

MERRY CHRISTMAS



around the town

★ **Trash Flash!** ... Christmas Day and New Year's Day are fast approaching ... both of which are legal holidays ... Trash collection on these two days here in Charlestown will be one day late, so don't put out your trash until after 5 p.m. on

these two Fridays as it will not be collected until Saturdays, Dec. 26 and Jan. 2!

★ **Holiday Skating** ... The Metropolitan District Commission (MDC) has announced that free public skating will be held during

the Christmas vacation at Charlestown's Emmons-Horrigan-O'Neil MDC Skating Rink.

The schedule is:
Thursday, Dec. 24 - 10 a.m. to noon
Saturday, Dec. 26 - 2 to 5 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 27 - 2 to 4 p.m. & 6 to 9 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 28 - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 29 - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 30 - 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 31 - 10 a.m. to noon
Saturday, Jan. 2 - 2 to 4 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 3 - 2 to 4 p.m.

★ **Neighborhood Council Meetings** ...

Monthly Meeting
 Chairman Peter Looney announces that the monthly meeting of the Neighborhood Council will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 5 at the K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

The seven newly elect-
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Christmas Tree Lighting And Santa's Visit Celebrated At Thompson Square



THOMPSON SQUARE was a stop of Mayor Thomas Menino, the Christmas Trolley with a delegation of Macy's Christmas characters on a recent Sunday. The lights on the tree were illuminated and then it was on to One Thompson Square for refreshments, a visit and a photo with Santa (Marty O'Brien Sr.) and Mrs. Santa (Kay Whelan), and a gift, courtesy of local businesses and organizations. The exceptionally warm weather made it a pleasant day for all, including the over 300 children who sat on Santa's lap. Shown top row are Ronan Carrier (left) and Leisa Loan (right). In the bottom row are Mike Simensen (left) and Kayle DeRosa (right). (photo by Kathy Whitehouse)



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Mass And Gathering Honoring Father DiPerri

All are welcome to join in prayer and support of Father James DiPerri, who has been appointed by Cardinal Law to serve the Archdiocese of Boston in a new position in the Archdiocese' Chancery Central Administration Office. He

will be Assistant to the Moderator of the Curia.

In appreciation for his work as pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Parish and Charlestown Catholic Elementary School, and also for his efforts throughout the Charlestown com-

munity, a Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 3 in St. Catherine's Upper Church in Hayes Square.

A gathering will be held following the Mass in St. Catherine's Parish Hall on Tufts Street.

Holiday Schedule ...

The New Year's edition of **The Charlestown Patriot** will be in the stores on Thursday, Jan. 7. The deadline for news and advertising is Monday, Jan. 5 at 5 p.m. The Patriot office will be closed from noon on Thursday, Dec. 24 until Monday morning, Jan. 4. There will not be an issue on Dec. 31.

Happy New Year To All ... The Staff Of The Patriot



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SERVICES FOR CHARLESTOWN RESIDENTS

Monday

- 2 to 5 p.m. - The next office hours with Judy Evers, regional coordinator, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services will be at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St. on Monday, Jan. 4.
- 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. **Bring your own bags.**

Tuesday

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

Friday

- 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. - Fresh fruit, vegetables and bread are available for \$1.25 a bag at the Charlestown Ecumenical Food Pantry, 14 Green St. **Bring your own bags.**
- 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

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CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

this week at a glance

Friday, Dec. 25
Merry Christmas!

Tuesday, Dec. 29

- 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.
- 3 p.m. - City Councillor Paul Scapicchio Office Hours - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

upcoming events

Thursday, Dec. 31

- 2 to 5 p.m. - New Year's Eve Party for Seniors - Senior Lounge, 55 Bunker Hill St.
- 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. - New Year's Eve Celebration - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Friday, Jan. 1
Happy New Year!

Tuesday, Jan. 5

- 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.

plan ahead

Thursday, Jan. 7

- 6:30 to 9 p.m. - Charlestown Lacrosse Registration - Kent Community Center Gym, 50 Bunker Hill St.

Saturday, Feb. 27

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

Saturday, April 10

- 6:30 p.m. - Lt. Michael P. Quinn, USMC, Scholarship Dinner-Dance - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Saturday, Nov. 27

- 7 p.m. - Charlestown High School Classes of 1958 and 1959 Reunion - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St. (contact: Carol [Lynch] McCarthy, 978-658-9855)

Celebrate The Holidays At USS Constitution Museum

Join the USS Constitution Museum in the Charlestown Navy Yard in celebrating the holiday season! Participate in sea chantey songs during school vacation week and early visitors to the museum on "First Night" will be rewarded with a piece of wood from *USS Constitution*! The museum and its events are free of charge and the museum is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

the sing-a-long workshops, creating music in the form of sea chanteys. Each workshop is limited to 20 children. Call (617) 426-1812 ext. 124 by Monday, Dec. 28 to reserve a space.


Children from kindergarten through eighth grade may participate in creating a museum display, matching labels with artifacts. Also, youngsters will learn about "Poetry Power" through Oliver Wendall Holmes' poetic tale, "Old Ironsides." Advanced purchase of a First Night Button is required.

December School Vacation
Tuesday, Dec. 29 & Wednesday, Dec. 30
11 a.m. & 1 p.m.
Create Your Own Sea Chantey
(children of all ages)
Chantey singer Daisy Nell leads

First Night - Thursday, Dec. 31
The Family Festival at Hynes Veterans Convention Center
Join the USS Constitution Museum as it participates in The Family Festival during "First Night," Boston's Largest indoor venue showcasing over 40 performances from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Hynes Veterans Convention Center. A museum living history performer will introduce First Nighters to the true tales of *USS Constitution*.

Also...
Also, beginning at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 31 at the museum, a free piece of wood from *USS Constitution* will be given to the first 100 visitors wearing a First Night Button.
Admission to the USS Constitution Museum is free.

Season's Greetings
from
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Sithe New Plant Proposal Draws Qualified Support From Impacted Communities

At a hearing in Everett before the Massachusetts Energy Facilities Siting Council on Dec. 16, community residents, public health advocates and environmentalists expressed guarded optimism about Sithe New England's proposal to site a new 1500 MW natural gas-fired power plant next to the existing 980 MW Mystic power plant.

According to Clean Water Action, the existing plant, third most polluting in the state, is one of the biggest sources of air pollution in the region, emitting 19,455 tons of sulfur dioxide (forms microscopic soot and acid rain), 4,311 tons of nitrogen oxide (forms smog) and 4,384,591 tons of carbon dioxide (greenhouse gas) in 1997 alone. As part of their siting proposal, Sithe has committed to binding emission reductions from current levels from both plants combined.

Spokesman for Sithe also stated at the hearing that they felt they would be able to comply with proposed stricter regulations which the Department of Environmental Protection is in the initial stages of drafting. The goal of the proposed regulation is to reduce the emissions of key

pollutants by 50 to 75 percent by requiring older plants like Mystic to meet the same emission standards required of plants built after 1977.

"Sithe's commitment to additional emission reductions shows that they are listening to local residents' concerns about the pollution from the plant," said Cindy Luppi, Clean Water Action organizing director. "These residents want and deserve, though, the same kind of relief the neighborhood of South Boston when their power plant switched to natural gas in 1996."

"Sithe's air quality improvement proposal would reduce smog-causing emissions by 22 percent and acid rain causing emissions

by over 40 percent from current levels," said Rob Sargent, MASSPIRG energy director. "These are substantial reductions. But let's be clear - replacing the old plant with the new one would reduce smog-causing emissions by 95 percent and virtually eliminate soot and acid-rain causing pollution, while cutting global warming emissions in half."

"I am pleased to hear about the economic infusion the plant would provide for Everett and about Sithe's commitments to using union labor," said Ray Dorney, Everett resident. "I'm also pleased to hear that emission levels will go down. But I do think that more can and should be done to reduce pollution

and local health consequences from the plant."

"We all understand how much cleaner the new plant would be, certainly compared to the old plant," said Rosemary Kverek, Charlestown resident. "But if Sithe will keep the old plant operating, even at reduced capacity, that still means excess pollution and poor air quality for our local communities."

"As parents of young children who will be affected by these emissions as they're growing up, we're concerned," said Kathleen and Jim Godding of Charlestown. "What we'd like to see is for the old plant to shut down when the new plant comes on line."

- Cindy Luppi

THE REAL ESTATE WEEKLY



Carolyn Sideman, Monument Properties

IF YOU WANT TO READ THE WHOLE THING!

When you buy a house, you're asked to sign an amazing number of documents, especially if you're obtaining a mortgage. While it may seem prudent to read all of these papers before signing, it may not be practical to do this at the settlement. If you're the type who really does have to read everything first, we have some suggestions.

In an ideal world, the settlement attorney would have everything ready for your perusal several days before the big event. What often happens, however, is the lender delivers the paperwork to the settlement office at the last minute - sometimes later than that. If you insist on reading everything, including all fine print, you'll probably draw some serious groans from the others at the table. One solution is to request copies of all standard forms a week before settlement, since most of the papers are boilerplate. Then at settlement, you just check to ensure the blanks were correctly filled in.

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*Sincerely,
Nicholas C. Pino
Certified Public Accountant
and Staff
Nick, Janet, Al, Doug and Ronda*

ESL Conversations At The Library

Adult and young adult patrons for whom English is a second language are invited to practice their English language skills during an ESOL Conversation Group meeting

The meeting will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday eve-

nings, Jan. 4, 11 and 25, at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

The group is assisted by a trained ESL tutor and is free and open to the public. New members are always welcome. For information, call 242-1248.

