charlestown; Karen Murphy-Lind, RN, MGH\*Charlestown Health Care Center; Jack Schievink and John Tag-

lilata, Charlestown Pop Warner Football. BOTTOM ROW: At the left, seated (l. to r.) Pat Simpson, Warren-Prescott parent; Kathleen Taormina; Judy Evers, regional coordinator, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services; and Leo Boucher, Boston Housing Authority. Standing (l. to r.) Terry Titcomb; Erin Lynch; Amy Chardavoyne; Peter Looney, chairman of CHAD; Melissa Doherty; and Father Paul McCarthy. . . On the right are Tim Pelton, instructor; Bob Macey, director of trauma & crisis, Behavioral Healthcare Network; and Looney.

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### HEARTBURN: WHAT IS IT AND WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT IT?

Heartburn is a common problem which occurs when excessive amounts of acid reflux back up into the esophagus. Heartburn can be described as a feeling of burning, discomfort, localized behind the breastbone, that moves up toward the neck and throat or as a bitter or sour taste in the back of the throat. The burning or pressure can last from several minutes to several hours and will often worsen after meals. If you suffer from infrequent heartburn, antacids or the new H2 blockers, such as Tagamet and Zantac, are now available without a prescription. They may provide excellent relief.

If you are self-medicating more than twice a week, have difficulty swallowing or are still having symptoms after taking the over-the-counter medications, you should see your medical provider. Frequent heartburn (more than twice a week), weight loss, food getting lodged in your throat, or blood coming up may be associated with a more serious problem known as Gastroesophageal Reflux Disease or GERD. There is a physical cause associated with GERD and this can only be treated by your medical provider. With effective treatment, using a range of prescription medications and other treatments which are available, you can become symptom-free and avoid potential complications.

These are some facts about heartburn and GERD: Cigarette smoking can cause heartburn. Smoking decreases the strength of the esophageal valve at the bottom of the esophagus where it meets the stomach. This allows the acid to splash up into the esophagus. In addition, smoking seems to promote the movement of bile from the intestines to the stomach to produce a more harmful reflux material. More importantly, smoking can directly injure the esophagus.

Weight is a contributing factor in heartburn. Obesity is one of the many factors predisposing people to gastroesophageal reflux. Exercise and weight reduction decrease GERD in obese people.

Chocolate and peppermint cause heartburn in many people. Both of these foods are thought to relax the muscle at the end of the esophagus which will allow contents of the stomach to back up into the esophagus. Other foods which may cause heartburn are tomato products, citrus fruits and juices, coffee, fatty foods and fried foods. We also know that alcohol hurts the esophagus as it goes down and causes relaxation of the esophageal valve, allowing the alcohol and acid to splash back up into the esophagus.

#### Medical Care Of GERD

- Elevate the head of the bed 6 to 8 inches on bed blocks.
- Avoid eating following your evening meal.
- Avoid lying down for 2 to 3 hours following meals.
- Avoid vigorous exertion, straining and prolonged bending following meals.
- Avoid tight constricting garments: girdles, belts, etc.
- Avoid constipation.
- Avoid excessive carbonated beverages, coffee, (including decaffeinated coffee) and alcohol.
- Avoid unusually fatty foods, chocolate and foods which are known to produce your discomfort.
- Do not overload the stomach at any one meal. Divide daily food intake into equal amounts for each meal.
- Eliminate smoking.
- If overweight, lose weight to your ideal body weight. Weight reduction is absolutely essential for successful response to therapy.
- Medication if necessary.

Sandra Bock, P.A.-C, M.Ed., Adult Medicine



## 'Miss Saigon' At The Wang Center Through Feb. 28

**MISS SAIGON**  
A musical in two acts  
by Alain Boublil and  
Claude-Michel  
Schonberg,  
at The Wang Theatre  
through Feb. 28.

The Boston return of the Cameron Mackintosh production of the blockbuster musical *Miss Saigon* has opened at The Wang Theatre for a seven-week engagement through Saturday, Feb. 28. *Miss Saigon* is a musical by Alain Boublil and Claude-Michel Schonberg. The music is by Schonberg, with

lyrics by Boublil and Richard Maltby Jr., adapted from original French lyrics by Boublil.

*Miss Saigon* tells a story of love and self-sacrifice between a young Vietnamese girl and an American soldier at the time of the fall of Saigon in 1975. In a society torn apart by the aftermath of war, the American dream becomes a symbol of salvation and two people, the victims of fate.

In this national tour production, Joseph Anthony Foronda heads the company as "The Engineer," with Elizabeth Paw as "Kim," the

young Vietnamese girl who falls in love with "Chris," the American soldier, played by Steve Pasquale. Also featured is Raymond Patterson, Andrea Rivette and David Kater. In addition, Shara Batson, age 4, of Bolton, Mass., and Corinne Nguyen, age 4, of Natick, Mass., are sharing the role of "Tam."

Foronda as The Engineer brings drive and power to the role, and he turned in a tremendous performance as the entrepreneur, looking in every direction to obtain an American visa and realize his dream. Foronda's rendition of "American Dream" in the

second act was a show-stopper. He recently appeared on Broadway as The Engineer.

