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*Our Christmas Wish . . .
May the childlike joy and wonder
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The Patriot Staff*

**Capture The Christmas Spirit —
Be A 'Townie Santa' On
Sunday, Dec. 22**

"Townie Santa" will be visiting 120 of Charlestown's elderly, needy shut-ins on Sunday morning, Dec. 22 to deliver boxes of

Christmas gifts and a hot turkey dinner. Santa may be any one of several dozen neighbors who will devote this morn-

ing to sharing the spirit of Christmas with those who are unable to be up and about.

Delivery of the boxes will begin at 11 a.m. from the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St. Persons — with cars and those who do not have cars — are needed for this important task. Those who do not have their own transportation will be paired with a driver to assist in the delivery. Perishable items will be

added to the boxes on Sunday morning, starting at 9 a.m. Several volunteers are needed at this early hour to assist with the final packing.

All residents, whether newcomers or longtime Townies are invited to be Townie Santas on Sunday. Adults, teens and children are all welcome.

Take an hour on Sunday, Dec. 22 to share in the spirit of Christmas — be a Townie Santa.



**All Welcome At An
Old-Fashioned Christmas Party**

Come one . . . come all to an old-fashioned Christmas Party at Hayes Square from 2 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 22. Santa will be there during these hours with candy for the children.

Christmas carols will be sung by the St. Catherine Choir, and there will be refreshments including cookies, cupcakes, coffee and hot chocolate.

The afternoon will conclude with the lighting of the Christmas tree in the square at 5 p.m. Children from the Kennedy Center's Head Start program and

kindergarten through grade four students at St. Catherine School will make the ornaments to decorate the tree.

The event's organizers would welcome the donation of cookies or cupcakes. Also, if anyone has outside lights or decorations they could donate, they are asked to please leave them at The Red Store at 134 Bunker Hill St. or at McCarthy Brothers Liquors at Hayes Square.

Residents of all ages are invited to take part in this holiday celebration.

*Santa,
We Would Like . . .*



SANTA CLAUS (a/k/a Michael Tognarelli) listens intently to Caitlin Marie Walsh (left) as she gave her list of Christmas wishes for herself and her brother, Shaun Michael (right), at the annual St. Francis de Sales Christmas Bazaar. Caitlin and Shaun are the children of Mr. and Mrs. James Walsh of St. Martin Street.

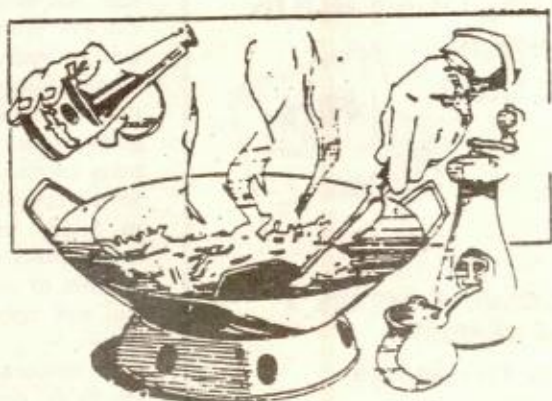
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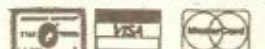
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Deadline for advertising and copy is Monday at 5 p.m.

Enters Emerson College

James Ward of Charlestown has entered Emerson College as a graduate student. Ward is an organizational major in the division of Communication Studies.

Located in Boston's historic Back Bay, Emerson College is the only four year institution solely dedicated to communications and the performing arts.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

This Week At A Glance

- Thursday, Dec. 19**
- 3 p.m. — Annual Christmas Party for Children, Charlestown District Court, City Square
 - 6:30 p.m. — Let's Celebrate Christmas with stories, crafts, songs and games for children 5-10 and their parents, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
 - 7 p.m. — Townie Santa Packing Night, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.
- Friday, Dec. 20**
- 9:30 a.m. — CHAP Core Group wrapping children's Christmas gifts, Kennedy Center, 27 Winthrop St.
 - 10 a.m. — Adult Discussion Group meeting and Preschool Story Hour, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
 - 7 p.m. — Townie Santa Fruit Packing Night, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.
 - 7 p.m. — Adult choir rehearsal, St. Catherine Church, 49 Vine St.
- Sunday, Dec. 22**
- 11 a.m. — Delivery of Townie Santa Christmas boxes, from Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.
 - Following 11 a.m. Mass — Adult choir rehearsal, St. Catherine Church, 49 Vine St.
 - 2 to 5 p.m. — Old-fashioned Christmas Party with Santa and a tree lighting at 5 p.m., Hayes Square
 - 6:30 p.m. — Support group for family and friends of murder victims, St. Catherine Rectory, 49 Vine St.
- Monday, Dec. 23**

Curbside Newspaper Recycling Week — Put your newspapers out on your regular trash pick-up day rain or shine in paper bags or bundled in string and a separate truck will pick up the newspapers. For information, call 725-4959.

- Tuesday, Dec. 24**
- 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. — Children's Films, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- Wednesday, Dec. 25**
MERRY CHRISTMAS
- Friday, Dec. 27**
- 3:45 p.m. — CYO Rollerskating Party, leave from St. Catherine Church, Hayes Square
- Sunday, Dec. 29**
- 5 p.m. — St. Catherine CYO Meeting, St. Catherine School Hall, Tufts Street
 - 6:30 p.m. — Support group for family and friends of murder victims, St. Catherine Rectory, 49 Vine St.
- Tuesday, Dec. 31**
- 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. — Children's Films, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
 - 8 p.m. — New Year's Eve Party, St. Catherine Hall, Tufts Street

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, Jan. 1**
HAPPY NEW YEAR
- Friday, Jan. 3**
- 10 a.m. — Adult Discussion Group meeting and Preschool Story Hour, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- Saturday, Jan. 4**
- 2 p.m. — Meat Raffle to benefit St. Catherine's "Little Townies" Color Guard, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.
- Sunday, Jan. 5**
- 6:30 p.m. — Support group for family and friends of murder victims, St. Catherine Rectory, 49 Vine St.
- Monday, Jan. 6**
- Curbside Newspaper Recycling Week** — Put your newspapers out on your regular trash pick-up day rain or shine in paper bags or bundled in string and a separate truck will pick up the newspapers. For information, call 725-4959.
- 7:30 p.m. — Daughters of Isabella No. 1 Meeting, K. of C. VIP Room, 75 West School St.
- Tuesday, Jan. 7**
- 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. — Children's Films, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
 - noon — Brown Bag Bookies discussion on **Blessings In Disguise** by Alec Guinness, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
 - 7 p.m. — Charlestown Neighborhood Council Meeting, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.
 - 7 to 9 p.m. — Line Dancing with Frank "Zip" Campbell, Kent Community School, 50 Bunker Hill St.
- Wednesday, Jan. 8**
- 4:30 p.m. — Creative Dramatics for children 6 to 10, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
 - 6 to 7 p.m. — Rep. Richard A. Voke Office Hours, Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square (use Monument Avenue entrance)
 - 7 p.m. — Teen-age AA Meeting, St. Catherine Hall, below the rectory, 49 Vine St.
 - 7:30 p.m. — Court St. Jude No. 1123, CDA Meeting, Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

Plan Ahead

- Friday, Jan. 10**
- 8 p.m. — Dance to benefit the Charlestown Youth Hockey Association, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.
- Sunday, Jan. 12**
- Following 9 a.m. Mass — Holy Name Society Meeting, Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.



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"This handbook is a good first step in the planning process of applying for college admission and financial aid. While it is important for students to decide which college or university meets their educational goals, equally as vital to many families is how to pay for this education. With this in mind, the handbook helps direct students and families to valuable financial aid resources," said Voke.

To obtain a copy of the handbook, prospective students or their parents should write to: Rep. Richard Voke, State House, Boston, Mass. 02133.

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from

**DARCY SCHRAMN
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MARYANN TAYLOR
KATE COFFEY**
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Will The Old 'Muni' Become Stoney Beach Towers?

by Kathy Giordano

The long-awaited demolition of the former Municipal Building on Bunker Hill Street, between Ferrin and Lexington streets, is scheduled to happen before the end of the year, only to clear the path for a new four-story elderly housing complex.

During the discussions on the new construction, suggestions for naming the new facility were made. One suggestion, made by resident Lillian Boutilier at the last meeting, was "Stoney Beach Towers," after the renowned front steps of

the old building which face Bunker Hill Street.

Demolition has hit a snag with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). According to Emily Haber, Public Facilities Department (PFD) project manager, the demolition contractor has been hired and was "ready to start last week," but final permission from DEP is delaying the process. Haber stated: "PFD has filed for a waiver of the DEP process. This should take about 15 days."

This information came from the Charlestown Neighborhood Council

Housing and Development meeting held on Dec. 12. Representatives from PFD and the site developer, National Council of Senior Citizens (NCSC), spoke to residents on the status of the building and its future use.

Haber and Rick Bradley, PFD construction manager, informed residents that a notification will be sent to

abutters and placed in the Patriot prior to the start of demolition. Bradley stated that the contractor, P.J. Maffei Building and Wrecking Corp., will take one week to complete the job, operating between 7 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Bradley said that a licensed exterminator will be hired (continued on page 10)

Burke Wins Greeting Card Contest



IAN BURKE, a fourth grader at St. Catherine School in Charlestown, is the winner of the 1991 Supreme Court Clerk Richard J. Rouse Holiday Greeting Card Contest. Shown (l. to r.) Maureen Burke, the winner's mother, Burke and Rouse.

Ian Burke, a fourth grade student at St. Catherine School in Charlestown, is the winner of the 1991 Holiday Greeting Card Contest sponsored by Supreme Court Clerk Richard J. Rouse.

Ian, the son of Stephen and Maureen Burke of Old Ironside Way in Charlestown, will receive a \$200 U.S. Savings Bond for the prize-winning entry. The sketch was chosen from over 1,000 entries submitted by fourth- and fifth-grade students in the elementary schools of Suffolk County.

"This year's theme was

'Massachusetts Holiday' and Ian's rendering of school children playing in the snow at Boston's Quincy Market depicts a special feeling unique to the largest tourist attraction in the city," Rouse said.

This is the 10th year that Rouse has sponsored this competition that began when he was first elected to the Legislature in 1981. "I hope that this program will encourage future artists. Over 100 children have received savings bonds and I look forward to continuing this tradition for years to come," Rouse said.

Special Deadline

The next edition of **The Charlestown Patriot**, the New Year's edition, will be on the stands on Tuesday, Dec. 31. The deadline for news and advertising is Friday, Dec. 27 at 5 p.m.

The regular schedule resumes starting in January with the deadline for news and advertising each Monday at 5 p.m.



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**Carolyn Sideman
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A wet basement ranks right up there with a leaky roof as a major turn off to prospective buyers for your home. If you've had a problem, it's unlikely to go unnoticed. If the buyers don't pick it up when they are shown your home, a structural inspector probably will. And remember that at this point, your buyers are most vulnerable to buyer's remorse, and this could be the reason they'll use to justify backing out of the transaction.