It's A Girl . . .

Kelley Anne and Gregory P. Snow of 32 Harley Ave., Everett, proudly announce the birth of their daughter, Isabelle Anne Snow, on Dec. 8 at the Melrose-Wakefield Hospital. The baby weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces.

The maternal grandmother is Josephine S. Harrington of Everett. The paternal grandmother is Ellen M. Snow of 6 Clinton Place, Charlestown.

Isabelle was welcomed home by her brother Michael, age 18 months.

EDWARDS MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWS

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Thank you to all the students and parents who supported last week's Holiday Bazaar. The turnout was great and thanks goes out to all the parents who donated items and baked goods. Over \$1,000 was raised for the school!

8TH GRADE FIELD TRIP

All of the eighth-graders took a historical field trip through Charlestown on Dec. 21. They visited the Bunker Hill Monument and the *USS Constitution* as a tie-in with topics studied in Social Studies.

WINTER VACATION

School will close after a full day on Dec. 23 for winter vacation. Vacation runs from Dec. 24 until Jan. 3. Students and staff will return on Monday, Jan. 4.

Happy Holidays to everyone in the community from the staff and students at the Edwards! Your support is appreciated during 1998 and the school looks forward to your continued support in the New Year.

- Christine Sullivan



Happy 40th!
UNCLE
TOMMY

on December 31st!

Love . . .

Chuckie, Ryan,
Patrick & Tommy

Have Some FUN During The
Holiday School Vacation At The



USS CONSTITUTION
MUSEUM
Charlestown Navy Yard

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HEY KIDS!!!

Join the *USS CONSTITUTION*
Museum Kids Club this month and
get a special holiday gift. Call
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Happy 40th Birthday
BIG BROTHER T.K.!
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Season's Greetings & Happy New Year!

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1998 Mayor
of Charlestown



and the

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♣ **'Tis The Season!** . . . and the spirit of this holiday season is evident throughout the town . . . Trees at Thompson Square, Hayes Square, at CharlesNewtown and on the *USS Constitution* are bedecked with glistening lights . . . garland and bows are decorating many of the town's lightpoles . . . candles glow in neighborhood windows . . . the holiday shopping is done (well, almost) . . . and as greetings are exchanged, all of us at the Patriot wish you and yours a happy and joyous holiday season and the very best in the new year!

♣ **Out With The Old . . . In With The New . . .** as 1998 comes to a close and the countdown to the millennium begins, New Year's Eve will be celebrated in style here in Charlestown at the Bunker Hill Council No. 62, Knights of Columbus gala party on Thursday, Dec. 31st, beginning at 7 p.m. . . . For an evening of good food, fun and friends for the nominal sum of \$25, give the Knights a call at 242-0062 by Dec. 29th . . . A hot and cold buffet by Sandy Griffin Caterers will be featured along with music for your dancing and listening pleasure by D.J. Dennis Moore . . . and best of all, you can leave your car at home and enjoy yourself!

♣ **Christmas and New Year's Birthdays . . .** will keep the card shops busy starting today. . . **Dec. 24th** is a date shared by Sheila "Cuddles" Walsh and Charlestown's man in the Senate President's office, Jim Walsh . . . Charlestown's own Christmas belle, Ginger Doherty, will have an extra special day as she parties on **Dec. 25th** . . . Dolly Hudson will continue celebrating until her **Dec. 28th** birthday . . . John Greatorex will party on **Dec. 29th** . . . Dot Burke was a New Year's baby, so her big day is **Jan. 1st** . . . Barrister Bill Stievater will party for sure on **Jan. 4th** . . . Chrissy Sexton, one of the faithful Patriot delivery persons from Life Focus Center, will celebrate on **Jan. 6th**, a date shared by Kelli Flanagan . . . The very best to each of you!

♣ **Belated Birthday Greetings . . .** go south to sunny Florida to Leslie Frost, who celebrated his 82nd birthday on Dec. 17th . . . now, if someone asks, you can tell them you know there's a frost in Florida! . . . Happy birthday, Leslie!

♣ **Don't Throw Away Those Holiday Greeting Cards . . .** during the great after-Christmas clean-up. Most people hate to throw away those beautiful holiday and/or greeting cards . . . Here's a place where you can send them - to a home for neglected, abused and abandoned children near Las Vegas - that recycles the **fronts** of attractive greeting cards . . . Send the card fronts only to: St. Jude's Ranch for Children, 100 St. Jude St., Boulder City, Nevada 89005 and give a helping hand to little ones who cannot fend for themselves.

♣ **Congratulations . . .** to Ed Flynn son of former ambassador Ray and Cathie Flynn of South Boston, who was recently sworn in as a member of the U.S. Navy Reserve under the Navy Veteran Program. Following advanced training at U.S. Naval Center in Newport, R.I., Flynn will work as a public affairs/communications specialist in Boston. He previously served in the U.S. Navy reserve from 1987 to 1995.

♣ **A Taste Of Eastie . . .** Over 25 East Boston restaurants will show off their specialties at the annual "A Taste of Eastie" from 6 to 9 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 28th at the Harborside Hyatt at Logan Airport . . . This food-tasting event is a unique promotional opportunity for local food establishments as well as a fundraiser for East Boston Main Streets . . . There will be a wide variety of food, a jazz pianist and a separate cigar room, featuring free samples and cigar rolling . . . For ticket info., call 617-561-1044.

♣ **Calling All Model Train Enthusiasts!** . . . South Station's annual holiday train display, "The Winter Wonderland Model Train Exhibit," is featured in the station's main concourse from now through Jan. 5 . . . Always a big attraction for commuters, families and train buffs alike, this year's exhibit has two electrical trains running through a festive lighted village, tunnels and across snow-covered bridges!

♣ **First Day Hike . . .** takes place on the first day of 1999, of course. Chowder will be served at noon on Friday, Jan. 1st at the MDC Blue Hill Reservation, and the free hikes begin at 1 p.m. Meet at the Houghton's Pond parking lot on Hillside Street in Milton . . . For more info., call 617-698-1802.

♣ **Thought Of The Week . . . And Next Week, Too . . .**

*A Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year
To You And Yours!*



around the town

★ Neighborhood Council Meetings . . .

Monthly Meeting

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ed at-large representatives and the seven delegates representing Charlestown non-profit organizations will be seated.

Basic Services Committee Meeting

Chairman Bill Galvin announces that the Basic Services Committee will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 11 in the K. of C. Upper Hall, 75 West School St.

The meeting will address an application for a 49-seat restaurant at 251 Main St. The restaurant would include take-out and a beer and wine license (serviced with food). Paul DeLiosa, who is petitioning for the restaurant, and his attorney, Pat Sweeney will make the presentation.

Public Safety Committee Meeting

Chairman John Dillon announces that the Public Safety Committee will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 12 at the Mishawum Park Community Room, 95 Dunstable St. Boston Police Community Service Officer Bill Smith is scheduled to be present.

All CNC meetings are open to the public. For additional information, call Peter Looney at 236-9448 or Judy Evers at 635-3485.

★ **Rep. O'Flaherty Office Hours . . .** Rep. Gene O'Flaherty will hold office hours at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St. at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 29. Constituents who are unable to attend the office hours may call 722-2370.

★ **Councillor Scapicchio Office Hours . . .** District One Boston City Councillor Paul Scapicchio will hold office hours at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St. at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 29. Constituents who are unable to

attend the office hours may call Lesley Smith at 635-3200.

★ **Community Office Hours . . .** Judy Evers, regional coordinator from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, will not be holding office hours during the upcoming Christmas and New Year's holidays. Office hours will resume on Monday, Jan. 4 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Evers may be reached at 635-3485.

★ **Free Training For Persons 55 And Over . . .** Operation A.B.L.E. announces that free computer and office skills training will begin on Jan. 25. This 22-week program is for mature workers who are age 55 and over, Boston residents, income eligible and seek full- or part-time work.

The program offers training in Microsoft Word, Windows and Excel. It also offers job search assistance and placement as well as a free T-pass.

For more information, call Operation A.B.L.E. at 617-542-4180.

★ **Free Museum Passes At Library . . .** Free family passes to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston are available at the Charlestown Branch, 179 Main St.

The passes have been donated to the Boston Public Library by the Delta Dental Plan of Mass. as a public service for the library patrons in the Metropolitan Boston area. Borrowers need not be Boston residents but must have a current lending card from the BPL.

The Central Library in Copley Square and each of the BPL's neighborhood branch libraries have two weekday, two Saturday, and two Sunday passes available for patrons' use on a first-come, first-served basis. Each pass

provides general admission to the MFA for one adult and up to three children, 17 years of age or younger. Children must be accompanied by a person 18 years of age or older.

Passes can be reserved in advance and telephone reservations will be accepted. For additional information, please contact the library at 242-1248 or the Central Library at 536-5400, ext. 379.

★ **Start 1999 Smoke Free . . .** Two new sessions of "Pack It In," a smoking cessation program presented by the MGH* Charlestown HealthCare Center, begins the first week in January. The sessions will be held at the Health Center, 73 High St.

One session, from 10 to 11 a.m. on Tuesdays, begins on Jan. 5 and continues through Feb. 2.

The second session, from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. on Wednesdays, begins on Jan. 6 and continues through Feb. 3.

The smoking cessation groups are **FREE!** Please call 781-485-6210.

★ **St. Francis House Seeks Warm Clothing . . .** St. Francis House shelter for the homeless is in dire need of men's coats in all sizes, and men's jeans and casual pants in sizes 30-40. The facility needs 100-150 pairs of pants each week to clothe their guests, and at least 750 coats to get through the winter.