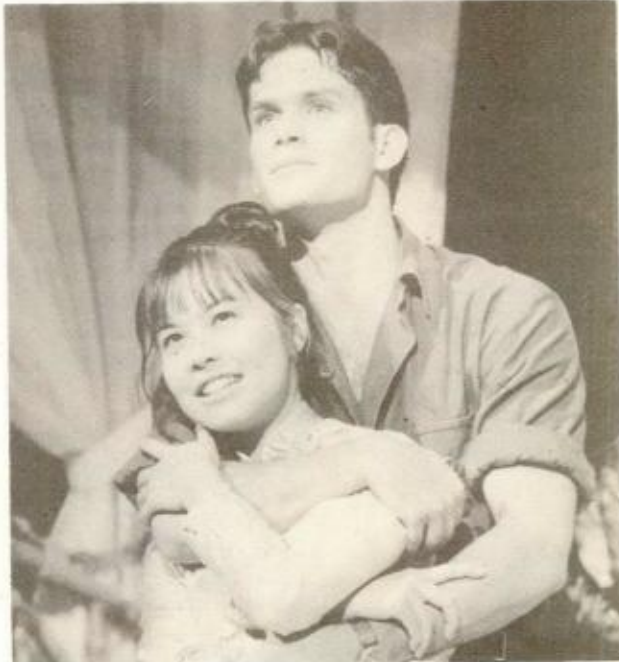
Paw portrays the young Vietnamese girl, Kim, with tenderness. Her delicate voice and the acoustics of The Wang Theatre led to complaints during intermission that the lyrics of her songs frequently could not be heard clearly by those sitting beyond mid-theater.

Bronchitis took its toll on Steve Pasquale on press night as his understudy, Brien Keith Fisher, took over the role as Chris for the second act and turned in an outstanding performance.

Raymond Patterson's performance as John, the serviceman who goes back to Vietnam to save the children of Vietnamese women and American servicemen, lacks the passion seen in previous productions of the musical.

On the other hand, the voice of Andrea Rivette as Ellen, Chris' American wife, was strong and clear with emotion that carried the audience from knowing Chris had secrets to her discovery that Chris was the father of a child from his liaison with Kim.

The love story, brings the



THE CAST of Cameron Mackintosh's production of "Miss Saigon," which is at The Wang Theatre through Feb. 28, includes Elizabeth Paw as Kim and Steve Pasquale as Chris in a scene from the show.

audience from a club in war-torn Saigon, to the spectacular helicopter scene where the lovers are separated, to the tragic suicide of Kim, sharing the pain and joy of the couple. It runs the gamut of emotions as the music guides us from laughter to a tear or two.

Performances are Tuesday through Saturday eve-

nings at 8 p.m.; with matinees Wednesdays, Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. There is an additional performance on Monday, Feb. 23 at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are priced from \$15 to \$65, are available at The Wang Theatre box office and Ticketmaster outlets. To charge tickets, call 931-2787. For group sales, call 350-6000.

### Ronayne Family Attends 10th Annual Baby Reunion



NEARLY 1,000 PEOPLE gathered recently at the Burlington Marriott Hotel for the 10th annual Baby Reunion sponsored by the Fertility Center of New England, located in Reading. The Ronayne family of Charlestown, John and Elizabeth and son, John Michael, 5 months old, were among the guests who visited with medical director Vito Cardone, M.D. The children at this special reunion have one thing in common - their births were the result of state-of-the-art infertility treatment that Cardone and his staff have provided to couples throughout the New England region since 1987. Shown (l. to r.) are Elizabeth and John Michael Ronayne, Dr. Cardone and John Ronayne Sr.

### VNA Of Boston's Cambridge Office Relocating To Charlestown

The Visiting Nurse Association of Boston (VNAB), the largest home health-care agency in the northeast, has announced a plan to relocate the agency's Metronorth office from Cambridge to Charlestown.

The relocation is scheduled for Jan. 30. The new office will be located in the Hood Business Park at 500 Rutherford Ave., Charlestown. In addition, the VNAB Metronorth office's main telephone number

will change to 886-6500.

There will be no change in the current service, and the office will continue to offer a variety of 24-hour home health-care services to patients located primarily in Northern Boston neighborhoods, including Charlestown.

The Metronorth office currently employs 319 people. "Our operations have grown considerably in the past several years," comments VNAB Metronorth District Director, Anne-

marie Martin. "The new facilities will allow us to continue to provide the highest quality of local service to our clients in the area."

The building in which the new office space will be located is owned by Catamount Management Corp., a Chelsea-based investment partnership. The lease for the 19,426 square feet of space was signed on Dec. 17. The project is being managed by Nordblum Company.

### Jimmy Fund Tower Power Stair Climb On Feb. 12

The Jimmy Fund and Event Chairman John Valentin are challenging everyone to get in shape now to participate in the first-ever Jimmy Fund Tower Power Stair Climb on Thursday, Feb. 12, beginning at 6 p.m. In addition to serving as chairman, Valentin, the Boston Red Sox' third baseman, will be among those making the climb.

Individuals, as well as corporate and in-honor teams, are invited to take the challenge of climbing up to 71 floors at 53 State St. and/or 60 State St. to raise money for cancer care and research. A minimum of four people is needed to make a team.

Not a race, but still a competition, participants will vie for top fund rais-

ing honors as well as test their physical endurance. A victory party will be held following the climb in the Bay Tower at 60 State St. featuring food, drink, music and massage.

The entry fee is \$35 per person and participants may climb either one or both buildings. Registration will be from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Great Hall at old Faneuil Hall. Those

climbing both buildings should head to 53 State St. first, then to 60 State St. Those climbing one building (33 floors) will start and finish at 60 State St. All proceeds will benefit the Jimmy Fund.

For more information and an event brochure, call the Jimmy Fund at 632-3300, or visit the Jimmy Fund website at: <http://www.jimmyfund.org>.

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A.D.



# Children Delight At St. Francis de Sales' 'Breakfast With Santa'

photos by Kathy Whitehouse







### Charlestown Residents Capture The Spirit Of Giving

For most of us, Christmas is a special season of giving. But for Boston's 700 RSVP volunteers who serve with the Commission on Affairs of the Elderly, the holidays capture a spirit that they carry with them throughout the year.

"Our elder RSVP volunteers give the greatest gift of all - themselves," says Project Director Fran Johnene. "They give their skills, their experience and their spirit to the Boston community 365 days a year."

The RSVP volunteers work in shelters with the homeless, serve meals at

senior centers, mentor youths of all ages in neighborhood schools, and give comfort and guidance to patients and their families at local hospitals. Many of Boston's visitors at museums and historical sites also benefit from the knowledge and experiences of the RSVP volunteers.