To avoid problems, deal with them before your agent begins to market the home. Honesty is the only policy with basement problems, and a receipt from a reliable waterproofing company showing what caused the leakage and what they did to stop it may solve the problem. Usually, wet basements can be handled by relatively inexpensive means. They may be caused by clogged gutters or misdirected downspouts. Or they may be handled by building up the soil around the base of the house. Your Realtor may be able to provide you with a list of companies that specialize in making wet basement problems go away.

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by **Kathy Giordano**
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Race For Mayor Of Charlestown Begins Monday, Jan. 6

The annual race for Mayor of Charlestown gets underway soon and candidates are beginning to declare themselves for the coveted title. This is the long-awaited 10th anniversary of the race and celebrations are planned both here in Charlestown, Mass. and in Charlestown, County Mayo, Ireland. The race begins on Monday, Jan. 6, and will end with a gala celebration at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Friday, March 20 when a winner is declared.

To qualify as a candidate for Mayor of Charlestown, entrants must be at least 21 years of age and a Charlestown resident. Responsibilities of the Mayor are participation in the Charlestown-To-Charlestown 10th anniversary trip to the Rose Festival in Charlestown, County Mayo, and to repre-

sent the committee at community functions.

Former Charlestown Mayors and Charlestown Roses aren't predicting any winners yet, but they are packing their bags for this exciting tour designed to please everyone from those on their first tour to the seasoned traveller. The tour includes visits to Galway, Dublin, Donegal, Blarney, Killarney and the Rose Festival in Charlestown, County Mayo. The date is set, the plans are made, and agents at Round Tower Travel are just waiting for your call. Make your reservations early by calling Round Tower Travel at 762-9090. The trip begins on July 20 and returns to Logan on Aug. 2.

For information on running for Mayor, contact Arthur Hurley at 242-2724.



CHRISTINE PIZZURRO of ABC Ceramics displays a sampling of items available in her studio at 219 Main St. Ceramic classes for beginners and advanced students are available at convenient morning, afternoon and evening hours.

dow will delight Christmas shoppers looking for a unique gift for that someone special. Individually created Victorian and mother of pearl crockery are among the many items that can be ordered at reasonable prices and be ready for Christmas.

ABC Ceramics is a family-run business. Pizzurro's father Bill and mother Grace can frequently be found behind the counter as are her aunts Christine Johnson and Marsha Gatta.

Ceramic classes are \$3 per class with a \$2 firing

fee per piece. A full-line of ceramic molds and paints are available to purchase by the student in the studio. Classes are held Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon, 2 to 4 p.m. and again between 7 and 9 p.m. The studio is open Monday through Thursday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m.; Friday between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.; and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information on classes or available gift items, visit the studio at 219 Main St. or call 242-1291.

Not For Nothin' . . . But Have You Heard . . .



• **Holiday Happenings** . . . Youngsters are invited to the Charlestown Court House in City Square today, Thursday, Dec. 19, between 3 and 5 p.m. for a holiday party with Santa . . . The annual Christmas Party at the Charlestown Branch Library will take place tonight, Thursday, Dec. 19, between 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. and will include stories, crafts, songs and games for youngsters between the ages of 5 and 10 (who come with their parents) . . . The Boys & Girls Club invites children between the ages of 6 and 9 to visit with Santa on Friday, Dec. 20 between 3 and 5 p.m. Club membership is not required . . . An Old-Fashioned Christmas Party will be celebrated on Sunday, Dec. 22 at Hayes Square between 2 and 5 p.m., with the tree lighting at 5 p.m. Santa will be there, carols will be sung by St. Catherine's choir and refreshments will be served. All are welcome . . . enjoy!

★ Hristos Razdajetsja (Russia) ★

• **"Townie Santa"** . . . Townie Santa will be delivered this Sunday, Dec. 22 . . . Volunteers are needed for this worthwhile endeavor, bringing Christmas joy to Charlestown's needy, elderly shut-ins. Help is needed on Sunday at 9 a.m. to pack perishable items, and deliveries will be ready to be sent out starting at 11 a.m. Coffee and doughnuts will be served starting about 10 a.m. . . . If you have spare time in the evening, packing of boxes will continue at 7 p.m. tonight, Thursday, Dec. 19, with fruit packing on Friday, Dec. 20 . . . All takes place at the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St. . . . It will make you feel so goooooood!

★ Glaedelig Jul (Denmark) ★

• **What A Gift** . . . from USMC Lance Corporal Brendan O'Neil, son of Dan O'Neil, who donated to the Bunker Hill Museum a complete Desert Storm military uniform! It is much appreciated, Brendan. Many will be able to see first-hand the gear worn by the U.S. Armed Forces in the Gulf War!

★ Hauskaa Joulua (Finland) ★

• **Patriot Visitor** . . . sending holiday greetings to the good folk of Charlestown was Lt. Col. James O'Donnell, who at this time last year was the recipient of many warm wishes while he was stationed in the Persian Gulf . . . During the visit, Jim informed us that he will be forever grateful to the people of Charlestown for their kindness to him and other servicemen and women during the Gulf War. "Just when I needed an uplift, the mail would arrive and something would be there for me from 'home,'" he said . . . Happy Holidays to you, Jim, and to your family!

★ Boze Narodzenie (Poland) ★

• **Remembrance Tree** . . . at St. Mary Church has developed into a magnificent sight to behold. Churchgoers were asked to place a white ribbon on the tree last weekend for peace and reconciliation with those who will be separated from their loved ones during this holiday season. The result was a tree so filled with wishes, its white ribbons resembled fresh-fallen snow. This is a beautiful tradition that hopefully will be carried on for many years!

★ Boas Festas (Portugal) ★

• **Christmas Eve** . . . with the Holy Family . . . St. Mary's Parish will celebrate the holiday with a living tableaux of Mary, Joseph and the infant Jesus at the 5 and 8 p.m. Masses on Dec. 24th. Portraying the Holy Family will be Laurie and Robert Harrington with their newborn daughter Melanie; and Cheryl and David Pulliam with their infant daughter Kayla.

★ Gud Jul (Sweden) ★

• **A Tradition Returns** . . . this year with a Midnight Mass on Christmas Eve at St. Catherine Church. The event will feature special Christmas carols by the adult choir.

★ Sabatori Vesele (Romania) ★

• **Proud Townie** . . . read in an advertisement for Fleet Bank that it had a branch office in Charlestown! He immediately got on the phone to the bank and let them know the correct spelling of his home town and just how proud he was of it. The next phone call was to the Patriot to inform all of us of the mistake, seen in a flyer that fell out of his **Globe** last week . . . So happy to hear from you, John "Fat" Slavin, an 81-year-old retired lawyer who is transplanted to Medford . . . We're sure John's old friends will remember him from his youthful days in Hayes Square . . . He surely remembers so many of you!

★ Shen Tan Kuai Loh (China) ★

• **Get Well** . . . to little 5-year-old Ryan Stillman of 41 Tibbetts Town Way who has spent the last few days as a patient at Children's Hospital . . . Why not brighten him up with a cheery holiday note?

★ Joyeux Noel (France) ★

• **Very Merry Birthday Wishes** . . . on Dec. 22 to Kathleen Evers and Mary Donahue . . . Christmas Eve will be the 35th for Jim Walsh . . . on Christmas

(continued on page 23)

Happy 16th Birthday Michael Santosuosso

December 27th

Love,

Mom, James & Steven



Happy Birthday To A Very Special Nana, NANA BETTY

December 26th

We love you bunches,

Shaun & Tricia



Happy Birthday David MacDonald

December 22nd

Love Always,

Your Wife Karen

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Happy Birthday

KIM

from

Lesley, Kelley,
Ann, Michelle,
Joanne, Kerry
and Noreen



Merry Christmas Frank

Love . . . Gina, Ben & Mom



Merry Christmas

TOMMY CARROLL

Love,
Your Family



Happy 16th Birthday MIKE

December 29th

Love,

Christine and Your Buddies

Karen & Donny



Happy Birthday

WAYNE

December 21st

Love, Hugs & Kisses,

Diane



Voke Receives President's Award

Rep. Richard Voke was recently presented with the "President's Award for Excellence" at Stonehill College's annual President's Dinner. The award is presented to deserving individuals who have made unique and outstanding contributions to public life, business, the arts and sciences.

In discussing Voke's selection, Stonehill College President Father Bartley MacPhaidin had high praise for him. "Few, if any, have equalled Rep. Voke's efforts on higher education. Through his leadership as Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, his basic philosophy of expanding educational opportunities for the Commonwealth's students was put into practice, as throughout the learning spectrum, Voke made sure special emphasis was placed on education. Not surprisingly, even in his new position of responsibility as Majority Leader, he has still had the time to make educational issues a priority," commented Father MacPhaidin.

The President's Award is



REP. RICHARD VOKE (left) was in good company among honorees at Stonehill College. During the President's Dinner, former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives Thomas "Tip" O'Neill (middle) and Brockton State Sen. Michael Creedon (right) were also recognized along with Voke for their educational efforts.

Stonehill's highest honor and it recognizes achievement, service and endeavor. The award is bestowed at the discretion of the president of the college when he deems there is an individual who merits acclaim and recognition for selfless deeds which have assisted Stonehill and its students.

"Rep. Voke has been particularly important in pro-

tecting financial aid opportunities for students at our college and others. While some want to move away from providing grants in aid for those in need, Rep. Voke has been a strong voice for reason. Those currently financing their education through financial aid owe a great deal to Rep. Voke for those efforts," concluded Father MacPhaidin.

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Six winners were drawn in the "Sesame Street Live" contest sponsored by **The Charlestown Patriot**. Each of the winners will be awarded two passes each to attend an upcoming performance of "Sesame Street Live" at the Boston Garden.

The winners are:

- Helen Carpenter of 37 M St., South Boston;
- Paula Lightell of 7 Salem Place, Malden;

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Legion Commemorates Bicentennial Of The Bill Of Rights

Members of Bunker Hill Post No. 26, The American Legion commemorated the Bicentennial of the Bill of Rights (Dec. 15, 1991) by distributing copies of the United States Constitution to local schools and libraries. Five hundred copies of the Constitution in booklet form were distributed, along with 50 five-page sets of parchment facsimiles of the Constitution, each page measuring approximately 13 by 16 inches.

These educational tools were purchased through the Post 26, A.L. Killilea Fund and donated to the following Charlestown schools and libraries: St. Francis de Sales, St. Catherine, Harvard-Kent, Warren-Pres-

cott, Clarence R. Edwards, Charlestown High and the libraries at Bunker Hill Community College and the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club, as well as the Charlestown Branch of the Boston Public Library.

BHCC Students Given Opportunity For Further Study

by **Jill Harmacinski**
Students attending Bunker Hill Community Col-

lege now have an opportunity to immediately transfer to Simmons College. Students must express an interest in teaching or nursing in order to be eligible for the program.