To donate pants and coats, please bring them to the shelter at 39 Boylston St., Boston, Monday through Friday between 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m., and on weekends from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Pick-up is available for more than 12 bags of men's clothing.

To organize a clothing drive or for more information, call Larry at 617-654-1209.



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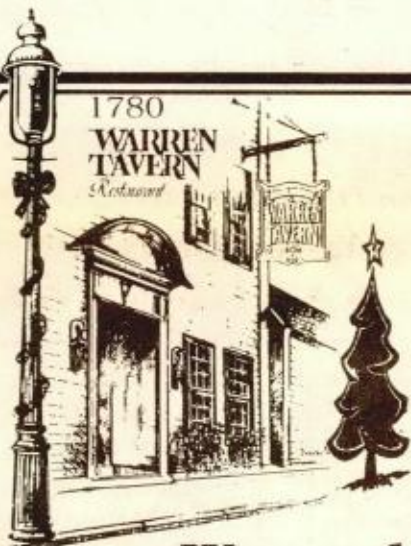
• 5 p.m. - Children's Pageant followed by Holy Eucharist
(Children are invited to bring gifts for the Christ Child, to be sent to the Holy Trinity School, Haiti)

• 10:30 p.m. - Festival Choral Eucharist

A Blessed Christmas &

A Wonderful Holiday Season

To The Good People Of Charlestown!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS
from
Roger & Bob Seabury
and
The Tavern Staff!

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NEW YEAR'S EVE

7 to 9 p.m. - Extensive Hors D'Oeuvres • 9 to 10:30 p.m. - Light Buffet

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\$20 per person . . . Reservations recommended, call 241-8142

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Holiday Open House At The Warren Tavern Benefits 'Toys For Tots' & The Christmas Wish List Program

A HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE on Dec. 6 marked the fourth year that the owners of The Warren Tavern, Roger and Bob Seabury, provided refreshments and a great party for persons who donated toys for Christmas gifts. This year, a portion of the over 600 toys went to "Toys For Tots" and others were donated to the Charlestown Christmas Wish List Program. Shown front row (l. to r.) PFC. Michael Carnell, USMCR; Tom Lyons, executive director, New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans; Charlestown resident PFC. Brian Ward, USMCR; Bob Seabury and Roger Seabury. In the back row (l. to r.) are City Councillor Paul Scapicchio and Charlestown Veterans Committee Chairman Jim Conway. (photo by Kathy Whitehouse)



The Officers, Members and Trustees of the
Daughters of Isabella #1
 would like to take this opportunity to thank our
 friends for their support throughout 1998.
TOGETHER we have made the world a little brighter!

May you and yours have a
**Holy & Joyous Christmas and
 A Happy & Healthy New Year!**

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Remembering A Townie Christmas



'Twas the night before Christmas at Grandma's house,
Where the Howell clan was gathered, including each spouse.
The men in the cellar were reading each label,
While the women wrapped presents on the dining room table.

Grandpa lit up his pipe to appease his addiction,
While Grandma kneaded her dough in the kitchen.
The tree was aglow with lights in profusion,
But Gramp insisted it needed another transfusion.

And grabbing his hand-drill put a hole in the trunk,
When he inserted the branch six ornaments went kerplunk.
Then Grandma exploded, "Let that tree alone!
This knife needs sharpening, go get the stone."

There in the basement as Grandpa descended,
The men studied instructions not quite comprehended.
Bill Sr. tightened the spokes on a bike for young Bill,
Art Thomas put the wheels on a wagon for Phil.

Sid inserted the lock nuts in a carriage for Lynne,
While Bill struggled to put the cotter pins in.
Fred was putting the screws in a rocker for Joan,
Jack cut himself on Ann Marie's sled and let out a moan.

Tom ran into the house to borrow some pliers,
Then Sib, exclaiming his tree needed some wires.
We all knew that the basement was Grandpa's domain,
Just a few tools - hammer, saw and a plane.

Across Grandpa's face came a picture of pain
When Sib asked for a board to mount Alan's train.
That Gramp treasured his wood was made very clear,
Just odd bits and pieces picked up here and there.

During the winter he would do his own thing
Building a boat he would sell in the spring.
When he used his plane, the wood to prepare,
Little girls got Shirley Temple curls for their hair.

Gramp fingered them all, it was so hard to choose,
"This wood is too good for that sort of use."
Back and forth they dickered and sparred
Till he gave Sib some plywood, but you could tell it was hard.

The grinding stone had been an old treadle sewing machine,
That Gramp had revamped so it could sharpen real keen.
He put his foot to the metal and pedaled quite fast,
Sparks flying from the knife blade made quite a blast.

He stumbled a little when he reached for a wrench,
And knocked the old shoe last off of the bench.
No longer used, but it still made quite an impression,
He had repaired all our shoes during the great depression.

Upstairs Joan tied bows with ribbon sparkling and bright,
While Ann lent her finger so the knots would be tight.
Ruth had already wrapped several boxes with ease,
Dolls for Diane and a rattle for Louise.

Jane, finished with wrapping, all huffing and puffing,
Went to the kitchen to help with the stuffing.
Gramp returned with the knife to cut up an onion,
Grandma was glad to sit down and get off her bunion.

Phil Carr came in to wish us good cheer,
Then Harry Bamberry in search of a beer.
Teresa Doherty came by to bring Ruth a gift,
Her sweet personality gave us all a lift.

Jackie Leeman, Billy Mason and Money Connolly stopped in,
Then Eddie Nichols, Johnny Dunn, and Flanagan.
Helen called down the stairs in a voice loud and clear,
Informing Jack that his old gang was here.

Lou came down from the attic for a before-bedtime snack,
Stacking gifts for Pat and Chris, Marie complained of her back.
Then the front door flew open, in walked Mike with his date,
"Anyone going to Midnight Mass? We are going to be late."

Coats, scarves and gloves were donned in a hurry,
The cold night air giving good reason to scurry.
Although snow flakes were falling, there was peace in the night
For the windows all glowed with the bright Christmas lights.

Coming up the street were the Hooleys and Flyms,
Joined by the McEwins and the Sullivans.
Newells, Wards and O'Connors were all coming out,
Their destination was never in doubt.

The climb up Bunker Hill to the church overextends,
But our spirits were lifted greeting neighbors and friends.
The Caseys, the Donohues, the Welches all braving the weather,
All the families of Allston Street were walking together.

We rounded the corner to a beautiful scene,
Multitudes trudging up the hill could be seen.
The Donovans, Byrnes and Paces joined in the throng,
Families from Cook, Sackville and Belmont streets came along.

The bell ringing from the top of the St. Francis tower
Told us we were fast approaching the midnight hour.
The hill and the snow made the climb hard to bear,
But there was such a feeling of peace in the air.

The outside of St. Francis seemed hushed and austere,
But poinsettias and the manger filled the inside with cheer.
The feeling of community and peace made us very aware
The the real, true meaning of Christmas was here.

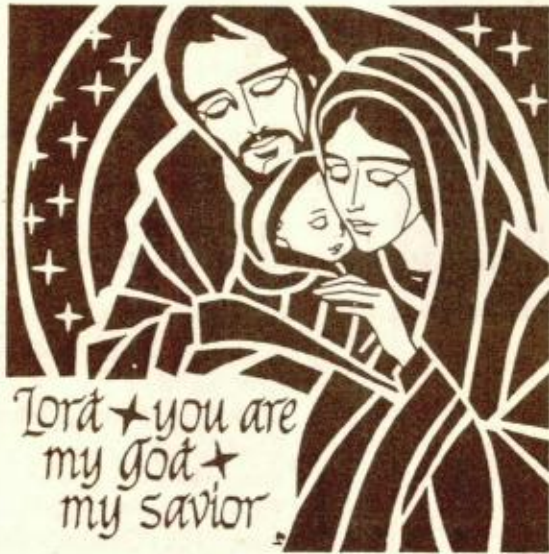
Some who were there then have long since gone,
While many here now had not yet been born.
When we gathered at Grandma's to wrap up each gift,
Only memories remain of a time that went by too swift.

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For that old Townie Yuletide tradition,
When we remember, as in our hearts we search,
For that special Christmas spirit when we all walked to church.

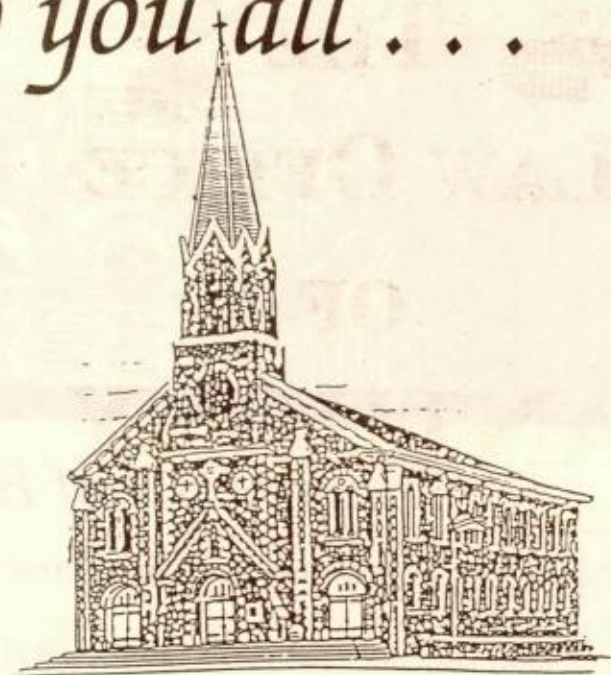
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Sincerely,
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To The Hit and Run Driver:

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It was the coldest day yet. Let me remind you, it was Friday morning, Dec. 18 between 7:30 and 8 a.m. on Dunstable Street. The dog's name was Ringer and you killed her

Enjoy the holiday! I hope next time its not a child.
Catty Douglas

Thanks From The Food Pantry

The Ecumenical Food Pantry expresses its sincere appreciation to all who made our food drive a successful Thanksgiving event.