These dedicated volunteers are men and women, age 55 or older, who serve in a vast range of community projects in more than 104 non-profit agencies within the city of Boston.

RSVP is part of the

Corporation for National and Community Service. Since its beginning in 1972, Boston's RSVP program has been sponsored locally by the Commission on Affairs of the Elderly.

The Boston RSVP program wishes to thank these volunteers from Charlestown for their extraordinary commitment to making an impact on their community: Ellen Attanasio, Teresa Chiuchiolo, Charlotte Connors, Pauline Correia, Rose DeLuca, Mary Dolan, Mary P. Fielding, Edwin Knight, Emily Lyons, Rita Ryan and Ruth Smith.

### Designer Bob Spencer Exhibiting At Old House Fair

Garden Designer Robert Spencer of Charlestown will be exhibiting at Boston Preservation Alliance's upcoming Old House Fair at The Cyclorama Building in Boston's South End on Feb. 7 and 8.

Spencer, owner of Minerva Design, will be displaying a model courtyard

garden, consisting of a water feature and patio. The stone works of Irish sculptor Francis McCormack of Boston, Co. Claire will also be on view. McCormack's traditional style of Celtic design has won world-wide appreciation and is available locally from Minerva Design.

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## CHAD Junior Bowling League News



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

#### • Invitation To Murder Production Meeting

The next production meeting for *Invitation To Murder* will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 11 at 7 p.m. We need volunteers to help us organize concessions, ticket sales, build sets, etc. If you can contribute, please call the theater or attend this meeting.

#### • Scrooge Pictures On Sale

Eddie Loan will be at the theater taking orders for pictures on Saturday, Jan. 31 from 3 to 5 p.m.

#### • Auditions For *Anything Goes*

Auditions for *Anything Goes* will be held on Saturday, Jan. 31 and Sunday, Feb. 1. Saturday will be musical instruction from 3 to 4 p.m. and basic dance steps from 4 to 5 p.m. Audition slots will be given at this session. You must attend Saturday's session to be eligible to audition on Sunday. There will be no exceptions made. This is a large cast musical and anyone between the ages of 8 and 18 are encouraged to audition. Show dates are May 1 through May 10.

#### • Heartfelt Stories

Sharon Kennedy's *Heartfelt Stories* opens at the CWT on Friday, Feb. 13. Performances are Friday and Saturday, Feb. 13 and 14 at 8 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 15 at 2 p.m., Friday, Feb. 20 at 8 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 21 and 22 at 2 p.m. General admission is \$12, and \$10 for Charlestown residents, seniors and students. Come and celebrate love and friendship with these *Heartfelt Stories*!

For information, call the theater at 242-3285.

See you at the theater!

### Children's Film Program

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

"Curl Up Small" is an explanation of the natural world which contrasts human beings with birds, fish and bears... Harry's family fails to recognize him when he changes from a white dog with black spots

to a black dog with white spots in "Harry the Dirty Dog"... At birth, Princess Bedelia receives the gifts of beauty, grace and common sense which aid her throughout life in "The Practical Princess."

Homer Price and his friend Eddy assist Super Duper when he has car trouble in "The Case of the Cosmic Comic," which will be shown at 3:30 p.m.

by John Dillon

Three weeks into the second half of the season in the CHarlestown Against Drugs (CHAD) Junior Bowling League, Diane Modica's team remains hot and in first place. They demolished Jenny's Pizza team in an 8-0 shutout. Top bowler for Modica's team was Chris Boutwell with 223. Runner-up was Eric Lynch with 222. Top bowler for Jenny's was Mike Shackford with 258. Runner-up was Kevin Lavalee with 181.

The American Legion team dumped the Bunker Hill Real Estate team in an 8-0 shutout. Jon Paul Awbrey was top bowler for the American Legion with 229 and Mark Dillon was runner-up with 214. Sean Cronk was top bowler for

BHRE with 246 and Chris Chiampa was runner-up with 182.

The Kennedy Center bedazzled The Red Store in an 8-0 shutout. Top bowler for the Kennedy Center was John Harrington with 311. John also had single strings of 101, 103 and 107, and has now taken over high average for the year. John Harrington, at this point, is our best bowler. Runner-up for the Kennedy Center was Nick Celata with 214. Top bowler for The Red Store was Sheilann Williams with 228. Runner-up was Brendan Grace with 180.

The McCarthy Brothers team moved into second place by bombing the Shamrocks in an 8-0 shutout. Jessica Grace was the top bowler for McCarthy

Brothers with 241 and Matt Hickey was runner-up with 225. Jeff Lynch was top bowler for the Shamrocks with 231.

In the final match of the day, Cricket's team whitewashed the Charlestown Patriot team in an 8-0 shutout. Top bowler for Cricket's team was Matt Paley with 256. Jared Silva was runner-up with 202. Top bowler for the Patriot was Quinn Evers with 205. Runner-up was Joe Awbrey with 173.

Bowlers of the week are John Harrington 311, Mike Shackford 258, Matt Paley 256, Sean Cronk 246, Jessica Grace 241, Jeff Lynch 231, Jon Paul Awbrey 229, Sheilann Williams 228, Matt Hickey 225 and Chris Boutwell 223.

Bowlers trying the hardest were David Grace 145, Kevin Scadding 166, Laddonna Phipps 168, Tim Venezia 169, Mike Venezia 170, Brent Awbrey 174, Tim Hickey 176, Casey Durham 187, Kevin Celata 190, Casey Schievink 194, Shawn Burke 204 and Chris Schievink 214.

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

#### Standings

	W	L
Diane Modica	24	0
McCarthy Bros.	22	2
Cricket's	18	6
American Legion	18	6
Shamrocks	15	9
Kennedy Center	14	10
Chas'n. Patriot	4	20
Red Store	4	20
B.H. Real Estate	1	23
Jenny's Pizza	0	24



## CHARLESTOWN BOYS & GIRLS CLUB NEWS

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### ★ PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

**12 & Under Basketball** - The team is off to a strong 2-1 start this season. They began with strong wins over Waltham and Lynn, but lost their last game on the road to Chelsea. The team consists of Pat Kelly, Jon "Bucky" Jones, Jared Marchesi, Greg Collins, Chuckie Cavanaugh, Derek Garceau, Jon Grzelcyk, Lo Lo Rosa, Tony Tú, Giovanni Nieves and Dan Considine.