As part of the program, students would transfer to Simmons after their two years at Bunker Hill. An "articulation program" has been devised to aid the community college students in their transition to a four-year college.

"This will help students decide what courses they need to take at Bunker Hill in order to receive credit when they arrive at Simmons," Simmons College Clinical Associate Professor of Education Bard Hamlen said. Students will also retain their advisor at Bunker Hill. Mentors in the field the student is pursuing will also be chosen by the student.

Dear Friends, Neighbors and Loyal Customers,


We at Olives would like to thank you for your genuine support over what was a very upsetting weekend for everyone. We are thankful no one was hurt and that the chimney fire was well contained with minimal damage.


"Olives" will close at 67 Main Street on January 1. We will re-open without the wood grill and rotisserie as "Bettina," specializing in the simple family-style food inspired by Todd's Italian grandmother Bettina.

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by Kathy Giordano

★ **High Street** — The city of Boston Board of Appeal granted approval on a request by Christopher Hafferty to change the occupancy of 46 High St. from a three family to a five-family dwelling. Attorney Kevin Roche represented Hafferty at the hearing.

The approval was granted, although the Boston Redevelopment Authority recommended a deferral. Speaking in favor of Hafferty's request was Judy Evers of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, and City Councillors Robert Travaglini and Albert O'Neil.

★ **Charlestown Post Office** — For the convenience of holiday mailers, Saturday retail hours will be extended to 5 p.m. on Dec. 21 at the Charlestown Post Office, One Thompson Square.

★ **Sliver Parcels** — The Boston Redevelopment Authority has made a developers' kit available for vacant land in Charlestown. The parcels of land included in the kit are:

- Parcel P-16A-5, 1056 SF, Avery Place;
- Parcel P-16A-6, 1406 SF, 105-107 Russell/Auburn streets;
- Parcel P-16A-7, 6899 SF, 105-107 Russell St. (rear);
- Parcel P-16C-2, 1905 SF, 79-85 Russell St. (rear) Bunker Hill Street;
- Parcel P-16C-1, 2859 SF, 43A Mead St.;
- Parcel P-16C-3, 1550 SF, 47 Mead St.;
- Parcel P-16C-4, 2225 SF, 79-85 Russell St. (rear) Bunker Hill Court.

These parcels are available for redevelopment as open space for gardens, back and side yards and for off-street parking.

Developers' kits are available at the main office of the BRA, Room 910, Boston City Hall. A fee of \$30 is required upon the receipt of each kit, payable by check to the Boston Redevelopment Authority.

Proposals are to be submitted to Stephen Coyle, BRA director, Room 910, City Hall,

Boston, Mass. by noon on Monday, Jan. 6 at which time all proposals will be brought to Room 900, the board room, to be opened and read aloud.

The developers' kit may be seen at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

For further information on the seven available parcels, contact BRA Community Liaison Jim Sullivan at 722-4300, ext. 5661.

★ **Neighborhood Council Meeting** — The monthly meeting of the CNC will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 7 at 7 p.m. at the K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

★ **Clothing Drive** — The city's Emergency Shelter Commission and the Women's Commission are collecting new and almost new, warm winter clothes for young people. The clothing drive will assist children in need during the holiday season.

Clothing can be dropped off at all Sarni's Cleaners in Boston, the South Station Concourse, the gift wrapping center in the No. 5 South Building of Faneuil Hall and in the main lobby of City Hall.

For more information, please call the Shelter Commission at 725-4507 or the Women's Commission at 725-3138.

★ **Heat Yout Home Safely** — The Boston Fire Department and the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services have sent a reminder on ways to stay warm while staying safe.


According to Inspector Paul Covington of the Boston Fire Department, safe home heating appliances are on the market, but there are also potentially deadly heating units of which buyers should be aware.

Among the deadly and illegal heating appliances are kerosene heaters and liquid fuel driven space heaters. If used properly, ceramic and electric heaters are okay, stated Covington.

Included in the helpful tips for the safe use


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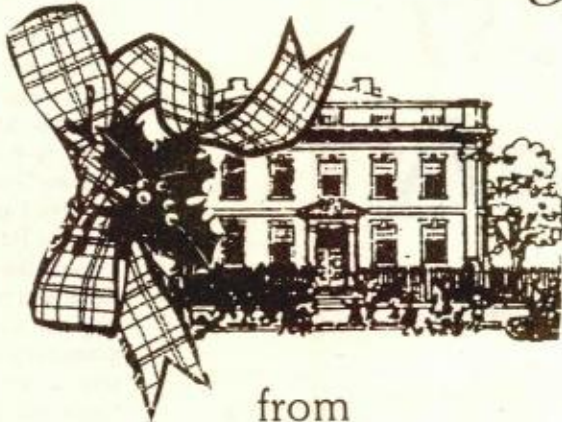
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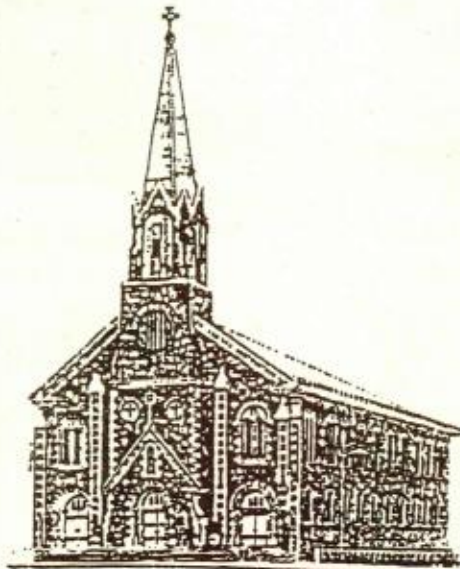


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Will The Old 'Muni' Become Stoney Beach Towers?

(continued from page 3)
ed by the contractor to bait the property for any rodent infestation before the project begins and also control any infestation in the vicinity during demolition. He also stated that the contractor would be responsible to hire a paid detail police officer to control traffic. As part of the contract, a constant watering down of the debris will help eliminate dust and other materials from spreading over the im-

mediate area, Bradley said. After the building is demolished and the excavation area is filled, an eight-foot high chain-link fence will surround the site. Surveillance of the property will continue to be included in routine patrols by the Boston Municipal Police.

Housing and Development Committee Chairman Tom Cunha stated that the MBTA bus stop, located in front of the Municipal

Building, will be moved on a temporary basis to in front of Mama Maria's restaurant between Lexington Street and Lexington Avenue. This change became effective on Dec. 16, and will remain until the demolition is completed.

Residents who would like more information on the demolition process, should contact Haber at 635-0293.

NCSC Executive Director of Housing Management James Chmelik and PFD Project Architect Bill Boehm made a presentation to the committee on the proposed elderly housing facility. The four-story building, with 43 one-bedroom apartments, will be of brick construction with cast concrete detail and a mansard roof. The original "Stoney Beach" steps will be saved and incorporated into the Bunker Hill Street side of the building. Also saved and replaced in their original spot will be the granite obelisk monuments seen along the Lexington Street side of the building.

Boehm explained that the main entrance to the facility will be located on Ferrin Street. Entrance will be into a reception area surrounded by office space, a small lounge, a mail room, a bathroom, laundry and community room. The building will be handicapped accessible and include an elevator to the upper levels. There will be seven parking spaces located on the property along the Ferrin Street side of the facility.

The residential application process will be done on a first-come, first-served basis. No applications will be taken until the facility is completed. At that time, according to Cunha, a Charlestown location will be used to accept and process all applications. The final determination of residency will be made by a five-member committee, the majority of whom will be Charlestown residents or employees of agencies working with the elderly in Charlestown.

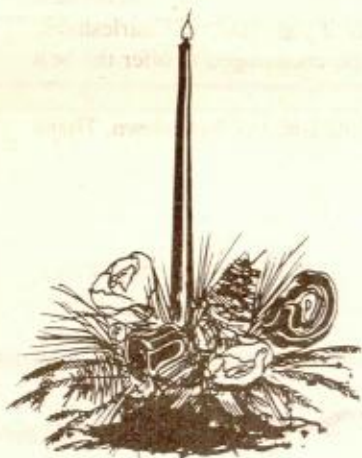
Cunha stated that the NCSC proposal was under certain time constraints to obtain the needed funding for the project. He asked the committee to agree on the proposed plan, as presented, with the addition of an elderly community room in the final plans. The motion also included a request for NCSC to come back to the community with final plans within eight weeks. The Housing and Development Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Charlestown Neighborhood Council approve the elderly housing proposal at the Jan. 7 monthly meeting.

For more information on the proposal, contact Cunha at 242-3922 or Precinct 2 Council member Tom Pitts at 242-3532.

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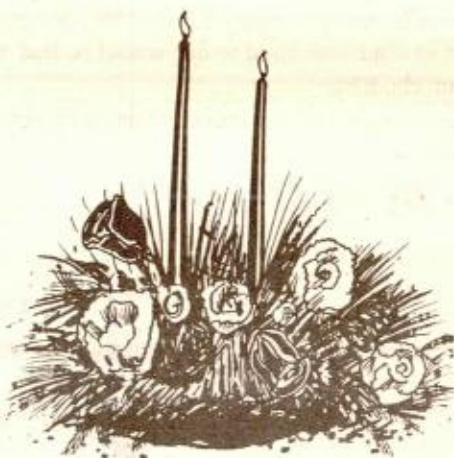
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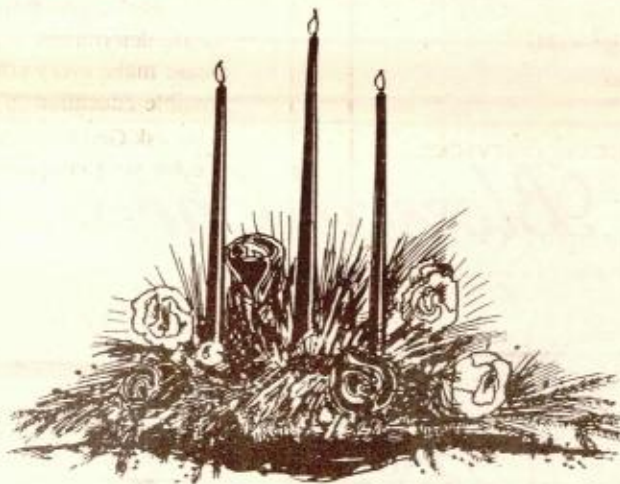
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Those receiving honors are: seniors — Francis J. Coleman of 10 Lawrence St., first honors; Philip A.

Zarate, 17 Albion Place, first honors; and Christopher P. Hickey of 506 Medford St., second honors; junior — Daniel F. Wallace of 11 Mt. Vernon St., second honors; sophomore — Matthew P. Mehigan of 7 Hancock St., second honors; and freshman — Michael J. McNelley of 16 Devens St., second honors.