Thank you, first, to all the churches for the Spartan effort all year long. This includes: St. Francis de Sales, on top of the hill, St. Mary's, St. John's Episcopal Church and St. Catherine's.

Words can not capture the spirit of good will from the school children in Charlestown, namely students from the C. R. Edwards, Warren Prescott, Charlestown Catholic and Charlestown High JRROTC. Lastly, the eighth annual Food Pantry would not be a reality if not for Eddie DeSimone at Johnnie's. Thank you to all who contributed.

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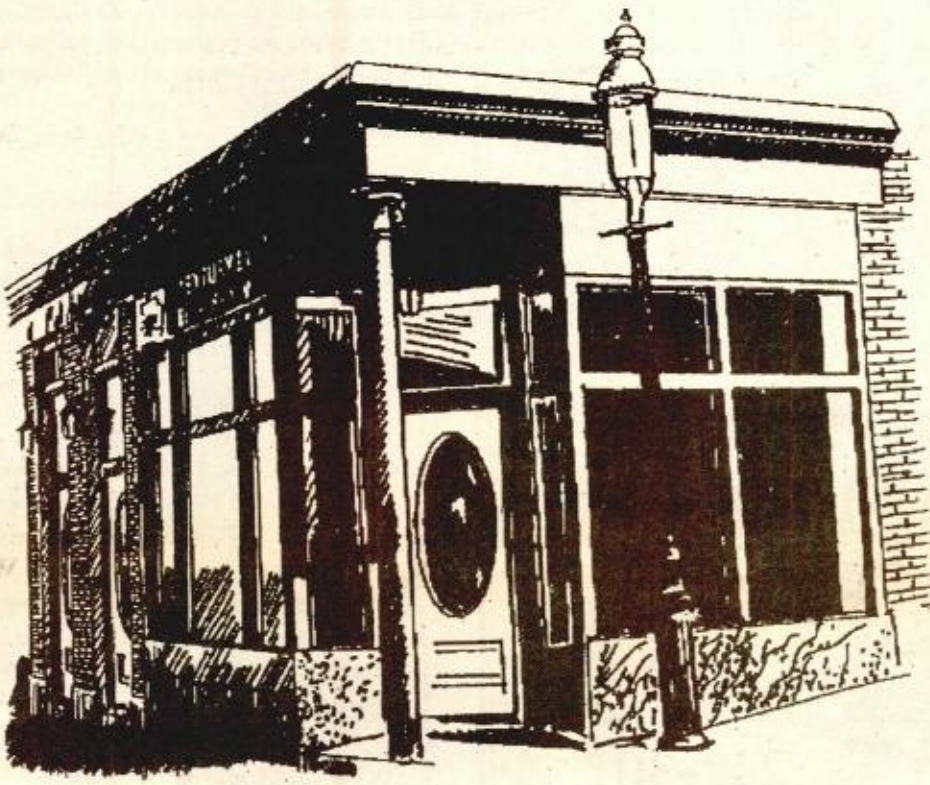
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by Charlie McGonagle

In the 1985 Christmas issue of *The Charlestown Patriot*, a story of a clock was told. The same story appeared on page 160 of *Charlestown's Blades of Grass*.

Because there seems to be some sort of magic attached to the clock, another story, similar in many aspects to the 1985 version, will be told here in the 1998 Christmas issue of *The Charlestown Patriot*.

It was the Christmas season of 1957. It was a peaceful and innocent time, perfectly placed somewhere between the Korean War and the Vietnam Conflict. Though not rich in material things, the people of this town were extremely wealthy in more important things. For the most part, they were family people, and in their families they found much joy.

This was their wealth.

It was the goal of parents to bring smiles to their children's faces with gifts on Christmas day, gifts which oftentimes cost more than the parent could afford. It was also the goal of young children to bring happiness to their parents with a gift during this special time of the year. For very small children that gift was often something drawn in scribble on a sheet of school paper, something that could be read only by the child and parent. It mattered not what colors were used. What did matter was the message which was conveyed. The little hand, in a way which seems exclusive only to very young children, was always able to say "I love you, Ma and Dad."

As the child grew, so too would the gifts. In the years that would follow, in place of the scribbled note, there might be a single dinner plate, a water glass, a picture frame,

or a book. Each inexpensive in cost, but highly valued by both the child who gave and the parent who received.

And then would come that special Christmas when the child's first after-school employment provided money enough to present the parents with something more than a plate, a glass, or a picture frame. For me, that time came during the Christmas season of 1957.

It was when I first saw the clock.

It was about a foot tall and was nestled neatly among other items in the display window of a cut-rate jewelry shop on Washington Street near Haymarket Square in Boston, a Boston quite visibly different from the one seen today. The clock was gold in color, real gold in my eyes, and decorated in dazzling white and red stones, stones which, to a sixteen year old looking to buy a first real Christmas gift for his parents, could only be diamonds and rubies. It was the pendulum, though, that attracted most of my attention. Back and forth, back and forth.

Each day I looked at the clock, and each day I became more and more mesmerized with the slow, methodical movement of the pendulum. My greatest fear was that it would be sold before I could save the sixteen dollars needed to purchase it. To me, the only clock of this kind in the entire world was in the window of that cut-rate jewelry store. My mind would not allow me to think that there might be dozens of others just like it in the store's inventory. No, it was the only one. I was convinced of that.

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ollar per hour, and my two hours per day er school allowed me to take home eight llars and change each week. I think it ght have been sometime in October when irst saw the clock, and by cutting a few mers, I knew I could accumulate enough ney by Christmas to buy it for my par- ts. From the moment I first made the cision to purchase the time piece, saving e sixteen dollars became an obsession. spite my many fears over the next couple onths, the money was saved and the ck was purchased in time for Christmas. It was 1957, I was sixteen years old, and an still vividly remember buying the ck. After taking my sixteen dollars, fif- n dollars and ninety-five cents, to be act, the store owner removed the clock m the window, allowed me to look at it m a distance closer than I had ever seen before, dusted it a bit, and placed it in a ay cardboard box before offering to gift ap it. I remember almost refusing his fer, for I wanted to take it home and exam- e it even more closely. I decided, though, at having the clock gift wrapped was the nsible thing to do. Christmas was only a uple of days away and, after giving the fit to my parents, I would have more than fficient time to look at it. On Christmas Day, after waking early, I nded the colorful package to my parents. r more than two months I had anticipated eat smile of appreciation from both, and hen they were not forthcoming, I felt only sappointment. It was not that they did not e the clock, for they did, and very much. t least that is what they told me. In later ars I learned that, although the clock oked nice, they both felt it to be a rather

expensive piece of junk. Both were in agreement that I had paid too much for it. They suggested that I return the clock and get my money back.

I had done very little, if anything, to defy my parents up to then, but this time I would be adamant. The clock would not be returned.

And so, reluctantly, on that Christmas morning of 1957, the clock was set to the proper time and plugged into a wall socket.

At the time the clock was given to my parents, my sister Helen was twenty-two years of age, my brothers Leo and Paul were twelve and eight, respectively, and I was sixteen. Today each of us has bid a fond adieu to our fiftieth birthday, and Dad has celebrated his eighty-eighth. In less than two months, Ma will do the same.

On top of a television set in the very living room where the gift was first presented, sits a clock, a clock that has seen more than forty Christmas mornings, a clock that has seen parents become grandparents and then great grandparents, children become first parents and then grandparents. In all that time, the pendulum has continued to swing back and forth, back and forth, and always, the hands have pointed to the correct hour for it has never lost a minute's time.

Those of us who have lived the story of the clock know that it keeps more than time. We know that with each movement of a hand, another minute passes and another memory is recorded.

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Lisa is the daughter of Robert and Janet Guerra. She previously attended Boston Latin School. A



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Her community service activities included membership on the Youth Council of the National Conference of Community Justice, whose mission is to end discrimination and bigotry. Lisa plans a career

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Reflecting On Christmas . . .



As each Holiday Season approaches, I find myself reflecting on Christmases past and think about memories of good times with family and friends, some of whom are still with us and others who have since passed on. Some of the most indelible memories include the following:

. . . Snow lightly falling against the living room window of my apartment (#191) at 17 Carney Court in the project while I gazed into the sky above watching for Santa. I often wondered how Santa could get into an apartment that didn't have a chimney or fireplace.

. . . Waking up Christmas morning and finding a cowboy hat, holster and guns, Secret Sam attache case and Mighty Matilda battleship waiting under the tree. My sister, Patsy, and me finding the half eaten carrots and cookies, empty cocoa cup and the letter from Santa thanking us for our hospitality.

. . . Placing a Christmas tree on the ledge above the front door at 17 Carney. The year we actually bought the aluminum tree with the rotating color wheel that alternately bathed it in various tinges of red, blue, green and yellow. What possessed us to do such a thing?

. . . Falling backwards on our hassock, hitting the corner of the hard project wall

and splitting my head open on Dec. 23, 1963. Spending a good portion of the evening at Mass. General while they stitched my head.