**15 & Under Basketball** - After an opening season loss to Lowell, the team has strung together two wins over the West End and Waltham. Members of the team are Joe Marchesi, Sean Noonan, Joe Roche, Paul Blaikie, Scott Gilbert, Darwin Mendoza, Ryan Connolly, John Fabiano, Mike Wilkins and Jimmy Joseph.

**18 & Under Basketball** - The

team has yet to win, but has looked pretty good. They are currently 0-2 and team members are Scott Moses, Fred Arroyo, Paul Doherty, Larry Mulcahy, Anthony Sorrentino, Jeff Fidler, Joe Rossignol, Zach Brennan and Bernie Harmon.

### ★ CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

**Museum of Science** - Thanks to the Museum of Science for tickets for a club field trip. Kerry Loan, Paul Locke, Josh Walsh, Kevin Walsh, Matt Fitchner, Bianca Lao, Hal Vierck and Ryan Belliveau all learned about water animals and electricity.

### ★ YOUTH INTERVENTION

**Chill Snowboarding** - Week 1 - Burton Snowboards has returned once again to sponsor its eight-week Chill program. Providing instruction, equipment, transportation and lift tickets, Burton gives 16 club members and four staff members a chance to

learn a new lifetime (yes, Jerry - lifetime) sport.

This year's participants are Julie Grzelcyk, Ryan Mainey, Ryan Connolly, Michael Keary, Katie Swales, Anthony Sorrentino, Paul Hollien, Steven Awbrey, Erin Barney, Michelle Kane, Shawn Poliskey, Derek Staples, Joe Marchesi, Adam Fornash and David Vilfranc. Chaperones Derek, Steven (Killer), Michaela and Denise are also hitting the slopes - some more literally than others.

This week everyone learned the proper "snowboard stance, j-turns, c-turns, s-turns" and to dig in those heels and toes! Spill of the Week goes to Michaela, who first took out a few skiers en route to the pond and, for a grand finale, helped a fellow Chelsea club member get "big air" as she sped on down to the parking lot. Stay tuned...

## Charlestown Gym Hockey News

### Standings - Jan. 24

	W	L	T		
Bunker Hill Florist	14	0	0	Bunker Hill Insurance	Jonathan Bears
Jimmy's On Top	8	4	2	Dunny's Pals	Michael Keayon
Grant Photo	8	4	2		Kyle Moore Anderson
Main St. Furniture/Medford	6	4	4	Grant Photo	Ellie Buckley
Bryan's Pals	6	7	1		Leisa Loan
Poolie's Pals	6	7	1	Jimmy's On Top	Alyssa Settiani
Li'l Al's	6	8	0		Michael Settiani
Dunny's Pals	4	8	2		Colleen Considine
Bunker Hill Insurance	3	10	1		Kevin Woods
Kerrigan's	3	10	1		The few who came
					Caitlin Walsh
					Colin Murphy

### Players of the Week - Jan. 24

Bryan's Pals	Justyne Collier	Poolie's Pals	The few who came
Bunker Hill Florist	Ian Dillon		Derek O'Brien
	Stephen Poliskey		Michael Yandle

### THANK YOU, GOD

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## Sister Ernestine Returns To St. Catherine's To Light Her Newly Relocated Spruce Tree For The Holiday Season

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THE BEAUTIFUL SPRUCE TREE became the focus of the holiday season in Hayes Square when the tree was illuminated following a Mass at St. Catherine's. The tree, which was originally planted at the rear of St. Catherine's rectory by the school children honored Sister Ernestine Quealy when she left her teaching position at the school. It was moved last summer by contractor Mario Susi to its permanent home in Hayes Square to allow for work being done at the rear of the rectory. The lighting of the tree was followed by a Christmas Party and refreshments in St. Catherine's Hall. Shown (l. to r.) Boston City Councillor-elect Paul Scapicchio; contractor Mario Susi; Mayor Thomas Menino; Sister Ernestine Quealy; Father James DiPerri, pastor of St. Catherine's parish; Judy Evers, regional coordinator for the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services; Marie Scapicchio, mother of the newly elected city councillor; and Boston City Councillor Francis "Mickey" Roache.



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# BOB D'S BEAT BY BOB DeCRISTOFORO



♣ **Celebrate Charlestown Catholic - Celebrate Catholic Schools Week** ... This week is Catholic Schools week. It is the time to celebrate all Catholic schools, and to keep in mind what they are doing and what they have done. It's time to remember in a special way the past, the present and the future of our Catholic schools. In Charlestown, like my own North End, we have been blessed by the continuing presence of Catholic schools and the outstanding men and women who have staffed these schools for well over 100 years.

Over the years, as we sadly know, the number of Catholic schools in both these neighborhoods have dropped to one, but the quality of the existing school(s) Charlestown Catholic and St. John's (North End), is at its finest. For this quality to continue, we all must make the commitment to our existing Catholic school to make it grow. Closing Catholic schools, just like closing Catholic churches, is no longer acceptable. Opening Catholic schools to everyone, not only to those who can afford them, is most acceptable. This old mission should be our new mission.

We applaud Charlestown Catholic and thank St. Mary's School and to St. Francis de Sales School, as well as Julie Billiard and Christopher Columbus high schools. Applause and thanks to all who have served these fine Catholic schools. This week we celebrate and remember all that you have done.

♣ **Snowball Basketball** ... Winter BNBL, aka Snowball Basketball League, is underway at the Charlestown

Community Center! In the 19 & under opening games, the B-Ballers whipped Main Street, and Medford Street dogged the Underdogs. The schedule for Friday, Jan. 30 is: 19 & under - B-Ballers vs. Medford Street at 6:30 p.m.; and Underdogs vs. Main Street at 7:15 p.m.