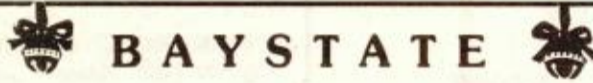
Family And Friends Of Murder Victims Continue Sunday Night Meetings

Family and Friends of Murder victims, a local support group are meeting each Sunday night at 6:30 p.m. at St. Catherine Rectory, 49 Vine St. (please note change in location). The next meeting is on Sunday, Dec. 22.

Lt. Ed McNelley and Detective Tim Murray, mem-

bers of the Homicide Unit of the Boston Police Department, will be guest speakers at the group's meeting on Sunday, Jan. 12 at 6:30 p.m.


All interested persons are invited to attend any and all of the organization's meetings.



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We write this letter to all of you because you are the people in the community that we are privileged to serve as Pastors. You support St. Catherine, St. Francis de Sales and St. Mary parishes in every way you can, and we appreciate your generosity.

Last month Cardinal Law made public the results of the Catholic Schools study that has been ongoing during the past two years. One of the conclusions of this study was the reality that over the past ten years, St. Catherine and St. Francis schools have had steadily declining enrollments and that if the schools were not merged, they would both cease to be available for Catholic education in Charlestown. With increasing costs and a declining student body, a school cannot support itself.

As you know, St. Mary School was closed 20 years ago and many of St. Mary's parishioners have attended St. Catherine and St. Francis schools since that time.

We have met with a representative from the Catholic Schools Office and spoken with our pastoral councils and together we have decided that the date for the school merger would be September 1993. This date has been chosen so that we have time to make sure that the school facility is in the best possible shape for the increased enrollment and classroom use. We anticipate the possibility of implementing new programs and ideas that separately we were not able to consider.

Within the next month we hope that the Engineering Department of the Archdiocese of Boston will help us determine which of our buildings is better able to be the home of our new Interparish School. That information will obviously play a major role in our decision.

We are very concerned about the teaching staffs of both schools and believe that we have wonderful, faith-filled and competent faculties. Our hope is that our new Interparish School will be so well attended that we will need to have double classrooms for each grade. It is our responsibility to convince those now attending our two schools and others who may attend public schools or parochial schools outside of Charlestown to seriously consider enrolling their children in our Interparish School.

We see this as a very exciting time in the history of Catholic education in Charlestown. It is true that the present 7th grade classes will be the last to graduate from St. Catherine and St. Francis schools as we now know them, but it is also true that our present 6th grade will be the first graduating class from our new Interparish School.

There will be some difficult decisions made over the next few months and we do not want to make them alone, so we have asked the School Department of the Archdiocese to continue to meet with us and facilitate our deliberations. We will also be in close contact with our pastoral councils and school advisory boards. There will be a meeting for all parents of our school children, probably in early Spring, to make you aware of the report from the Engineering Department and to ask your assistance in making the transition as smooth as possible.

We assure you that there will be Catholic education in Charlestown for many years to come because we are determined to provide that opportunity for you. We, in turn, ask that if you reside in Charlestown, please make every effort to send your child to our school so that we may be encouraged to offer the best possible education to our children.


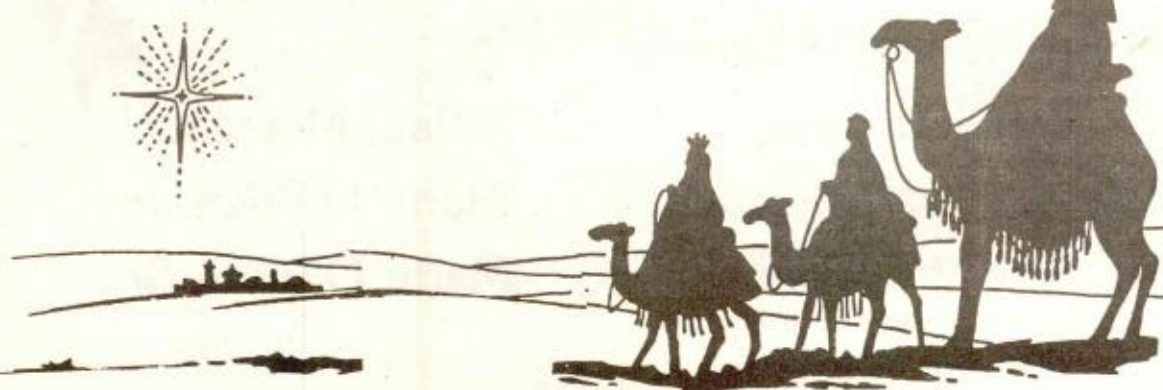
We ask God to guide us through this very important moment in the life of the faith in Charlestown. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Rev. James B. Canniff, pastor, St. Mary Parish
 Rev. Ronald D. Coyne, pastor, St. Catherine of Siena Parish
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by Kathy Giordano
The 28th annual production of the Boston Ballet's "The Nutcracker" will include performances by four Charlestown youngsters, all students of the Boston Ballet School in Newtonville. The first of these talented dancers, who performed in the ballet between Nov. 29 and Dec. 7, is 9-year-old Casey Garr of Cordis Street. Casey is a fourth grader at the Learning Projects School in the Back Bay. She is the daughter of Bruce and Andrea Garr.

'Nutcracker' Includes Local Performers



'NUTCRACKER' dancers include (l. to r.) Jonathan Tucker, Casey Garr, Kate Massaro and Jennifer French. (photo by Kathy Giordano)

Casey was in the line of dancing candy canes.

Jennifer French, an 8-year-old second-grade student at the Advent School

on Beacon Hill, performed through Dec. 13 as a gingerbread doll. She is the daughter of John and Linda Neshamkin French of

Bunker Hill Street.

Playing the part of "Fritz" in the Dec. 12 to 23 performances is Jonathan Tucker, son of Paul and Maggie Moss-Tucker of Monument Square. Jonathan is a third grader at the Park School in Brookline. He is 9 years old.

From Dec. 27 through Jan. 5, Kate Massaro of Cordis Street will be seen in the dancing candy cane line. She is a sixth grader at the Learning Projects School in the Back Bay. Her parents are Arthur and Joanne Massaro.

A total of 47 performances of this holiday classic are taking place at the Wang Center for Performing Arts in Boston.

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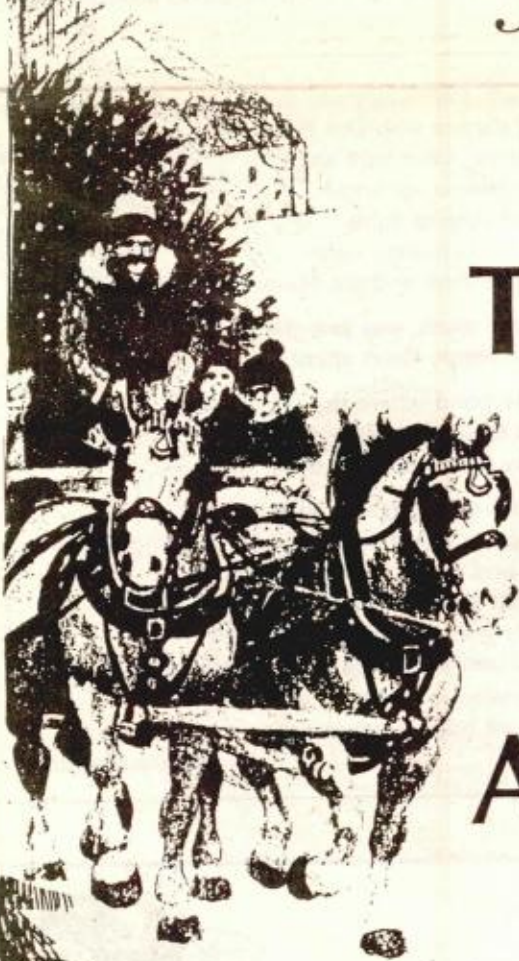
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by Dorothy McCarthy
The first- and fifth-grade students of the Harvard Kent School recently braved the rain and walked to the Sullivan Square Fire-

house. Grade 1 students were accompanied by parents Ellen Melaugh and Phylomena Anzalone. Lt. Richard Powers, public relations officer of the

Boston Fire Department, and the firefighters of Ladder 9 demonstrated fire equipment and fire safety procedures.

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Christmas At The Little Patriots



THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS is alive and well at Little Patriots Children's Center at the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club. Parents joined the festivities by helping their children make ornaments for the school's Christmas tree. Shown top row at the left is Ian and Iris Box . . . on the right is Elizabeth Stangel. Shown bottom row on the left is Mary Beth and Jenelle Tucker . . . and at the right is David Crasco and Kim Keenan.

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Next we can be thankful for happy times spent
That pleasant cottage by the pond where the family went
Happy Fourth of July, with fireworks galore
Everybody had a ball, as we watched them from the shore.

Homecoming for Shawn, was such a grand affair
Our hearts were filled with pride as we watched him standing there
Like a true Marine, all spit and polish, in his dress blues
Impeccably dressed with that shine on his shoes.
Dad's surprise birthday party with all the handball crew
And children, and grandchildren and some great neighbors, too.
Yes, being blessed with a family and very good friends
Such good fortune as this, we hope it never ends.

Mary Livingston



St. Catherine
of Siena



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The more the world is at peace.

Merry Christmas from

St. Catherine's Parish

around town

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of legal space heaters are:

- Never leave a space heater on while sleeping. Warm your room before going to sleep and turn off the heater before going to bed.
- Unplug any appliance that generates heat when not in use.
- Never use a space heater near water.
- Give the appliance room to breathe. Don't leave the heater too close to drapes, Christmas trees or other flammable materials.
- Always make sure that your smoke detectors are in working order.

Covington suggested that when purchasing a space heater, look for ones with thermostats and other safety features. A UL or other inspection stamp of approval should be found on the device.

The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services offers a 24-hour Emergency Hotline that will assist residents with no heat complaints and fuel assistance needs. They can be reached at 725-4500.

For more information on space heater safety, call the Fire Prevention Office at 725-3620.

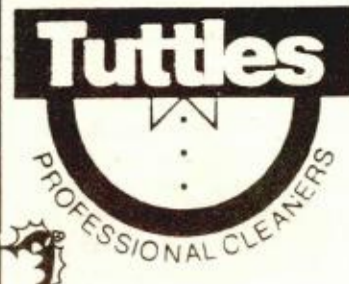
★ Holiday Safety Tips - The Boston Fire Department urges everyone to prevent holiday tragedies by removing fire hazards commonly associated with Christmas trees and holiday decorations. The top four reported

holiday fires in 1990 were: 1) electrical problems; 2) candles left unattended or used too close to trees and decorations; 3) children playing with fire materials such as matches, candles, fireworks and lighters; and 4) placing Christmas trees too close to heat sources.