. . . Going to Jordan Marsh each Christmas to see Santa Claus, the Lionel train display and the Enchanted Village. Looking for Christmas gifts at Grants, Raymonds, Woolworths and Citymart in Downtown Boston.

. . . Listening to Johnny Mathis records as a kid and years later watching his Christmas video with Linda, David and Evan.

. . . The Christmas toys on the shelves of the old First National Supermarket or hanging on the walls of Jack's Bargain on Bunker Hill Street. Christmas shopping at Zayres at Wellington Circle in Medford. Mike Conley and I played with our brand new GI Joes on the front steps of 17 Carney.

. . . Depositing a dollar each week into my Christmas Club account. Being robbed at knifepoint by three men while shopping for Christmas gifts with my grandmother in Filene's Basement in the early 60's. The three escaped with 66 of those hard earned Christmas Club dollars.

. . . Going to the annual Navy Yard Christmas Party with my good friend Michelle (Hathcock) Isbart whose wonderful Nana, Alice Sellers, never forgot me. Mi-

chelle and I had a great time watching Rex Trailer snap his whip, knocking a newspaper from the outstretched hand of a volunteer. I can still remember the Navy Yard Santa and hearing *Jingle Bell Rock* by Bobby Helms and *Rocking Around the Christmas Tree* by Brenda Lee playing in the background.

. . . Getting presents from Santa at our apartment in Charlestown and at Nana Flanagan's home in Dorchester. The annual Christmas dinner at Nana's and deciding whether to have apple, squash or mince pie. Uncle Bob always seemed to want mince, Irving like squash and Herbie chose apple. Shopping for Old Spice, socks, handkerchiefs or cartons of cigarettes for my three great uncles and my uncle.

. . . Working at Filene's Basement Warehouse in Somerville in 1976. Picking myself up out of the snowbank at the corner of Polk Street and Walford Way after a night of celebrating with Pat and Bo.

. . . Spending Christmas Eve 1982 at my future in-laws home in Scituate, a week after meeting my wife, Linda, on a blind date.

. . . The Christmas Party at Sheila Brown's house on Trenton Street on Dec. 23, 1988, the night before our son, David, was born.

. . . David's birth on Christmas Eve, 1988

at the Brigham & Women's Hospital. Watching the doctors and nurses working on Linda who had experienced complications after the delivery. Spending the night with David in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, rocking back and forth in the rocker, listening to *Oh Holy Night*, gently playing in the background over the speaker.

. . . December 1990, our first Christmas living in Scituate and my first Christmas as a former Charlestown resident.

. . . Getting the John Hancock Christmas Carol book from our "insurance man" Joe Sawan and ducking him when we didn't have the money for the payment.

. . . Watching *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer*, *Frosty the Snowman*, *The Christmas That Almost Wasn't*, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, and *Miracle on 34th Street*. Marathon viewings of *It's A Wonderful Life* and the tear-jerking ending when all of the people whose lives were touched by George Bailey showed up to bail him out of financial ruin.

. . . All of the joy that sons David and Evan have brought to us over the past 10 years. They have helped us remember what Christmas is truly all about.

. . . Growing up in Charlestown and spending my first 36 Christmases as a resident.

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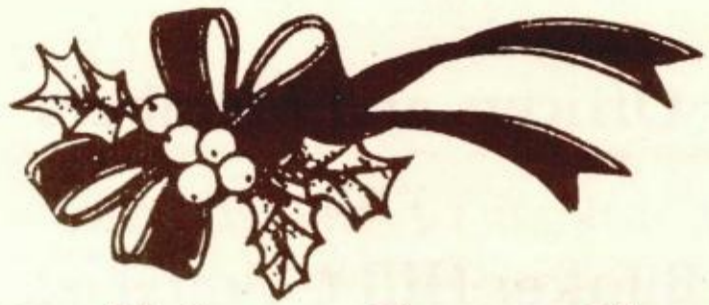
Mayor Thomas M. Menino announced special hours for the Mayor's YOUTHLINE to provide Boston's young people and families with things to do over the school break. From Dec. 26 until Jan. 2, the YOUTHLINE will operate from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Calls to the YOUTHLINE at 635-2240 are answered by trained high school and college students who utilize a geographically based computer system and maintain a current database of all youth programs and services in the city.

The YOUTHLINE connects young peo-

ple with the resources in their community, provides an outlet for youth seeking a peer who can listen to their problems and lends resource information for support. Callers are able to find neighborhood and citywide services ranging from GED programs to sports, job training programs to drama classes.

The various programs are provided at area community centers, the Frog Pond Skating Rink, the Museum of Fine Arts and at the many Boston Public Libraries. The YOUTHLINE will go back to its regular hours of 2 to 10 p.m. after school vacation.

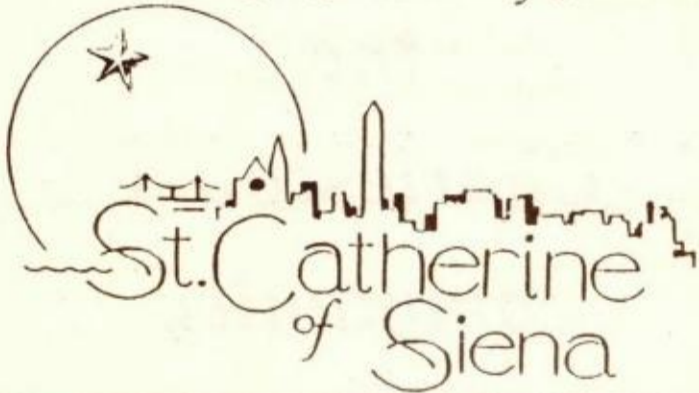
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Bryan's Pals	8	2	3	Li'l Al's	Nolan Carrier
Eagle Elevator	8	2	3		Zachary Burke
Poolie's Pals	6	5	2	Main St. Furniture,	Rachel Rooney
Kerrigan's	6	5	2	Medford	Gerard Rooney
Grancey & Co.	6	6	1	Poolie's Pals	Liam Lynch
Main St. Furniture/Medford	5	7	1		Frankie Dunn
Li'l Al's	3	8	2		Daniel Auch
Jimmy's On Top	1	8	4		Joseph Buckley
Grant Photo	1	11	1		

Players of the Week - Dec. 19

Bryan's Pals	Andrew Perreault
	Reardon Sweeney
Bunker Hill Florist	Laura Boudreau
	John Harrington
Eagle Elevator	James Baker
	Matthew DeMaio
Grancey & Co.	The Few Who Came
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	Mary Kate Collins
Jimmy's On Top	Michaela Considine

Gym Hockey News

Greta Maguire was the lucky winner of this year's 50/50 raffle. Congratulations!

The board would like to thank everyone who supported our Bake Sale. Your support is truly appreciated.

Our fourth annual Comedy Night is being held on Friday, Jan. 22 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by contacting Kerri Lent at 241-0434 or at the concession stand when games resume on Jan. 9.

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Charlestown Gym Hockey Board

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The MGH*Charlestown HealthCare Center will be closed from Thursday, Dec. 24 at 5 p.m. through Sunday, Dec. 27. The health center will open at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 28.

The health center will also be closed from Thursday, Dec. 31 at 5 p.m. through Sunday, Jan. 3. The health center will open at 8:30 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 4.

If you have a medical emergency during the time that the health center is closed, please call 724-8160 to speak to the on-call physician or go to the MGH Emergency Room.

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Peggy Carolan, administrative director
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Masses on Thursday, Christmas Eve, will be at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. The

Brass Ensemble and St. Francis de Sales Choir will be at both Masses. The only Christmas Day Mass will be at 10 a.m. with the St. Francis de Sales Choir.

Cathedral Mass

Every Sunday, Cardinal Law will be the celebrant at the 11 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, 1400 Washington St., Boston.

On Sunday, Dec. 27, all the parishes in Vicariate III of the Central Region, of which Saint Francis de Sales Parish is a member, have been invited by the Cardinal to attend the 11 a.m.

Mass. A bus will leave Saint Francis de Sales Church at 9:45 a.m. and should return between 12:30 and 1 p.m.

"Signadou"

Copies of Sister Paschala's book "Signadou - The History of the Dominican Sisters" are still available at St. Francis de Sales rectory, a great Christmas gift at \$25 each.

New Years Mass Schedule

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The William N. Sheibler Homework Assistance program, which is funded by a generous grant from Putnam Investments, is

designed to bring together academically successful high school and college students to assist younger students with their homework assignments. The volunteer mentors help students to focus on the basic fundamentals of the learning process by assisting them with their school assignments.

Young students involved in this program learn the importance of good study habits as a component of academic success while also learning to utilize the library's many resources to their fullest. An additional benefit of the program is that participants spend quality time with older students who place a value on good study habits and academic success.

A special study area has been set aside at the library and equipped with reference materials, subject-specific workbooks, educational games and software, and other learning tools. A librarian will be on duty to oversee the study areas and to provide reference and library instruction, ensuring that each participant will have the opportunity to develop the research skills necessary to academic success.

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◆ **Celebrate Christmas . . .** Less than 48 hours to go! Christmas is here. It really is the most beautiful time of the year. Christmas is all about love, and this is the only gift that has to be given. The "extras" are nice, but don't let them get in the way of the true and real meaning of Christmas. To each of you, from my family to yours, Merry Christmas. Each of you have given us the great gift of Christmas every day of the year. I hope in some small way we have given this gift to you. Celebrate Christmas all year long, and continue to give this great gift. This is why Charlestown is the great place that it is. You do know the true meaning of the day! Merry Christmas!