♣ **Pro Line** ... The Florida Panthers and San Jose Sharks hooked up in a 1-1 tie over the weekend to improve their record to 15-25-11. Out west, Phoenix was stopped by Edmonton 5-3 dropping their record to 22-20-8. Captain Tkachuk has upped his team-leading totals to 32 goals and 20 assists for 52 points. The NHL will be heading into a Winter Olympics break during the next couple of weeks.

♣ **High School Prep Notebook** ... Marc Russell had three goals and Brian Dole had one as the Charlestown High hockey team defeated South Boston 4-3 in a big City League game. Phil O'Neil was phenomenal in the nets for CHS. The Townies picked off their second win of the week, shutting down Snowden. The Townies can play hockey when they put their minds to it.

On the basketball front, Charlestown rolled to 11-0, defeating Brighton and Latin Academy. The Charlestown hoopsters are rated Number 2 in the state.

Chet Ferreira, remember him, is starring for the Wilmington High hockey team.

♣ **Unsung Heroes** ... Today at Florian Hall, Tommy Carroll will be sworn in as a Boston Firefighter. Tommy joins the many fine men and women from Charlestown who have served the city as members of the Boston Fire

Department over the years. I think too often we forget the great work they do 24-hours-a-day, 7-days-a-week. They put themselves on the line for us every day of the year.

Tommy is a graduate of Christopher Columbus High School and, after a brief stint in college, he joined the Marines and served his country. Now, once again, Tommy will be serving his neighbors a little closer to home. Tommy knows what I think of him, but he may not realize how proud I am of him. Congratulations Firefighter Carroll, BFD!

Capt. Ron Conway, Area A-1 Commander, was selected as one of the Boston Tab newspaper's "People of the Year." The awards honor the positive, essential contributions many residents make to the quality of life in our community, people who make Boston a special place to live and work. For all of us - Capt. Conway is the right choice!

♣ **Chinese New Year** ... Working at Charlestown High School has always been quite a rewarding experience for me. Over this short period I have come to appreciate our great young people even more, and I have an even better appreciation about many of their holidays, traditions and cultures. This week marks the beginning of the Chinese New Year. Year 4695 is the Year of the Tiger.

♣ **Tidbits** ... Coach is home! ... Anthony Sorrentino, what happened to my T-shirt? ... Marc Russell, good to hear from you ... Sissy and the hard-working CHS cafeteria staff say hello to all their friends at the Edwards.

Smile!

## Gym Hockey Registration

Registration for the 1998-99 Charlestown Gym Hockey season will be held on Saturdays: Feb. 7, 14, 21 and 28 at St. Mary's Parish Hall, 46 Winthrop St.

Boys ages 4 to 8 years of age are eligible to register. Any boy turning 9 before Dec. 31, 1998 is not eligible.

Girls ages 4 to 9 years of age are eligible to register. Any girl turning 10 before Dec. 31, 1998 is not eligible.

Registration will take place during regular gym hockey hours, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is a registration fee of \$10 per child and birth certificates must be presented for all new players.

## Black History Month To Be Celebrated At The Charlestown Navy Yard

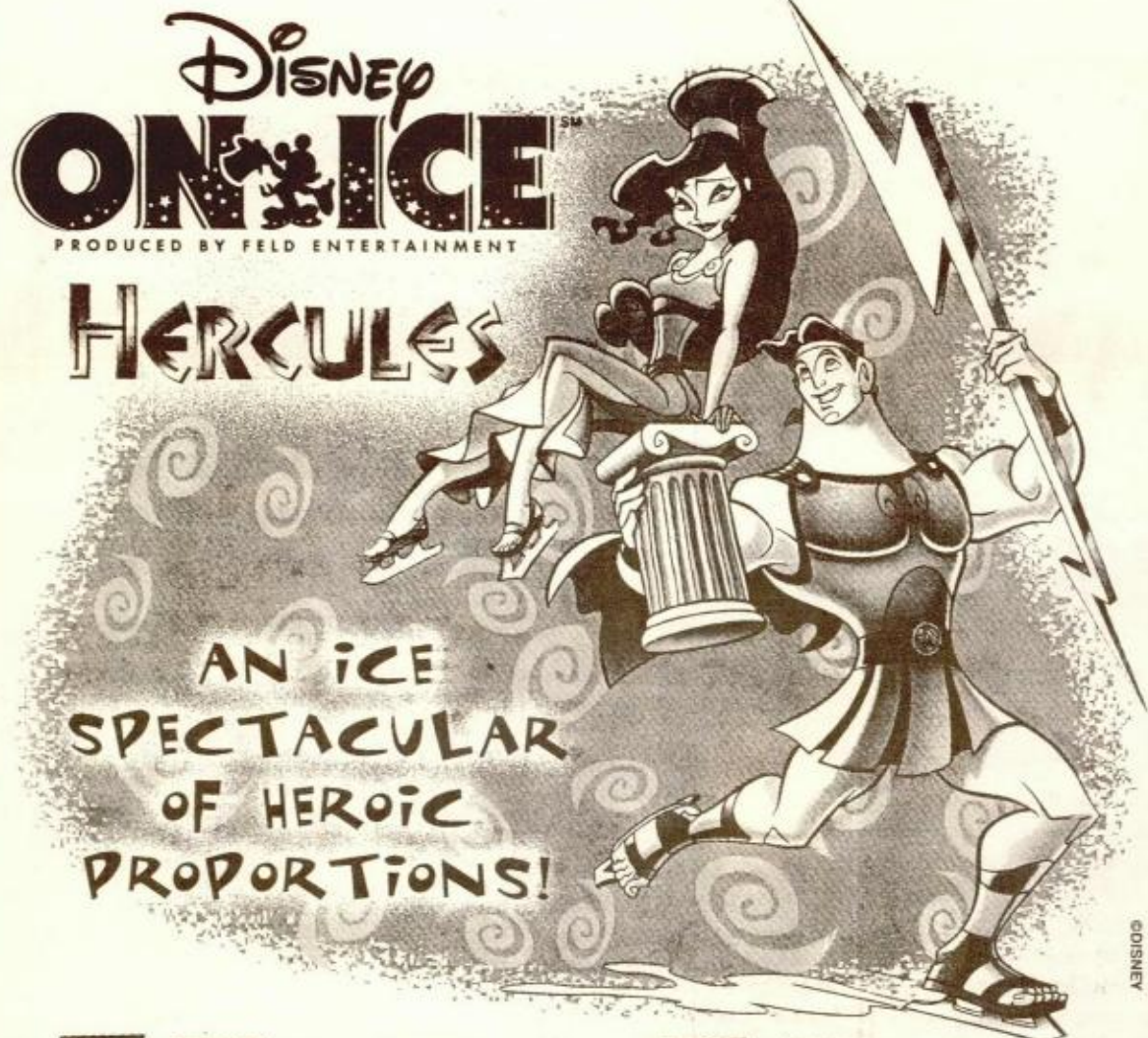
The Boston National Historical Park will celebrate Black History Month with free daily showings of the documentary film, "Proudly We Served: The Men of the USS Mason," through the month of February at the Charlestown Navy Yard Visitor Center.