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- Keep your natural tree as fresh as possible.
- Never leave lighted candles unattended and store matches out of the reach of children.
- Always turn off Christmas lights before leaving home or going to sleep.
- Keep your tree (natural or artificial), decorations and presents away from heat sources.
- Carefully inspect light strings, cords, plugs and receptacles.
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The Christmas Card

by Charlie McGonagle

I have a friend who swears the following story is true. It may be, for at Christmas time things very magical do seem to happen.

The day was Dec. 7, 1941. The boys had just learned of Pearl Harbor, and though they were but 8 years of age, they seemed to grasp its significance. People very close to them would be going off to war. They knew that, and they also knew that some of those people would not return.

They were friends, very close friends, and though they were very young, that friendship was important to both of them.

Names were simple back then. One was Bobby, only his aunt and grandmother called him Robert, and the other was Tommy.

"Do you think we will always be friends, Tommy?"

"Sure. Why not?"

"Well, I was just thinking. Sometimes things separate people. Things like jobs and war, for instance."

"But a lot of them stay friends."

"Well, we will. I know we will."

They had lived in the same house for the past six years. It was as far back as either of them could remember. So for the two, it was actually forever. Tommy's family lived on the first floor of the three decker, and Bobby and his family lived on the third floor. As far as they were concerned, they were family.

They had confronted first grade together and defeated it. Second grade was now their adversary, but they were handling it as well as could be expected.

"I have an idea, Tommy. Why don't we make a promise to send each other a Christmas card every year. No matter where we go, or whatever we do, we'll keep that promise to each other."

Friendship between boys at the age of 8 is sacred. Girls are not yet a significant part of life, and a true confidant can be found only in another boy.

Tommy and Billy made a vow that cold

December Sunday, and they would keep it, that was a promise.

Months turned into years, grade school passed and high school came along. Both enjoyed and excelled in athletics, but an asthmatic condition prevented Tommy from attaining the status his friend, Bobby, would reach. Their friendship endured through it all, and the Christmas card tradition continued through the years.

Their high school time passed as quickly as it has arrived, and it was not long before Bobby was sent to a place called Korea.

his friend.

The note went on, however, and in it Tommy apologized for not being able to wait until Bobby returned. He truly wanted his closest friend to serve as his best man, but because he was offered a position with a company in another state, Tommy and Grace decided to wed and travel to the new city together as man and wife.

Bobby put down the card and letter, and was surprised at what he felt. He thought he should be angry, but he was not. He knew Tommy was happy with Grace, and because

friend. He was sure he would receive a card from Tommy, though, and on the envelope he would find a return address. He would wait, and the tradition would be carried on. But Christmas came, and there was no card.

For the next 12 Christmases, Bobby anticipated a card from Tommy, a card that never arrived. He, himself had married, and the marriage produced three children, but in spite of it all, Bobby still thought of, and missed his friend.

The night was cold, the road was icy, and Bobby drove along a stretch of road which was considered dangerous, even under the best of conditions. He felt helpless as the skid began. The more effort he put into stopping the sliding vehicle, the faster it seemed to move forward. He saw the tree, but he did not remember hitting it.

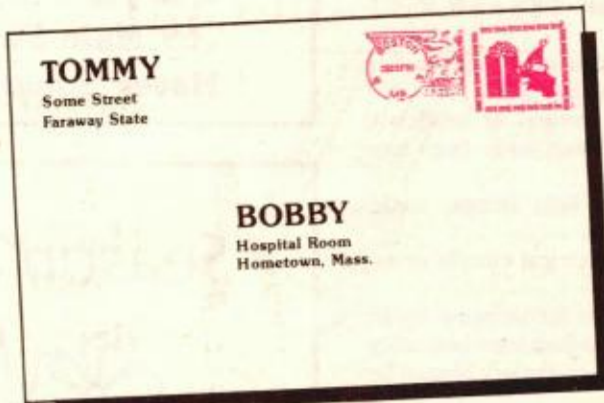
At the hospital, Bobby's condition was listed as critical. Chances for his survival were very slim, and his young wife wrestled unsuccessfully with tears as she sat alone in the hospital waiting room. The children were with her sister. They had not yet been told of the accident. The young wife thought it best they not be told until there was more to tell.

"We've done all we can, the rest is up to him," the doctor told the wife shortly after several hours of surgery. "If you believe in prayer, now is the time to use it."

The days moved painfully toward Christmas Eve for the young wife, and Bobby's condition was not improving.

Early on the morning of Dec. 24, the mail arrived at the hospital. Each day since he had been admitted, Bobby had received many cards and letters from well wishers, but today one envelope seemed to stand out from the other. Curiously, the young wife reached for the card. At the upper left hand corner she saw, written in a happy-go-lucky sort of way the word TOMMY, and beneath it an address. She had heard, over and over again, the story of Bobby and Tommy, and how im-

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Tommy wanted so much to go with his friend, but the same condition that kept him from the ball field would keep him from the battle field.

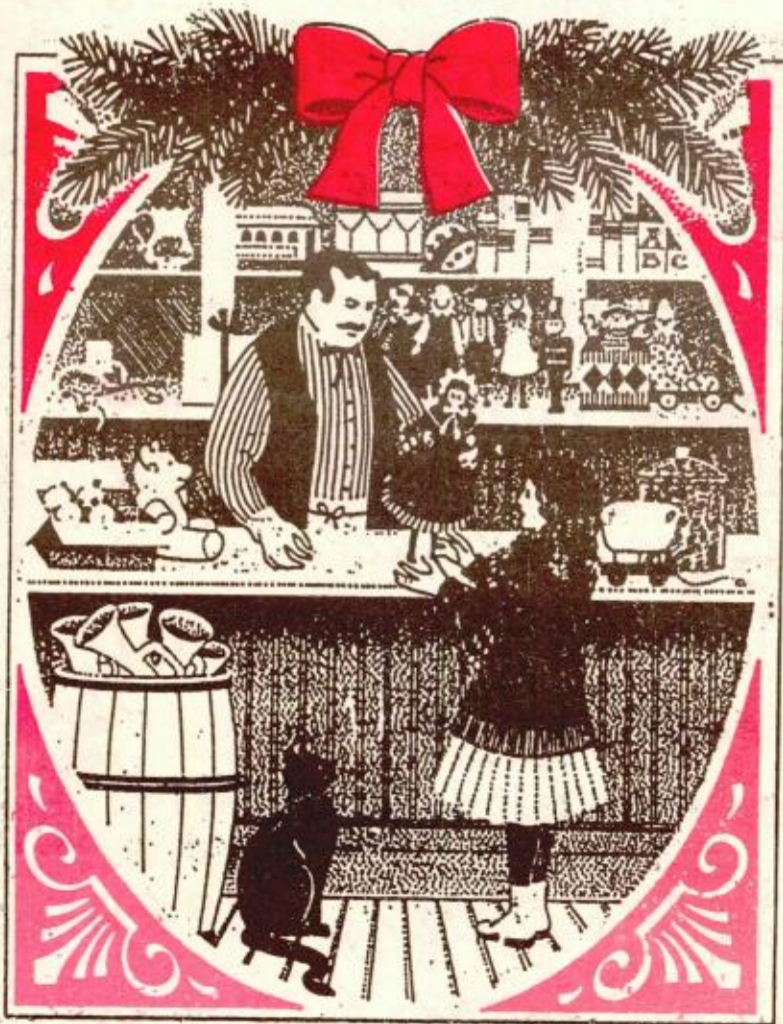
Somehow, Korea did not have the impact of Pearl Harbor on many people, but to Tommy its significance was much greater. For the first time in his life, he would be separated from his friend. The initial weeks of the separation weighed heavily on both boys, but while in Korea, self preservation would become a top priority for Bobby, and Tommy eventually would meet Grace.

Christmas came to Korea, and so did Tommy's card. Thoughts of his friend back home brightened Bobby's holiday spirits, and when he read "... and Grace and I will be getting married in May," he was very happy for

of that he, too, was happy. Another thought, though, entered his mind as he huddled against the cold bit of winter and listened to shells bursting in the distance. It was an empty feeling. He somehow sensed that he would never see his friend again. He did not know why he felt this way, but he was certain.

The Korean conflict ended and Bobby returned a decorated hero. He had excelled on the field of battle just as he had excelled on the field of play. It was a triumphant return, and his hometown was proud of its native son.

As the first Christmas home came closer, Bobby began to think of the Christmas card. Nobody seemed to know where Tommy and Grace had gone, and since that Christmas in Korea, he had not heard a word from his



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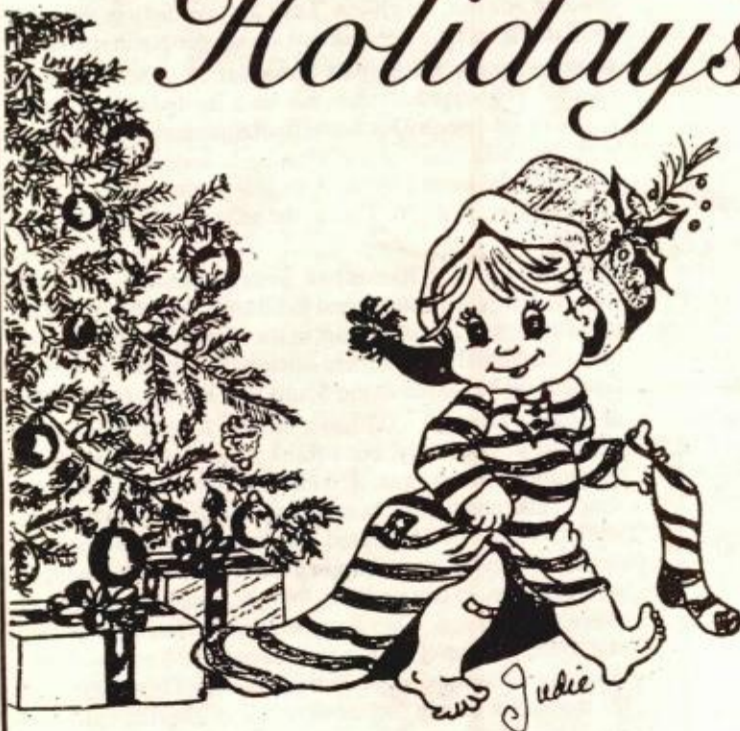



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TOWNIE SPORTS LINE

Charlestown Youth Hockey Report

by Peter Golden

Christmas came early this week with all seven CYHA travel teams emerging undefeated in league play.

Joe Wilkins' Mite Open team blasted Hyde Park 6-1. This was a well-played game with the "Townies" featuring a balanced attack. John Tobin, Ryan Mainey, Ed Kelly, Fred Arroyo and Corey Hollien (with two) were the goal scorers. Play-making honors went to Jason Sousa, Ray Ortiz, Sean

Rae, Joe Wilkins, Brian McCreary, Mike Kelly, Jon Goscinak and Adam Smith. Ryan Connolly turned in another standout performance in goal.