◆ **College Board . . .** I remember my first trip to the University of Mass. at Amherst. I was amazed at the size of the place, and walking around I was equally impressed by the beauty of the campus. This weekend "our state university," where local notable and friend, Benji Quinn via Don Bosco, graduated from, celebrated a national championship. The Minutemen defeated Georgia Southern 55-43 on Saturday for the Division I-AA title, quite a feat for a football team that won only two games a year ago. Those who followed the team should have recognized the name Kevin Quinlan. We followed Kevin's magnificent high school career when he played at Malden Catholic.

Speaking of UMass, also on the weekend, the Hoopsters upended 7-3 Detroit, 59-46, as two more recognizable names stepped up. Monty Mack and Johnathan Depina helped lead the 3-5 Minutemen to the impressive win. These guys played for South Boston in the City League, and even have a few Cherry Tree Tournaments under their belts. They are definitely no strangers to Charlestown. These three "kids"-Quinlan, Mack and DePina, just like Nick Smith, Nicole Matson and Corey Gallagher, have taken the next big step, and it's great we can still follow them.

Christmas break means the World Juniors Hockey Championships. This year they will be taking place in Manitoba, and Brian Gionta of Boston College and Mike Pandolfo of Boston University will team up on the U.S. Junior Team. The tournament takes place Dec. 26 to Jan. 5. Hopefully, we will see the return of the tournament to the Boston area in the

future. Next time you are at Matthews Arena over at Northeastern look around at the flags, and you will get a sense of what the World Juniors are all about, and some of you might recall when the tournament was held in Boston.

◆ **High School Prep Notebook . . .** Savio Prep hockey is already off to a good start. The Spartans had little trouble with Lynn Tech and South Boston. Our player to watch wears number 19, and is senior Liam Lynch, who already has been accepted to Johnson and Wales College in Rhode Island.

Chris Breen and Tim Brennen are two of the reasons why Boston Latin Academy will be the team to beat in the City League. The Dragons have already fired off Hull in a non-league contest.

Freshman Stephen Awbrey had his first HS goal. Marc Russell, Kevin O'Neil and Phil Jones, who has been accepted at Wentworth, had three points each, and Coach Tom Bussey's debut was a success as Charlestown crushed Snowden 10-3 in a City League opener. Snowden is coached by Mike Moloney, and their "shining star" is hard-working Larry Mulcahey. Charlestown roster players include Tommy Smith, Fred Arroyo, John Garvey, Adam Smith, Chris Schievink, Stephen O'Neil, Chris Boutwell, "GI" Jimmy Smith, Phil O'Neil and Leo Lopez.

The "Catholics" are off to a fast start. Matignon pounded Leominster 10-1. BC High is 2-0 with wins over St. John's of Shrewsbury 3-1 and Xaverian 4-1. Malden Catholic tied up St. John (S) 3-3 in the last minutes of play. Former Bosco standout Joe Seeley had two assists for the Lancers. Arlington Catholic was a 3-1 winner over Acton-Boxboro, and Catholic Memorial and Fairfield hooked up in a 0-0 tie.

Grandma Collins will be pleased to know that her grandsons are on quite a hockey team. Boston Latin defeated Andover 5-2 on Saturday, and they look mighty good. Dad Jimmy Collins might just lose his voice at this year's games!

Boston Latin, South Boston, Savio Prep and Latin Academy will be taking part in a tournament at Northeastern Dec. 28-29th. Sounds like the Columbus High All Boston Tournament! Great memories!

On the basketball front, Charlestown High will definitely surprise some teams this season. Graduation might term this a

rebuilding year, but watch out. In the opener, the Townies tossed host North Quincy 66-36. Charlestown went into the lockers with a 38-13 halftime lead. Basil Wajd had 12 of his 13 points in the first half and controlled the boards at both ends of the floor. Frankie Finklea had 13 points, and Kenny Jackson chipped in 11 points for the victory. Members of the varsity team are Caron Kindell, Sean Goode, Lamont Harris, Keiwon Crump, James Leveque, Joshua Rankins, Vincent James, Antonio Chatman, Rasuan Kindell, Basil Wadj, Rashid Al-Kaleen, Ken Jackson and Frank Finklea.

The Charlestown Co-Ed Swim Team is off to a good start with victories over West Roxbury and South Boston.

The Boston Globe and the Boston Herald announced their All Scholastics over the weekend and on the football teams are some well deserved players we know: Nicky Nazzaro (Everett), Jim Rabideau (Pope John), Diamond Ferri (Everett), Manny Goncalves (South Boston) and Jon McGettrick (Bellingham). Pope John Coach Robert DiLoreto was also honored as "Coach of the Year."

Charlestown High football All City players are Lamont Harris, Andre Channer, Cedric Warren, Jean Exume and Phil O'Neil.

◆ **Tidbits . . .** Birthday best to Tim O'Connell (someone said print BIG for the BIG 5-0) . . . If you see Mrs. Greatorex, please don't call her "Tweety Bird" . . . Is Dizzy the new Ally McBeal?? . . . Kenny G, who is "Lumpy"?? . . . Kelliagh, don't forget Jeremiah! . . . *Smile . . . See You In 1999!*

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Charlestown Girls Youth Lacrosse: For Charlestown girls ages 10-14. Ninth graders may participate if they are not playing another school sport in the spring. Indoor practices will begin **Jan. 12** and continued every **Tuesday from 6 to 7 p.m.** (*note: change from original ad*) in the Kent Community Center Gym. Outdoor practices begin in late March and will meet two afternoons a week from 4 to 6 p.m. There will be eight games held on Sunday afternoons, starting in April and running until early June. Girls in this program will attend prevention workshops and participate in community service projects. The cost of the program is \$25.

Charlestown Boys Youth Lacrosse: For Charlestown boys ages 10-14. Indoor practices will begin Jan. 14 and continued every Thursday from **7 to 8 p.m.** (*note: change from original ad*) in the Kent Community Center Gym. Outdoor practices begin in late March and will meet two afternoons a week from 4 to 6 p.m. There will be eight games held on Sunday mornings, starting in April and running until early June. Boys in this program will attend prevention workshops and participate in community service projects. The cost of the program is \$25.

CHAD Junior Lacrosse: For Charlestown boys and girls ages 8-9. Registration is **required** for newcomers (limited space available) and those boys and girls who were selected to continue after the fall clinic. Indoor practices will resume Jan. 15 and continue every Friday from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Kent Community Center Gym. Outdoor practices begin in late March and will meet two afternoons a week from **6 to 7 p.m.** (*note: change from original ad*) There will be several games held on weekends, starting in April and running until early June. The cost of the program is \$25.

Questions? Leave a message for Zack Lehman, director, at 499-9551.

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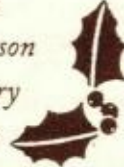
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BOSTON * CHELSEA * CAMBRIDGE

by John Dillon

Thanks go out to the parents and youngsters for bringing refreshments to the CHAD Junior Bowling League Christmas Party, especially the parents who baked the sweets... Nancy Celata, the brownies were delicious... Tina Perito, we enjoyed the cupcakes... and the Rice Krispie treats made by Linda Shackford were a hit. Thanks also to the bowlers who brought gifts - Brendan Brassil, the Lynch family, the Grace family, Shawn and Geni Burke, and anyone I might have forgotten.

The Paul Scapicchio team barely held on to first place, getting upset by the Shamrocks in a 6-2 contest. Top bowler for the Shamrocks was Matt Hickey with a three-string total of 227. Matt has been bowling with a cast on his foot and just had it taken off last week. Runner-up was Michael Kowalczyk, who bowled 221. Top bowler for the Scapicchio team was Matt Manganello, with a 252, who also had a 104 single string. Runner-up was Brent Awbrey with 230.

The Constitution lost its rudder by being shot out of the water by the Celata Construction team. The Celata team had its best game of the year. Three members bowled over 200, Courtney Schievink 250, Shawn Burke 241 and Lauren Lynch 230, and the fourth bowler, Kevin Celata, bowled a 191, 47

pins over his average. Top bowler for the Constitution team was Brendan Grace with 236, and runner-up was Sheilann Williams with 217.

The Red Store ripped out the sports pages of the Charlestown Patriot with a 8-0 shutout. Top bowler for the Red Store was Brian Morrison with 258, and runner-up was Michelle Williams with 230. Top bowler for the Patriot was Mike Shackford with 224, runner-up was Alyse Fiamma with 178.

The Kennedy Center shut down the Bunker Hill Real Estate team in a 6-2 contest. Top bowler for the Kennedy Center was Jennie Perito with 219, and runner-up was Steven Awbrey with 211. Top bowler for Bunker Hill Real Estate was Sean Cronk with 238, and runner-up was Tim Venezia with 183.

McCarthy Bros. made pizza dough out of the Jenny's Pizza team in a 6-2 contest. Top bowler for McCarthy Bros. was Jeff Lynch with 250, and runner-up was Jessica Grace with 230. Top bowler for Jenny's was Casey Schievink with 244, and runner-up was Brendan Brassil.

The American Legion team shot down the Crickets team in a 6-2 contest. Top bowler for the American Legion was Chris Boutwell who is bowling great. Chris had a three-string total of 295 and single strings of 102 and 101, and is also fighting for high average. Top bowler for Crickets was Eric Lynch

with 254, and runner-up was Jon Paul Awbrey with 200.