Built and commissioned at the Charlestown Navy Yard in 1944, USS Mason was the first American warship to have a predominantly African-American crew. She and her crew distinguished themselves numerous times during World War II while escorting convoys across the Atlantic. Only recently has the USS Mason and her crew's fascinating story been told.

In 1995, Boston National Historical Park created the first major exhibit on the USS Mason and her crew. The story is chronicled in award-winning author Mary Pat Kelly's book and documentary "Proudly We Served: The Men of the USS Mason." Kelly, who was nominated for several Emmys, joined many of the surviving crew when they met for an emotional reunion to open the exhibit.

The 55-minute film will be shown daily at noon, with additional showings available upon request until 4 p.m.

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Thu. FEB. 19		1:00PM† 7:30PM†
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# Seniors Get Ready For The Holidays At 55 Bunker Hill St.

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## Vincent B. 'Lolly' McGee Dies At 70

Vincent B. McGee, age 70, a Lowell resident for eight years, died on Friday, Jan. 23 at Saints Hospital in Lowell, after a brief illness.

Born in New York City, Mr. McGee lived most of his younger life in Charlestown and attended St. Francis de Sales School. He graduated from The High School of Commerce in Boston in 1945 and then joined the Navy during World War II where he served as a signalman.

Mr. McGee later attended Bates College in Maine, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Liberal Arts. He received a Master's Degree in Education

from Harvard University in 1962 and began teaching and supervising the state of Maine Middle Schools. He served as Superintendent of Schools in Attleboro, Mass., from 1966 through 1970. In 1971 he became Superintendent of Schools for the Newport, R.I. School Department where he served until 1974.

In 1974, Mr. McGee was named Superintendent of Schools for the Chelsea School Department where he served until 1983 and he later became Superintendent of the Old Orchard School Department in Maine from 1985 through 1991 when he

retired.

Affectionately known as "Lolly," Mr. McGee was a member of the Harvard University Round Table and the Old Charlestown Schoolboys Association.

Mr. McGee is survived by his wife, Suzanne (Doherty); two daughters, Cheryl Crouse of Baltimore, Maryland, and Arlene Gillen of Brighton; and one son, Michael McGee of Chicago, Illinois; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

His funeral Mass was said on Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at St. Francis de Sales Church, followed by interment at Evergreen Cemetery in Brighton.

## The Kennedy Center Services At Community Sites

### 100 Ferrin St. For Seniors Only

#### Monday, Feb. 2

9 a.m. - Coffee  
11:30 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch  
12:30 p.m. - Bingo

#### Tuesday, Feb. 3

9 a.m. - Coffee  
9:30 - Swim at the YMCA  
10 a.m. - Crochet  
11:30 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch  
12:30 p.m. - Bingo

#### Wednesday, Feb. 4

9:15 a.m. - Bus to Stop & Shop

#### Thursday, Feb. 5

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

**Happy January Birthday . . . to Ellie Attanasia, Edna Boyle, Helen Burke, Dot Burke, Betty Celata, Carmella Chase, Marion Considine, Leo Cullity, Mary Denehy, Dot Keniston, Marion McLaughlin, Wanda Sheehan and Bob Urquhart.**

**PLAN AHEAD:** Feb. 11 - Senior Valentine Party at 55 Bunker Hill St., 1 p.m. - Please sign up as space is limited.

### 55 Bunker Hill St. Drop-in Resource Center

#### Friday, Jan. 30

8:30 a.m. - Coffee/Drop In  
10 a.m. - Seniorobics  
11:30 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch  
12:30 p.m. - Bingo  
3:30 p.m. - Crafts

#### Monday, Feb. 2

8:30 a.m. - Coffee  
10 a.m. - Seniorobics  
1:30 p.m. - Public Access to Computers

#### Tuesday, Feb. 3

8:30 a.m. - Coffee/Drop In  
9 a.m. - ESL/Chinese  
10:30 a.m. - Hispanic Coffee Hour  
1:30 p.m. - Public Access to Computers

#### Wednesday, Feb. 4

8:30 a.m. - Coffee/Drop In  
11:30 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch  
12:30 p.m. - Bingo

#### Thursday, Feb. 5

9 a.m. - Options Group  
9:30 a.m. - Bus to Stop & Shop  
1:30 p.m. - Public Access to Computers

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The Charlestown Lions Club has recycled over 10,000 pairs of eyeglasses, making it possible for many in foreign lands to obtain them.