Jack Murphy's Marauders continue to hold their own in GBL Mite II play. This week they turned in a tremendous effort to earn a 1-1 tie with Pembroke. Chad Titcomb scored the Townie goal with assists awarded to Dan Considine and Cole Justice. Coach

Murphy lauded his team's excellent two-way effort as the best he's seen this year. Jon Castro in goal brought his quick glove to the game that helped to preserve the tie.

Woburn action saw Gene Lawrence's Lancers tie Waltham 3-3. Goalie Tom Smith put on a tremendous display in goal to help preserve the tie. Coach Lawrence also credited the excellent play of his defense-men and the hard skating of

the entire team as the keys to this game. Townie marksmen were Derek Garceau, Pat McLaughlin and Tony Lopez.

Both Squirt teams brought the scoring touch to their games this week. Dan and Steve Considine's open team routed Waltham 8-1. Chet Ferreira led the scoring parade with four goals. Shane Coleman added a pair of goals and Jim Kane lit the lamp once.

The Squirt B's exploded

on Somerville, routing the home team 10-1. Bob Krol and Bob Celata both turned the hat trick in this contest. Single tallies were notched by Dan Noonan, Mike Sweeney, Mark Russell and Paul Hennessey. John Worth, Jeff Fidler, Brian Burke, Jon Loriano and Jon Garvey made the big assists on these goals.

Pee Wee play saw the A Team emerge with two victories, 5-2 over Hyde Park and 7-1 over West Roxbury.

Coach Moe "Houdini" Gillen juggled a shorthanded line up on Saturday night to defeat Hyde Park. Keys to this victory were the fine play of Christ "Super Sub" Lent in goal and the scoring plays of Joe Lawler's two goals and Joe Brennan's pair of goals. Terry Smith added icing to the victory cake. Actually this was a team victory with everyone contributing to the team's success.

Sunday's game saw the (continued on page 21)

Girls Win Title . . . Congratulations to Joe Fitzpatrick, gym director at the Boys & Girls Club, and his Girls Ball Hockey team as they defeated the Dan Marr Boys & Girls Club 3-2 to take a Ball Hockey Championship back to Charlestown.

Charlestown goals were scored by Nicole Matson and

CYO Ball Hockey Update

STANDINGS

Team	W	L	T
Village Market	9	1	0
BFI	8	2	0
Ironside Grille	7	2	1
Blues	5	3	2
Kerrigans	5	4	1
Bryan's Pals	3	6	1
T.J.'s Kids	3	6	1
Peg & Al's	3	7	0
Nanny Goats	3	7	0
Blow Up	1	9	0

- Kerrigans - Sean O'Connor and Israel Sentner
- Village Market - Michael Guerra and A.J. Hanscom
- Blues - Neil Mahoney and Chris Chiampa
- Nanny Goats - Paul Collins and Tommy Johnston
- Ironside Grille - Chris Dacey and Michael Jacobs
- Blow Up - Nicolas Philippi and Kathleen Lacey
- Peg & Al's - Alden McDonald and Chad Titcomb
- T.J.'s Kids - Kathleen Eddy and Scott Atkinson

Players Of The Week
 • Bryan's Pals - Brent Getchell and Matthew Pacheco
 • BFI - John Woods and Kevin O'Neil

BOBBY D'S BEAT

by Bob DeCristoforo

Corey Gallagher, and Julie Trainor was outstanding in the nets.

Members of the championship team are Matson, Gallagher, Trainor, Linda Howell, Kelly Gilginn, Courtney McLaughlin, Kim Weafer, Erin McDonough, Colleen Walsh, Sharon Burke, Christine Locke, Shannon McLaughlin and Helen Scales.

Merry Christmas . . . To all our servicemen and women, and to Bill Nolan, Sean Farley, Keith Tkachuk, Paul Willard, Mike Johnson and Tom Carroll.

CYO Juniors Take Two . . . St. Catherine Junior CYO Basketball team enters the weekend at 3-0 with a couple of big wins during the week.

The Juniors traveled to Allston and brought back their first road win of the season, defeating St. Anthony 74-61 in a fast-paced up-tempo ball game.

Anthony Matson led the offensive attack, scoring 26 points, and "rookie" Todd Scgro poured in 21 more for the victors.

On Sunday, the Juniors roared back from a 13-point deficit to defeat St. Ann's of Neponset 64-60 in a very satisfying afternoon of play.

Scoring leaders were Scgro with 21 points and Chris Brennan with 14 points, but in the stretch, everyone came up with a big hoop or made a key play . . . Matt Mehigan, Joe Kacvinsky, Vin Tamburello, Mark Collins, Matt Warren and Matson were all unsung heroes. Jay Kelsey, despite limited action, did some real fine things, and Pat Owens' presence in the final minutes of play was more important than one might realize. Owens and Matson are members of the Charlestown High School Hockey team and they had rushed back from a Jamboree at the rink.

This weekend, the team hits the road with games at St. Ann and at St. Theresa in West Roxbury.

ADSL Delayed . . . We were ready to play. Billy Hayes, Mike Erardi, Jason Gallagher, Anthony Matson, Pat Owens, Stephen Mahan, Chris Brennan and I were at UMass/Boston ready for the All-Dorchester Sports League opener, but the opener has been rescheduled for early January due to the college break. We did enjoy breakfast in South Boston.

High School Notebook . . . The schedules are starting to come in, and I can see a lot of enthusiasm in the faces of our "Townie" high school athletes at all levels — varsity, junior varsity and freshmen.

The young people are looking for support for their teams, and there will be plenty of action all winter long, especial-

ly during the Christmas break.

Freshman Jason Smith has already scored his first high school goal in an underclassmen game at Don Bosco, and freshman Corey Gallagher is already lighting up the eyes of her coaches in Matignon preseason play.

Todd Fisher and Captain Paul Tibbetts will be big factors in Bosco's quest for a hockey crown, and Mark Mansfield will be an unsung hero on the team. Ming Ngan will be a leader for Boston Tech Hockey and Jamie Andrea will do the same at Latin Academy.

Joe DeRoeve will keep up interested in Malden Catholic Hockey, Jamie Smith will keep Latin Basketball on our pages, and Mark Chardavoynne will do the same for Latin Hockey.

Pat Woods and Dave Walsh are new faces on Don Bosco Varsity Basketball and Chris Walsh will be doing it up for Matignon's freshman basketball team. Jonathan Owens' move to Somerville, and Somerville High varsity basketball will give us a new insight into the Greater Boston League. Jeff Houlihan makes his debut at St. Clement in basketball.

Pope John Hockey will definitely have a Townie atmosphere with Brenden Brennan, Chuck Kozlowski, Kevin McMaster and Joey Gilmore, to name several, leading the charge. Kenny Hayes should be in the Pope John Basketball limelight.

For Charlestown, the hot spot just might be the gym on Medford Street where the hoopsters will be led by Teddy Bonds. Jimmy Gillen will keep Charlestown Hockey in focus all year long.

More Townies and their high school teams I'm sure will be found as the winter goes on and, of course, the goal is to leave no one out. As always, I ask for your help in this matter. I do my best to keep all our young people in the news.

St. Stephen Basketball Shootout . . . St. Catherine Junior CYO basketball team has been invited to participate in the St. Stephen's Day Basketball Shootout. This tournament will take place at the Murphy School in Dorchester, and it will be hosted by St. Ann. All games will be played on Thursday, Dec. 26. This is the second year of the tournament.

"Just Say No" Basketball Tournament . . . For the second year, Charlestown and the Bunker Hill Housing Development will be taking part in the "Just Say No" 16-and-under basketball tournament during the Christmas break. Games will be played at the South End Boys & Girls Club.

Mary's Dream . . . I had a dream, Joseph. I don't understand it, not really, but I think it was about a birthday celebration for our son. I think that was what it was all about. The people had been preparing for it for about six weeks. They had decorated the house and bought new clothes. They'd gone shopping many times and bought elaborate gifts. It was peculiar, though, because the presents weren't for our son. They wrapped them in beautiful paper, tied them with lovely bows and placed them under a tree. Yes, a tree, Joseph, right in their house. They decorated the tree, also. The branches were full of glowing balls and sparkling ornaments. There was a figure on top of the tree. It looked like an angel might look. Oh, it was beautiful. Everyone was laughing and happy. They were all excited about the gifts. They gave the gifts to each other, Joseph, not to our son. I don't think they even knew Him. They never mentioned His name. Doesn't it seem odd for people to go through all that trouble to celebrate someone's birthday if they don't know Him. I had the strangest feeling that if our son had gone to the celebration, He would have been intruding. Everything was so beautiful, Joseph, and everyone so full of cheer, but it made me want to cry. How sad for Jesus not to be wanted at His own birthday celebration. I'm glad it was only a dream. How terrible, Joseph, if it had been real.

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C.Y.O. NEWS by Father Ron Coyne

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• **High School Boys Olympics**— St. Catherine will enter one or two teams into the annual High School Boys Olympics at Tufts University on Saturday, Dec. 28. There will be 10 to 12 parishes competing in basketball, volleyball, football, water basketball and track. We will leave at 9 a.m. and return around 4 p.m. There will be no cost, and lunch will be included. Any boy in grade 9 through 12 who would like to represent Charlestown should call Father Coyne at 242-1750 or sign up at St. Catherine Rectory.

• **December Children's Rollerskating**— A rollerskating trip to Rollerworld in Saugus will take place on Friday, Dec. 27. Busses will leave St. Catherine at 3:45 p.m. and return around 7 p.m. We will skate from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 which includes skates, admission and transportation. Tickets are now on sale at the rectory, 49 Vine St. All are welcome.

• **CYO Hockey**— St. Catherine's is in its second year of competition in the CYO ice hockey league. All games are played at the Milton MDC Rink on Saturday. Our first game against Sacred Heart, Roslindale was a very well-played game against a much more experienced team and we came back twice from two-goal deficits to earn a 5-5 tie. We play them again this Saturday, Dec. 21 at 1 p.m. and then play St. Joseph's, Needham on Saturday, Dec. 28 at noon.

Charlestown boys playing for St. Catherine's include: Jonathan Lent, Jeff Andrea, Chris Lent, Paul Hooley, Chris Donovan, Gordon D'Ambrosio, Joe Lawler, Michael Leahy, Jason Smith, Ricky Evers, Michael Lacey, Paul Allen, Michael Marsden, Brian Lacey, Paul Myers, Dave Walsh and Steve Linnane.

• **CYO Three-Day Ski Trip**— All teen-agers 13 and over are invited to go with the CYO on its annual three-day trip to Sunday River, Maine from Saturday, Jan. 18 to Monday, Jan. 20. We will stay two nights at the Town & Country Motor Inn and ski both days at Sunday River. The trip includes transportation by motor coach, two-night's lodging, three meals, a two-day lift ticket, and skis, boots and pole rental. The cost is \$150 per person. (The exact cost is \$200, but the CYO will subsidize your trip for \$50.) We must have a commitment by Sunday, Dec. 29 at the CYO meeting at 5 p.m. in St. Catherine hall. At that time you must pay a \$50 deposit, get a permission slip, decide whose room you will be in and give us your boot size for ski rentals.