Bowlers of the week are Chris Boutwell 295, Brian Morrison 258, Eric Lynch 254, Matt Manganello 252, Courtney Schievink 250, Jeff Lynch 250, Chris Schievink 244, Sean Cronk 238, Brendan Grace 236, Jessica Grace 230, Michelle Williams 230, Lauren Lynch 230 and Brent Awbrey 230.

Bowlers trying the hardest are Jared Silva 197, Leesia Lawton 189, Quinn Evers 187, Tim Hickey 173, Mike Venezia 173, Kate Venezia 171, Emily Perito 170, Colleen Lynch 164, Casey Schievink 161, David Grace 152, Kevin Lavallee 152, James Clough 144 and Caitlee Carrier 122.

The league will not be bowling through Christmas and New Year's. We will be bowling on Saturday, Jan. 9! **Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!**

Standings - Dec. 19

	W	L
Paul Scapicchio	53	27
Celata Construction	52	28
Shamrocks	47	33
Red Store	45	35
American Legion	43	37
Charlestown Patriot	42	38
Constitution	38	42
Jenny's Pizza	34	46
Crickets	34	46
Kennedy Center	34	46
B.H. Real Estate	32	48
McCarthy Bros.	26	54

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The Board of Directors, staff and volunteers of the USS Constitution Museum extend their warmest holiday greetings to the community of Charlestown. The Museum experienced tremendous growth within this community and appreciates your patronage. The USS Constitution Museum will continue conveying its mission of educating and preserving the legacy of *USS Constitution* in the future. Best wishes to the good people of Charlestown during this festive season. The Museum looks forward to continued success as partners in educating people about "Old Ironsides," the oldest commissioned warship afloat in the world! **The USS Constitution Museum extends its Free Admission Program indefinitely and is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily until May.**



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Smart Or Lucky?

by Christopher Schiavone

The story is told of the man and the woman standing on a pier in the Navy Yard, looking over at "Old Ironsides" on the occasion of her 200th birthday. The woman, a "new" resident of Charlestown (she moved here 15 years ago), says to man, "We're really lucky to live here, aren't we?" The man, a life-long resident of the town, disagrees. "I'm lucky; you were smart," he says.

I am reminded of the story this morning as I walk from my Prospect Street home to the Orange Line at North Station. As I round the corner of Lowney Way, I see the masts of Constitution standing proudly against an azure sky. As I walk toward the Training Field, I notice garlands of white pine strung across the wrought iron fence and red bows adorning the acorn street lamps.

Walking down Park Street, I see the obelisk at the center of City Square Park, a beacon of light, reminding all who see it of the dedication to industry, learning, law and community that has characterized so many of Charlestown's sons and daughters across the centuries.

Indeed, some of us in Charlestown consider ourselves lucky to live here, and others of us may well be considered smart to have chosen this place. But all of us ought to consider ourselves blessed.

It is this beautiful and wonderfully situated slip of land and the God-given passion and ingenuity of past generations that makes Charlestown what it is. Whether we've lived here 15 years or 50 years, we are stewards of something not of our own making.

True, the history of Charlestown is not always pretty. Townies and Toonies don't always get along as we should. And in this overheated real estate market, land development has become a major focus for local controversy.

But on this crisp, clear December morning, all of that seems a little less pressing. Walking through the newly created MDC park at the river's edge, I think to myself, "What a great place to live! What a great time to live here!"

The author, a part-time professor at Stonehill College and a marketing research consultant, has lived in Charlestown for three years, and in the city of Boston for the past 20.

He thanks Annette Tecce for the "smart/ lucky" story-with apologies for the use of poetic license in the retelling.

King Receives Athletic Hall Of Fame Award



POPE JOHN XXIII High School of Everett, recently inducted 15 new members into its Athletic Hall of Fame. It was a wonderfully nostalgic event as the recipients received their awards in the presence of their parents, friends and members of the Pope John High community. Among the recipients was Charlestown resident Kathy King. King (left), a member of Pope John Class of 1988, is shown receiving the Hall of Fame Award from Athletic Director Ken Peavey.

Michael P. Quinn Scholarship Is Increased To \$5,250

Commencing with the 1999 Lt. Michael P. Quinn, USMC Scholarship, the annual grant will be for \$5,250. This 16.67 percent increase will immensely assist the outstanding youth of the community.

All associated with Michael's fund look forward to the new annual award of \$3,500 and the Francis J. McClusky supplemental award of \$1,750 next year.

This positive progress has been achievable with

the benevolent following, for which the committee is most grateful.

Please circle your calendars for the 30th annual Dinner Dance on Saturday, April 10 at the Bunker Hill Knights of Columbus Hall. A fine evening is planned to perpetuate Michael's character, and salute the 1998 recipient Janelle Marie DiFrummolo.

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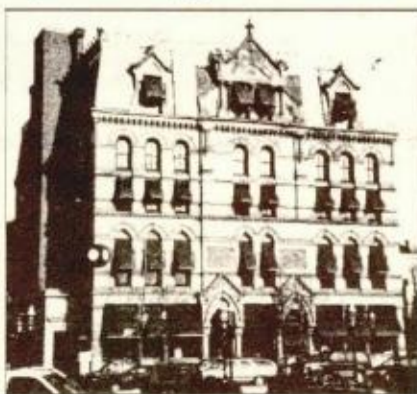
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HOW TO USE YOUR ACCOUNTANT WISELY

Tax law is complex. It changes every year. So don't be surprised to hear that three out of every four taxpayers get professional help in preparing their returns. But your accountant can do the best job for you only if you get involved in the process. Here are ways to get the most value from your accountant.

- Call your accountant before year-end. Talk over last-minute moves to cut your upcoming tax bill, such as prepaying property taxes or selling stocks and bonds to generate deductible losses.
- Organize your records. Scan last year's tax return to remind you of your usual deductions and sources of taxable income.

Then search through your checkbook, credit card statements, and receipts. Add up totals for medical expenses, union dues, mortgage interest, donations to charities, and work-related expenses.

jot down questions you need to ask at your tax appointment.

- Schedule your tax appointment well before the filing deadline. Afterward, you may need time to chase down missing records or resolve other problems before the April 15 filing deadline.
- Be prepared. Come to your tax appointment with W-2s, 1099s, K-1s, and any other documents or forms that state, "Save this for preparation of your tax return." Take with you the social security numbers of any dependents you claim.

Final tip: Your accountant can also help you with estate planning, business planning and valuation, and college or retirement planning. To get the most from your accountant, be sure you utilize the full range of your accountant's tax, financial and business skills.

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THE CHARLESTOWN POLICE LINE

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

Saturday, Dec. 12

The owner of a business at 50 Terminal St. reported that between 10 p.m. on Dec. 11 and 11 a.m. on this date, unknown person(s) removed a satellite dish and two Eagle antennas, one UHF and the other VHF, from the roof of his building. They had a total value of \$800. The incident will be further investigated by Area A-1 detectives.

Monday, Dec. 14

A Charlestown man reported that on Dec. 13, unknown person(s) broke into his motor vehicle while it was parked on Monument Street. The left side rear window was broken, a bag of boy's clothing, valued at \$300 was taken, and an attempt was made to steal the radio. Also, the right side of the vehicle was scratched and damage was done to the trunk lock.

A Brookline woman stated that between 9:30 p.m. on Dec. 13 and 8:15 a.m. on this date, someone broke into her auto while it was parked in the vicinity of 200 Medford St. She reports damage to the lock of the passenger side door and to the trunk. Nothing was reported taken.

At about 8:40 a.m., officers responded to Main Street on an assault & battery report. They spoke to a Wayland man who stated that while he was leaving Sullivan's Pub at 1 a.m., he was attacked and punched by a group of males. The victim had a badly bruised eye, but refused to go to the hospital.

At about 2:30 p.m., police observed a motor vehicle run a red light at Chelsea and North Washington streets. An inquiry revealed that the operator's license had been suspended. The motor vehicle was towed for safekeeping. The driver was from Waltham.

Wednesday, Dec. 16

A Hanover man stated that on Aug. 15 he was working on High Street when he laid his cell phone down on the hood of a motor vehicle and when he returned, he discovered it had been stolen.

At 12:15 a.m., a Charlestown woman stated that her 15-year-old foster child had left at 6 p.m. the previous evening on

a shopping trip with her cousin, and had not returned. The girl has a 9:30 p.m. curfew. The girl's social worker was notified.

At about 2 a.m., officers responded to a call to O'Brien Court on the report of a building fire. The officers, who arrived prior to the Boston Fire Department (BFD), observed a small newspaper fire in the common hallway. The fire was extinguished by police who found drug paraphernalia consistent with I.V. drug use at the top of the stairwell at the roof door. There was also graffiti written in red lettering on the wall. The woman who had reported the fire said she saw a male in his 20's fleeing onto O'Brien Court toward Medford Street.

An employee of a business at 529 Main St. reported that since October, unknown person(s) called the company's 800 phone number and were able to get into their voice mail and set up their own mailboxes, enabling them to get free phone calls from all over the country. Sprint has been contacted by the company.

At 12:20 p.m., officers went to Tibbetts Town Way for family trouble. The Charlestown woman stated that she had an argument with her boyfriend and she wanted him put out of her mother's apartment. She believed he was on heroin, as he has a history of heroin abuse. He was no longer in the area. The woman was advised to seek a restraining order. She refused a ride to court.

At 4 p.m., police were called to Polk Street on a disturbance. The officers spoke to the mother of the victim, a 14-year-old Charlestown boy, who stated that she and the boy were walking on Polk Street when a boy, known to the family, threw a bike at the boy. The mother told the suspect to go home, at which time he threw a bike wrench. When the mother went to call police, the suspect and two teenage girls fled.