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## KEYS FOUND

Large set of keys found on 1/24 in front of the Charlestown Working Theater.  
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# THE CHARLESTOWN POLICE LINE

For more information regarding arrested individuals, contact Community Service Officer Bill Smith, 343-4627

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

Friday, Jan. 16

A Charlestown man stated that at about 2:30 p.m. as he was driving in the Sullivan Square rotary, the right rear of his auto was struck by a snow plow causing him to lose control of his auto and strike an abutment. This resulted in extensive damage to the front end of his auto. The truck did not stop.

Saturday, Jan. 17

An Everett woman reported that between 2 p.m. on Jan. 14 and 10 a.m. on this date, \$500 had been taken from her elderly mother's Bunker Hill Street apartment.

Sunday, Jan. 18

A Charlestown man stated that around 4 p.m. while he and a woman friend were walking to their Main Street home, they encountered a moving truck blocking Lawrence Street. They said that they asked the man with the truck to move it, he refused and an argument ensued. The man with the truck bumped the woman in a hip-check manner and then grabbed the man's head, breaking his glasses, and also kicked him in the ankle. The suspect was placed under arrest for assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon.

Wednesday, Jan. 21

At 10 a.m., 29-year-old Charlestown man was arrested at Charlestown District Court on an outstanding warrant for trespassing as part of Operation PAWS.

A 39-year-old Charlestown woman was arrested on Starr King Court at 9:30 p.m. for an outstanding Somerville District Court warrant for violations of the auto laws as part of Operation PAWS.

At 4 p.m., a 23-year-old Burlington woman was arrested at

Charlestown District Court on a default warrant as part of Operation PAWS.

At about 9:15 p.m., officers observed a 37-year-old Charlestown woman, who was known to have outstanding warrants, enter an apartment on Old Landing Way. She had an outstanding default warrant from Chelsea District Court for possession of a Class A substance (heroin) as part of Operation PAWS. The officer advised her of her rights and, as they prepared to leave the apartment, he noted empty heroin wrappers and plastic straws with white residue inside them. The woman's husband arrived home and the officer conducted a threshold inquiry of the man. What was believed to be marijuana was observed on a dinner tray and a plastic bag was seen containing numerous waxed paper folds, believed to be heroin. It was noted that the address of the apartment is within 1,000 feet of a school. Also found was a credit card which had been reported stolen. The woman said she found it in the back of a taxi. The apartment was secured and the management company was notified of the arrests.

At 10 p.m., an 18-year-old Charlestown man was arrested on Tibbetts Town Way on an outstanding Boston Juvenile Court warrant for an attempt to commit a crime as part of Operation PAWS.

Thursday, Jan. 22

A Charlestown woman stated that between 8 p.m. on Jan. 21 and 2 a.m. on this date, her auto was broken into and vandalized while it was parked on Bartlett Street. Among the items taken were a tan leather Rafael II briefcase valued at \$1,000, a Pentium 1200 lap-top computer valued at \$2,000, a Rafael II tan leather daytimer, business papers, keys, make-up valued at \$100, a Waterford pen valued \$100, and Armani sunglasses valued at \$250.

At 6 p.m., police went to Medford Street on the report of vandalism. A resident reported that youth from the area were back in the hallway breaking the lights and the fire detectors

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and smoking marijuana. The resident was advised to contact BHA.

Friday, Jan. 23

At 8:52 a.m., an Everett man was stopped at Henley and Warren streets for operating a motor vehicle through this intersection without stopping. Further investigation revealed that the driver had an expired inspection sticker and was operating after the suspension of his license. The auto was towed.

Saturday, Jan. 24

A Charlestown woman reported that between 11 p.m. on Jan. 20 and 11 a.m. on this date, her auto had been forced open while it was parked on Main Street. Taken were assorted tools valued at \$50, a black cashmere coat valued at \$500 and a bungee cord bag valued at \$15.

A Somerville woman stated that between 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 23 and 8:45 a.m. on this date, her auto was struck and damaged while it was parked on Monument Avenue. The driver failed to stop.

## ST. FRANCIS DE SALES HAPPENINGS

### Partial Birth Abortion

Over 276 postcards were sent to Senators Kennedy and Kerry from St. Francis de Sales Parish asking that they support the cause of life in voting to override the President's tragic veto on partial birth abortion.

### Bake Sale

The 7th and 8th graders from Charlestown Catholic Elementary School are sponsoring a bake sale fundraiser at St. Francis de Sales Parish this weekend, Jan. 31 and Feb. 1. We are seeking homemade baked goods to assist the students in raising money for a two-day trip to New York City. Baked goods should be brought to St. Francis de Sales Rectory by 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31 or to the church before Masses. The students would greatly appreciate your help.

### 9th Grade Confirmation Class

The 9th grade Confirmation Class will meet on Monday Feb. 2, at 6 p.m. sharp in the Bishop Lawton Hall. Every ninth grade student in both Catholic and public high schools from the three parishes in Charlestown must attend the Confirmation One Class as part of their preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring of 1999.

### Eucharistic Vigil

An all-night Eucharistic Vigil will be held at St. Francis de Sales Church on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 6 and 7. These vigils are for reparation and atonement to

the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The vigil will begin with Mass of the Sacred Heart at 9 p.m. on Friday and will end with Mass of the Immaculate Heart at 5 a.m. on Saturday. Refreshments will be served.

### Mass For The Anointing

On Sunday, Feb 8 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. A Valentine's collation and party will follow this special Mass from 2 to 4 p.m.

If you would like to be a St. Francis de Sales Valentine, kindly sign your name, address and telephone number at the usher's 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 have them contact the rectory at 242-0147. The deadline for signing up for the party is Monday, Feb. 2.

### Parish Cookbook

The Guild of St. Francis de Sales recently published a Parish Cookbook. The books are available from the ushers at Mass and at the rectory for only \$6 each.

### 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.

## Legal Notice

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
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Probate and Family Court Department  
Suffolk Division Docket No. 94D-2888  
Summons By Publication  
La Bun Chhin, Plaintiff  
v.  
Meas Mom, Defendant

To the above-named Defendant:

A Complaint has been presented to this Court by the Plaintiff La Bun Chhin, seeking a divorce from Meas Mom on the grounds of desertion.