Last year we had 47 people on our trip. We hope to do the same this year. The final decision will be made at the CYO meeting on Dec. 29.

• **CYO Meeting**— There will be a CYO meeting on Sunday, Dec. 29 at 5 p.m. in St. Catherine School Hall, Tufts Street, to schedule winter activities such as ski trips, all nighters, etc. All teen-agers are welcome to help us plan future events.

• **St. Catherine "Little Townies" Color Guard**— St. Catherine's Color Guard is now in its final weeks of preparation for the 1992 color guard season. Our first competition will be held at Everett High School on Saturday, Jan. 11 beginning at 5 p.m.

In preparation for its second season in competition, we will be celebrating Mass with all the girls and their families on Sunday, Jan. 5 at the 9 a.m. Children's Mass. The "Little Townies" will be in uniform with their equipment to ask God to bless them throughout the season and to perform to the best of their ability. We are very proud of our girls.

• **CYO Basketball**— Each week we will highlight one of our seven basketball teams that compete in the CYO league. Our under 13 (Bantam) girls are competing for the first time in the CYO league and suffered a loss to St. Brendan's of Dorchester in last week's game.

Players include Kerri Allen, Erin Barrett, Colleen Carroll, Janelle Jones, Michelle McLaughlin, Kelly Moses, Janelle Ortiz, Jennifer Ray, Erin Weafer, Emily Machado and Katie Titcomb.

• **Welcome Home**— We would like to welcome home all of the young men and women from the Charlestown community who have been away from home at college and have now returned for the Christmas holiday. They are wonderful role models, convincing others of how important an education can be in today's world. We also wish all of the children and teen-agers of our town a relaxing and enjoyable vacation.

• **Meat Raffle**— All are invited to take part in a Meat Raffle to benefit the "Little Townies" Color Guard on Saturday, Jan. 4 at 2 p.m. in the lower hall at the Knights of Columbus, 75 West School St.

Charlestown Youth Hockey Report

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A's record the weekend sweep, thanks to a balanced attack and the fine play of Pat Lacey in goal. Mike MacPherson lit the lamp three times, with single markers added by Pat Walsh, Dan Awbrey, Mike Collins and Joe Lawler. These goals were set up by the fine assists of Chris Lent, Peter Golden and Dan Awbrey with two each, and singles by Jim Mahoney and Rob Murray.

The Pee Wee B's of Dan Awbrey had their most successful week of the year with a 5-3 victory over Dedham and a 3-3 tie with powerful Pembroke.

Saturday's game saw the B's carry the play to Pembroke as they built a 2-0 lead on goals by Tim Warren and Jamie Carroll.

Pembroke battled back to tie the game at 2-2. Rick Evers then broke loose to score the third Townie tally. Pembroke then redoubled their efforts and were able to score their third goal despite the feverish efforts of Pat Lacey in the Townie goal. Lacey continued his fine play the rest of the way, especially in the last minute of the game when he stopped a breakaway to preserve the tie.

Sunday saw the B's continue their improved play with a victory over Dedham. A balanced scoring attack, with five different scorers was the key to victory. Dan Murphy, Jamie Hutchins, Steve Linnane, Jamie Carroll and Joe Talbot found the scoring touch on this day. These goals were made possible by the

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Bruins	6	3	2	14
Hawks	5	4	2	12
Sabres	5	6	0	10
Flyers	2	9	0	4

In-House Report

The 11th week of In-House games produced two shootouts and one close contest.

The first shootout saw the Hawks outgun the Flyers 13-11. The Sabres followed up with a 10-7 victory over the Bruins. The best game of the night involved the two league leaders for most of the first half of the season. This night saw the Whalers emerge as the better team with a 3-1 defeat of the Wings. This win allowed the Whalers to reclaim a piece of first place.

Standings

	W	L	T	Pts.
Whalers	7	4	0	14

Players of the Week

Hawks - John Murphy
Bruins - Mark Doe and Pat Rose
Whalers - Brian Burke and Andrew Brennan
Flyers - Corey Hollien and Eric Pacheco
Sabres - Robert Celata and John Garvey
Wings - not available

Rink Notes

There will be a dance on Friday, Jan. 10 at 8 p.m. at the K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St. Music will be by the D.J. Connection. See Phil for tickets.

Dues, dues, dues are over due!

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*Christmas Time is a time of joy
But not for the child without a toy.
They sit and try to wonder why
Santa Claus had to pass them by.*

*Christmas Time is a time for giving
But not for those who can't make a living.
They go down to the unemployment line
They need a dollar, but can't get a dime.*

*Christmas Time is a time for hope
But not for those strung out on dope.
They go to a shelter looking for a bed
They get sent back to the street instead.*

*Christmas Time is a time for care
But not for those without a prayer.
Sleeping in the subway, sleeping in the cold
That's the price you pay when you grow too old.*

*Christmas Time is a time for hugs
But not for mothers hooked on drugs.
They're so tired and they're so lazy
They're always too busy to care for the baby.*

*What's a baby without motherly love?
What's a country without brotherly love?
Is this Christmas in the U.S. of A.?
Do we just simply turn away?*

*Christmas Time is a time for living
A time for sins to be forgiven.
So, come on my friends, what do you say
Let's bring back Christmas the old-fashioned way.*

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A Day That Changed So Much For So Many

(The conclusion of this series with Jim Godding who was in Hawaii during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor brings him home.)

by Ed Loan

Looking back, Jim recalled: "I knew with my rank and experience it would be some time before I traveled in the direction of the states." They were thoughts that would prove hauntingly true. For many like Jim, Pearl proved to be the beginning of a long journey. To look at Jim, he appears quiet and unassuming. One would never imagine that the life of such a warm and friendly man once took a detour through hell. Nowadays, an American flag hangs in the front hall of his home. His grandchildren play busily in the parlor. A glass case sits on a table in the dining room, a gift from an admiring son. The case contains a series of medals, campaign ribbons and battle stars. Examining the case's contents, it is possible to trace Jim's path through a war he saw begin and stayed with until its final days.

By the late summer of 1942, Jim and his unit left Pearl and hooked up with the 1st Marines who were on the move to capture a series of Japanese-held islands in the Pacific. First there was the assault on Tulagi. It was on the island that Jim met the enemy for the first time, face to face. When asked about the Japanese soldier, Jim described them as "tough and tenacious." Continuing, he said: "They had no regard for human life, death meant nothing to them." After Tulagi, Godding had a better understanding of how the

Japanese could have done what they did at Pearl. The 1st Marines next saw action in the Solomon Islands followed by six months of bloody hell taking and holding Guadalcanal. There were desperate scenes Jim recalled, such as an enemy soldier charging a machine gun with only a sword.

Gradually the Japanese tide began to recede. All the time, Jim considered himself lucky as he continued to survive what he did. By early 1945, Japan was clearly on the ropes as Allied Forces inched ever closer, island by island to Tokyo itself. In early February of that year Jim found himself standing in yet another landing craft, this time as a member of the 5th Marines off the coast of Iwo Jima. For Jim the tension in the craft was momentarily broken as he glanced over his shoulder at some of the support craft that were pounding the island with their heavy guns. Jim recognized two ships in particular by their superstructures — he had watched them burn at Pearl. On this day, though, only their gun barrels were on fire.

On the small Pacific Island Jim's "luck" as he called it had finally worn thin. During the fierce combat that characterized the island campaign a Japanese major pulled his pistol and shot Jim in the head. For all intents and purposes, the war had ended for the young Marine from Charlestown. By August of 1945, Godding was back in the states recuperating at the naval hospital in Norfolk, Va. when word reached him that Japan was finally done. What a kid from

Hayes Square had seen begin in the skies



JIM GODDING (right) of Charlestown, a member of the Bay State Patriot's Chapter of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association, was presented with a medal by Lt. Col. Dale Peterson, USMC (left) at a State House ceremony on Dec. 2. The ceremony commemorated the 50th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Godding, who was accompanied by his family, is one of the five remaining Marines from Massachusetts who were at Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. He also attended anniversary services in Hawaii.

over Pearl had also ended in the sky, this time over Japanese soil — mushroom shaped.

After a September discharge, Jim returned to Charlestown and found employment as a truck driver for the **Record American** until his retirement 25 years later.

As our conversation came to an end, I happened to glance at an old black and white photo sitting across the room. A young man in uniform who resembles Jim's son stares at you with a boyish grin. According to Jim, the photo was taken about three days after the attack on Pearl. The picture sits as a silent reminder. Photographs are funny that way — small pieces of our lives frozen in time. Although Jim no longer resembles the boy in the photo, his mind like the photograph will always bear witness to a day that changed so much for so many.

I would like to thank the following people for their help in putting this story together . . . Chipa Godding, Jack Loan, Phyllis Bryant and Pat Loan.

Books on Pearl Harbor available at the Boston Public Library include:

Prange, Gordon W. **December 7, 1941**. New York: McGraw-Hill Book Company, 1988.

Wallin, Homer N. **Pearl Harbor**. Washington: Naval History Division, 1968.

Slackman, Michael **Target: Pearl Harbor**. Honolulu: University of Hawaii Press, 1990.

Local Sculptor Displays At BHCC

Sculptor Ann Marie DiStefano is displaying her work in the Bunker Hill Community College Art Gallery in December and January in an exhibit entitled "Feeling Forms."

DiStefano, who received a diploma in sculpture from the School of the Boston Museum of Fine Arts, operates

a studio in Boston's South End. "Feeling Forms" will be on display through Jan. 30. (Note: the BHCC Art Gallery is closed from Dec. 24 through Jan. 1).

In talking about her work, which is created using materials including paper, panty hose, sand,

paint, twine and tar, DiStefano says: "My work helps me to release energy, to express deep levels of feelings in the creation of whole forms so you can look at them. They appear to be very heavy in weight, but they are very light. They are 'untitled' purposely but their meaning may change daily as you attribute dif-

ferent meanings to them and feelings about them. I also make textured paintings of tangible surfaces of objects."

DiStefano has held exhibits at Gallery Nature and Temptation in Boston, The Carving Studio in Rutland, Vt., and at the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston.

Post Offices Closed Christmas Day

Charlestown residents are reminded that all post offices will be closed and there will be no regular mail delivery on Christmas Day, Wednesday, Dec. 25.

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Not For Nothin' . . .

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Day, David Ryan Flanagan will turn 3 and Ginger Doherty will be 39 . . . Betty Dunphy will celebrate her big day on the 26th . . . and last, but certainly not least, John Greatorex will be a youthful 81 on the 29th . . . Happy Birthday to each and all!

★ **Froehliche Weihnach (Germany)** ★

• **Send A Note . . .** to a lovely lady. Mary Borden of Salem street is currently at the Marion Manor Nursing Home, 130 Dorchester St., Room 463, South Boston, Mass. 02127 . . . Why not drop her a cheery message?