Between noon and 4 p.m., a Chelsea woman reported that unknown person(s) took her pocketbook, containing \$200, keys, personal papers and her paycheck, from an office while she was working at Barrett's.

At 6:55 p.m., police were called to Dunstable Street on the report of an overdose. BFD Engine 32 firefighters and Health & Hospitals EMTs were tending to the victim, a 32-year-old Charlestown woman. Also on the scene was a 39-year-old Charlestown man, known to be a drug abuser. EMTs indicated that the woman had been unconscious but had been revived by the man. The EMTs said that both parties had injected heroin.

At 9:51 p.m., employees of Blockbuster Video saw three males in their early 20's enter the store, one of whom asked the woman to look up a movie. The other two went to a back aisle in the store where she saw one remove the security tape from a video, place it in his pocket and leave the store. The men's pictures were captured on the store's security system.

Thursday, Dec. 17

A Chelsea woman stated that between May 13 and June 6 of this year, over \$500 in long distance phone calls were made on her calling card. She believes that the suspect is known to her as she would sometimes give the woman a ride home from school, and the calling card had been taken from her purse.

Friday, Dec. 18

At 12:28 a.m., officers went to 98 Medford St. on the report of a problem. There they met a Charlestown man who directed them to another Medford Street address where they met a woman who stated that her boyfriend had stabbed her in the hand. The witness said that the suspect was holding the woman at knife point after they had fought. She had multiple stab wounds on both hands and was taken to MGH by Health and Hospitals ambulance. Police found a 6-inch knife on the floor with blood on it, and it was taken into evidence. The apartment had broken chairs and broken glass on the floor.

At about 9:05 a.m., police went to 19 Main St. on the report of a baby hit by a motor vehicle. The officers observed two State Police cruisers, traffic in the area, and a large crowd in the street. The first victim, a 2 1/2-year-old boy, lying on his back at the side of the street crying, slightly bleeding from his right ear. The baby's mother, a 35-year-old Charlestown woman, was sitting in the street crying, with cuts to her arm and leg. She was holding her 4-month-old son in her arms. They were transported to MGH for treatment. The driver of the motor vehicle, a Wilmington man, stated that he was operating on Main Street as he approached a bend, the direct sunlight

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was in front of him and he was in collision with the woman who was between two parked cars, pushing her son in a three-wheel jogging stroller with the infant strapped in a front harness. He assisted the victims, who were transported to MGH.

At 8:58 p.m., officers monitoring security camera observed two teens entering an Old Landing Way area, known for drug activity. Some 15 minutes later both left the house with another teen who then returned to the house. The other teens were stopped by officers and a pat-frisk was conducted. One officer felt two small hard objects on one of the teens, who told the officer they were vicadins, for which he did not have a prescription. He was placed under arrest for possession of a Class E substance and transported to Area A.

A Maine man reported that between 8 a.m. and 9:30 p.m., someone smashed the passenger vent window of his auto while it was parked at 298 Main St. Nothing was reported taken.

At 10:15 p.m., officers went to Old Landing Way and Medford Street on the report of domestic trouble. The officers spoke with a 22-year-old Somerville woman who stated that her husband, who was operating a pick-up truck, smashed into her motor vehicle causing damage to the rear while it was occupied by the victim's sister. She said that his action was the result of a verbal argument. The man had his 8-year-old daughter and 3-year-old son inside his truck when the incident occurred. Officers will file a report relative to the safety of the children and the woman was advised of her 209A rights and given a copy. DSS was notified. The man returned about 45 minutes later and was placed under arrest and charged with assault & battery with a dangerous weapon/a motor vehicle, under 209A.

At 10:30 p.m., a Canton woman reported that her Phillips cellular phone, valued at \$200, was stolen from an auto, while it was on Elwood Street. The auto had been reported stolen by its owner, who is not the above victim.

At 11:50 p.m., officer on patrol noticed a group of eight to 10 males coming out from an Old Ironsides Way sideway, an area known to officers for underage drinking. The officers noticed two open containers of hard liquor. They made contact with the group and saw a 20-year-old Everett man throw a plastic baggie to the ground, which contained a green, leafy vegetable-like substance, believed to be marijuana. The subject was searched for more drugs. Two additional marijuana packets were found in the inside pocket of his jacket. He was placed under arrest and charged with the Distribution of a Class D substance within 1,000-feet of a school zone.

Saturday, Dec. 19

A Waltham man reported that between 8:30 p.m. on Dec. 18 and 1:30 a.m. on this date, someone smashed the passenger window and removed a Sony portable CD player, valued at \$100, four CD's, and a man's black leather jacket, valued at \$150, from his auto while it was parked on Brighton Street.

At 5:03 a.m., officers responded to an alarm at 187 Main St. They saw that the front door of the restaurant had been smashed and a brick was lying in the front lobby. The cash register and cash had been thrown on the floor and an undetermined amount of money had been taken. The owner was notified.

At 1:30 p.m., a 51-year-old Charlestown woman came into Area A-1 to make a report on threats. She stated that a Boston woman had come to her residence screaming and threatening harm. She was advised to seek complaints and assistance through the court.

A Connecticut woman reported that between noon and 5:30 p.m., someone had broken the right rear window of her auto while it was parked at Main and Phipps streets and had taken a black bag containing personal papers.

At 7 p.m., a Lynn resident stated that while his auto was parked on Carney Court, someone broke the windshield and the passenger window with a rock. The victim found a rock inside and on the hood of the vehicle.

At 7:50 p.m., police responded to Monument Square for an auto belonging to a Kansas man parked in a handicapped only space. The vehicle was tagged and towed.

Sunday, Dec. 20

At 9:50 p.m., police took a report from a Cambridge man on a breaking & entering to his motor vehicle while it was parked at First and Seventh avenues in the Navy Yard. The window was down in the auto and there was damage to the steering column. Nothing was reported missing at the time.

Legal Notice

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court Department
Suffolk Division Docket No. 98P-2844
NOTICE

In the ESTATE OF George G. Peters, a/k/a George Grant Peters.

To all persons interested in the estate of George G. Peters, a/k/a George Grant Peters late of the County of Suffolk, Date of Death November 23, 1998.

A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that Jeffrey J. Peters, of Londonderry, in the State of New Hampshire and George Peters, of Saugus, in the County of Essex, be appointed administrators without sureties on their bonds.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Boston Suffolk Probate Court, Old Courthouse, Room 120 BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON January 14, 1999.

Witness Elaine M. Moriarty, Esquire, First Justice of said Court.

Date December 16, 1998

Richard Iannella
Register of Probate Court

Attorney Richard Mazow
Two Dexter Row, Charlestown
617-242-0321

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

Parcel P-2, located at Main and Bunker Hill streets containing a total of 64,130 square feet of vacant land in the Charlestown Urban Renewal area, is available for sale and development for residential use from the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA), in accordance with its usual policies and procedures, applicable federal regulations, and provisions of the Charlestown Urban Renewal area.

Proposals are to be submitted to Harry R. Collings, Secretary, BRA, Room 910, City Hall, Boston, MA by 12:00 noon, February 16, 1999, at which time and place all proposals will be brought to Room 900 and will be opened publicly.

Developer Kits are available to be picked up at the main office of the BRA, Room 910, and by making out a check payable to the Boston Redevelopment Authority, in the amount of one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

Harry R. Collings, Secretary

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Charlestown Girl Scout Brownie and Junior troops will begin selling Girl Scout cookies on Friday, Jan. 8. The sale concludes on Jan. 25 and the cookies will sell for \$3 a box.

Charlestown Brownie Girl Scout #9308 and Junior Girl Scout troop #9312 will sell cookies at the Bunker Hill Mall on Saturday, Jan. 9 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., while supplies last.

This year, cookies come in eight different varieties including one new selection, Upside-Downs, a frosted oatmeal treat. Also offered are the classic Thin Mints, Caramel deLites, Peanut Butter Patties, Reduced Fat Lemon Pastry Cremes, Shortbreads, Five World Cinnamons with Sugar and Peanut Butter Sandwiches.

Since the early 1920's, the cookie sale has been an integral part of Girl Scouting. Besides being a fund-raising activity, selling cookies gives girls an opportunity to develop business and leadership skills, take on new and greater responsibilities, and discover the value of teamwork.

Boston Police Bulletin

Protect Against Car Theft And Break-Ins

The Boston Police Department advises Charlestown residents to give careful consideration to protecting their motor vehicles from theft and break-ins. The officers of Area A offer the following suggestions:

Lock your doors and windows. A thief will insert a wire in a slightly open window to pop up the door lock. An unlocked door is an open invitation to a thief.

Replace your standard door locks with tapered ones. Tapered door lock buttons make it more difficult for a thief to hook a wire or device onto the door lock button to pop it open.

Invest in an anti-theft device. When you buy a new or used car, checking to see if it has an anti-theft device is as important as checking the engine. If there isn't one, you should have one installed. Having an anti-theft device can lower the cost of your auto insurance.

Never leave valuable items exposed to public view. Remove valuable items from your car or lock them in the trunk.

Car theft results in economic loss, higher insurance premiums, and the inconvenience of being without transportation.

If you observe any unusual activity or observe a car theft or a break-in, call 9-1-1.

If you have information concerning a car theft or break-in, contact the District 1/15 Detectives at 343-4248. If you have any other concerns, contact Community Service Officer Bill Smith or Sgt. Tom Lema at 343-4627.

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