You are required to serve upon La Bun Chhin, plaintiff, whose address is 2 Carney Court, Apt. 118, Charlestown, Mass. 02129, your answer on or before March 19, 1998. 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, Elaine M. Moriarty, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Boston, this 5th day of January, 1998.

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## 'What You Need To Know About The 1997 Taxpayer Relief Act'

Jennifer Maxwell, financial consultant for Merrill Lynch Private Client Group, will be the guest speaker at the weekly adult discussion group meeting at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St., at 10 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 6.  
If you are saving for col-

lege education expenses, Maxwell's presentation will focus on the new legislation, which has created an education IRA that is available this year.

The program is free and open to the public.

For more information, call the library at 242-1248.

## 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, Feb. 3 at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

The features will be "Fun in Scribbleland," the story of how two children experience fun and danger after they bring their drawing to life... After quitting its job, a little train happily returns to work in "The Little Train"... A miniature

elephant attempts to locate a home in "The Smallest Elephant in the World."

Jimmy likes to bet and often cheats until he learns the value of honesty and friendship in "The Jumping Frog of Calaveras County." It will be shown only at 3:30 p.m.

Suggested books to read are *Elmer* by David McKee and *The Little Engine That Could* by Watty Piper.

## Scapicchio Advises Property Owners On Abatement Filing Deadline

District One City Councillor Paul Scapicchio reminds property owners they must file abatement forms by Monday, Feb. 2 with the city of Boston's assessing office.

Filing the form properly and quickly could result in a lower tax assessment. Also, don't forget about exemptions for the elderly and owner-occupied homes, among others.

The announcement was made two days after the

councillor signed onto a resolution that would allow a public hearing before the property tax increase takes effect. Because Charlestown was one of the most affected areas in the city by the new tax increase, everyone is strongly encouraged to apply for an abatement.

If anyone has any problems or needs help filing forms, contact the city of Boston Assessing Office at 635-4264 or the councillor's office at 635-3200.

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## Busa Represents United States In Sweden

Ashley Busa of Lexington was recently selected by the U.S. Figure Skating Association to compete in the Mid-Winter Trophy Cup in Stockholm, Sweden. The Mid-Winter Trophy Cup held in December, involves skaters from 11 nations and Ashley's flight had 22 skaters representing all 11 nations.

Ashley was one of four skaters chosen to represent the U.S. at this international competition. At age 12, she was the youngest skater on the U.S. team and only had a few weeks to polish her skills and add additional time onto her short program to be ready for international competition.

Shortly after arriving in Sweden, the short program competition began and she placed a remarkable ninth out of 22 competitors at the Novice/Junior level. A few days later, Ashley gave a tremendous performance in the long program and gained a fourth place finish,



ASHLEY BUSA

which put her in sixth place overall.

In addition to her skating accomplishments, Ashley was involved in a live radio interview about skating which was aired throughout Europe during

her stay in Sweden. As the competition took place in

Stockholm when the Nobel Peace Prize was being awarded, she also participated in a special dinner reception in the Old City Hall with the chairman of the Swedish Skating Federation and the president of Sweden.

A seventh grade high honor student at Clarke Middle School, Ashley was indeed fortunate to see first hand some of the history of Europe and was able to capture some wonderful pictures and interesting facts to share with her classmates upon her return to the U.S.

Ashley is the daughter of Mary Margaret Coleman, formerly of Charlestown, and Bill Busa of Lexington. She is the granddaughter of Francis "Bud" Coleman of Charlestown.

### 'The USS Constitution Museum' At The Charlestown Branch Library

Michael Bonnano, education coordinator at the USS Constitution Museum, will be the guest speaker at the weekly adult discussion group meeting at the Charlestown Branch

Library, 179 Main St., at 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 30.

He will discuss the special programs, historical artifacts and other resources that are offered at the museum.

### Barry Joins New T-Team

Anna Barry of Charlestown has joined MBTA General Manager Robert Prince Jr.'s new T-Team. Barry was recently appointed as the MBTA's director of railroad operations.

In this position, Barry plans, directs and monitors the operation of the Commuter Rail System.

She supervises through

various department heads, the activities of approximately 900 contracted technical and managerial employees, prepares the annual Railroad Operations capital budget and provides direction to the General Counsel in the management of labor relations and contract negotiations.

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### CLAIMING THE HOME OFFICE DEDUCTION WILL SOON BE EASIER

Many taxpayers maintain an office in their home used in connection with their business or profession. One of the provisions included in the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 will make claiming the home office deduction much easier for these taxpayers.

To qualify as a home office, a portion of the home must be used regularly and exclusively as the taxpayer's principal place of business. According to the IRS, regular use means use on a continual basis and exclusive use means only for business. No deduction will be allowed if the home office is used for any non-business purpose for as little as one day during the year.

If the regular and exclusive use criteria are both met, the next step is to determine whether the home office qualifies as the taxpayer's principal place of business. Currently, the guidelines are quite stringent. To qualify, the taxpayer must perform the income-producing activity within the home office. Unless the taxpayer meets with customers, clients or patients at the home office on a regular basis, no deduction will generally be allowed.

Effective January 1, 1999, many more will be eligible to claim the home office deduction. A provision in the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997 expands the guidelines for determining whether a home office qualifies as a taxpayer's principal place of business to include those individuals who meet the following two conditions:

- (1) The home office is used by the taxpayer for administrative or management activities on a regular basis, and
- (2) The taxpayer does not have any other fixed location to conduct administrative or management activities.

This change means that after 1998, taxpayers will no longer be denied a deduction when the home office is used only for administrative and managerial tasks (such as bookkeeping, correspondence, etc.). It should be emphasized that 1997 and 1998 tax returns must be filed under the more stringent pre-1997 tax law rules.

TO SEE HOW THIS CAN AFFECT YOU, CALL TODAY!

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