★ **Feliz Navidad (Mexico)** ★

• **Snow Emergency Update . . .** City regulations for the winter months, between Nov. 15 and March 31, during a declared snow emergency include no parking on major thoroughfares posted as Emergency Arteries and on residential streets, parking will be prohibited on the even side of the street . . . For more info, call 725-4680.

★ **Buon Natale (Italy)** ★

• **Verrrry Interesting . . .** the 1992 Holiday Calendar published by the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce outlining "blue law" observances in the Commonwealth. You'll know what's open for business, which holidays are statewide or local, etc. . . . Send a business-size, stamped, self-addressed envelope and 50¢ to: 1992 Holiday Calendar, Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, 600 Atlantic Ave., Boston, Mass. 02210-2200.

★ **Nodlaig Mhaith Chug (Ireland)** ★

• **Bundle Up! . . .** It's official! Sunday, Dec. 22nd at 3:45 a.m. . . . Winter will arrive!

★ **Happy Christmas (England)** ★

• **Will We Have A White Christmas . . .** According to the Farmer's Almanac, we will have a white, but coooold Christmas! Let's wait and see, folks!

• **Which Ever Way You Say It . . .**

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A Christmas Remembrance . . .

As I watched Christmas decorations being placed on homes and businesses, I was reminded of a Christmas story.


Some time ago, I was watching a workman put up the lights in town. I had to ask him why they were using the six-pointed Jewish star when the Christians had changed to the five-pointed star centuries ago. You wouldn't believe how

he yelled at me and called me a dummy. He shouted that they were not stars — neither Jewish or Christian — they were snowflakes. He added that if I weren't such a dummy I would know that snowflakes, even if each one is different, all have six points!

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Flynn Calls For Increased Drug Education And Prevention

Mayor Raymond L. Flynn recently called for increased drug education and treatment programs, saying

that more outreach would "break the cycle of violence and despair" that often stems from substance

abuse.

Speaking at the Dec. 11 annual meeting of Boston Against Drugs, the mayor emphasized the fact that the federal government spends most of its anti-drug budget on enforcement and devotes only a small amount for treatment, education and prevention efforts.

"We are forced to spend millions of additional dollars each year to keep people in prison," Mayor Flynn said. "Meanwhile, we are denied adequate state and federal funding for the prevention, education and treatment programs that keep people out of prison."

The Mayor's comments coincide with the approval of the Charlestown Against Drugs (CHAD) work plan, which is based on the concept of empowering the community to fight drugs through education and prevention. In the fall of 1990, the city of Boston was awarded a \$2.5 million federal grant from the Office of Substance Abuse Prevention. The award will provide the city, including Charlestown, with a definitive prevention model for dealing with Boston's substance abuse program.

Flynn called the federal anti-drug efforts' \$7.6 billion emphasis on enforcement versus its \$2.9 billion commitment to treatment and education "tragic, because the funds we must invest in prisons could instead be invested in permanent solutions which treat or prevent drug use."

"Let's face it," the mayor added, "drugs and alcohol contribute in a major way to the destabilization of families. And if a family is divided or destabilized, it's impossible for a community

to develop the kind of values that prevent violence and create a healthy quality of life."

Mayor Flynn urged the federal government to couple its law enforcement efforts with treatment on demand and educational outreach prevention programs like Boston Against Drugs (BAD).

BAD Executive Director Howard Hughes said the federal grant for BAD's local prevention efforts is based on "the most modern thinking with respect to the prevention of substance abuse."

Harvard-Kent Students Visit Fire Station

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Some children were dressed in full firefighting gear. The house gong was rung and the children witnessed the firefighters sliding the pole. After taking turns in the driver's seat of the trucks, the children were brought upstairs for a lesson on "Stop, Drop, and

Roll." One firefighter climbed the ladder into the window demonstrating what would happen if the child were trapped in his or her room.

All the children were impressed and left the firehouse with a better knowledge of fire safety.



JOSEPH POLSONETTI is dressed in full firefighting gear by Firefighter John McCarthy. Ellen Melaugh, a parent who accompanied the group, is shown at the back right.



BRIAN DOLE is being dressed in firefighters gear by Lt. Richard Powers (left) and Firefighter John McCarthy (right).

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Monday, Jan. 20 — Martin Luther King Day
Monday, Feb. 17 — Presidents' Day
Monday, May 25 — Memorial Day
Saturday, July 4 — Independence Day
Monday, Sept. 7 — Labor Day
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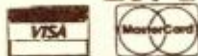


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• BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS

Those interested in trying out for the traveling basketball teams should contact Joe Fitzpatrick or Derek Gallagher in the gym. The age divisions will be boys 12 and under and 13 to 15, and girls 16 and under.

• CHRISTMAS WEEK SCHEDULE

The club will be closed from Dec. 23 through Dec. 25. It will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. from Dec. 26 through Dec. 28.

• COME MEET SANTA

Santa Claus will be making a stop at the clubhouse tomorrow, Friday, Dec. 20, between 3 and 5 p.m. Any child between the ages of 6 and 9 is welcome to come visit.

Our 10- to 12-year-old members will have a Christmas Dance in the Games Room from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 20.

• BOYS FLOOR HOCKEY TEAM

The Boys Floor Hockey team will travel to the Dan Marr Club on Friday, Dec. 20 and will try to up-end the undefeated Dan Marr team. The game will be played at 4:30 p.m. and we hope it will be a sweep for the club's floor hockey teams.

• CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

Thank You — On Dec. 13, the Light of the World Ministries came to the club and shared their music with us. It was a wonderful experience for all who attended. We wish to extend special thanks to Minister Dale Robinson for organizing the visit.

Come Learn About Yemen — On Saturday, Dec. 21 at 10:30 a.m., Mary White will talk about the country of Yemen. A former Peace Corp. volunteer, she will show slides, bring clothing and tell stories about her experiences there. The program will be held in the club library.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!



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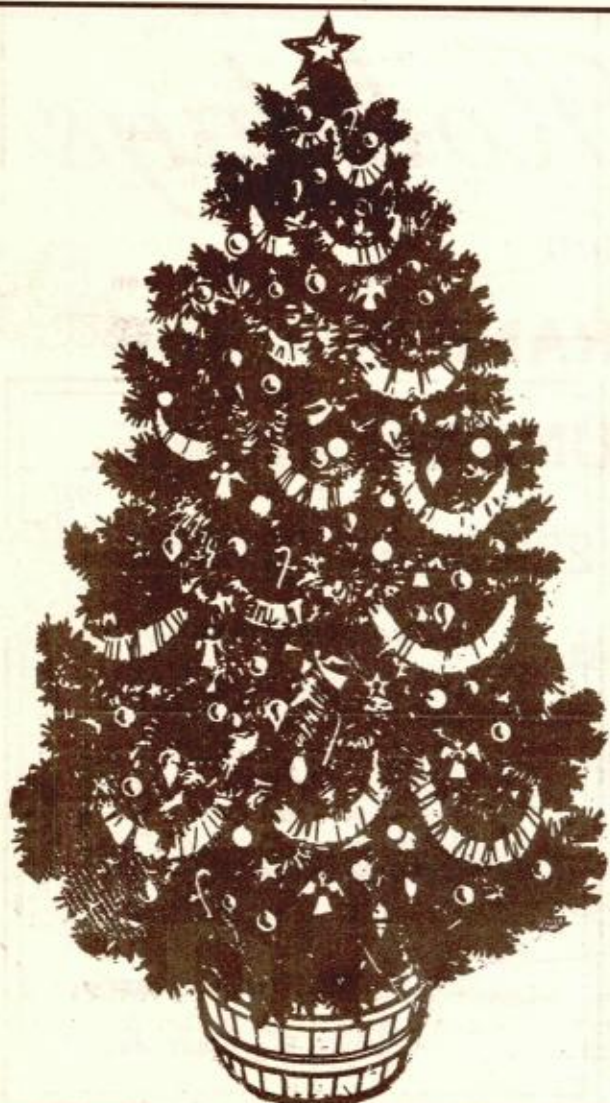


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The Christmas Card

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portant the friendship had always been to her husband. For the past several years, her only regret at Christmas time came when Bobby would wait in vain for a card from Tommy. Now, some 12 years later, when it was needed most, it was in her hands.

At her husband's bedside, she read from the inside of the card . . .

"Hi, buddy! I heard things are not going very well for you these days. What was it, a tree? There was never a tree that could stop the Bobby I knew. In fact, I don't think there was anything that could stop the Bobby I knew. If there is even just a flicker of light, Bobby, reach for it. I understand you have a wife and three beautiful kids. That's a whole lot to live for. I am really sorry I have not kept my promise over the past several years, the one about the Christmas card, I

mean, but if I can ask just one favor of you, from one friend to another, please don't give up."

At the very bottom of the card were the words, "Love, Your best friend, Tommy."

Bobby's recovery was no less than miraculous, and each day as he felt better, he read the card over and over again. He would not write to the address on the envelope. No, even though the card came from another state, he would visit just as soon as he was well enough to do so.

As the trees began to bloom, and the weather began to warm, Bobby planned his trip to the far away address. He had to go alone. His wife understood why, and he left.

It was a white house with newly blossoming flowers lining the driveway. A child's tricycle lay tipped under one of the many front windows, and an empty swing set could

be seen in the yard at the rear. It was as Bobby had imagined it would be.

He approached the door, and gently played the brass knocker against the plate. In only a few seconds, a very attractive young lady came to answer. For a moment, both stood looking at each other, saying nothing. Finally, Bobby spoke.

"You must be Grace."

"Yes I am. May I do something for you?"

"I'm Bobby, I'm here to see Tommy."

"Bobby?"

"Yeah. Tommy's friend."

As he spoke, Bobby reached into his jacket pocket, removed the Christmas card, and handed it to the attractive young lady.

As she began to read, tears filled her eyes and a look of disbelief enveloped her face.

"When did you get this?" she asked.

"Just last Christmas," he answered, and

he then relayed the story of the boyhood oath both he and Tommy had taken.

"Please come in."

As the door closed behind the two, the attractive young lady walked slowly toward the nicely decorated marble mantle and removed a brass framed photograph. She handed it to Bobby. Memories of a sacred friendship filled his thoughts, and he could feel the heat of tears welling up in his eyes.

"Yes, Yes, this is Tommy. This is my friend."

"Bobby?"

"Yes?"

"Bobby. Tommy had a severe asthma attack 12 years ago and died."

My friend swears that every word of this story is true. It is Christmas time. Perhaps he should believe. Perhaps we should all believe.

'Sesame Street Live' Contest


(continued from page 6)

- Colleen Luce of 103 Taf-frail Road, Quincy;
- John M. May of 8 Wash-ington St., Charlestown;
- Agnes Shepard of 51 Chestnut St., Charlestown;

and

- Brendan Vraibel of 15 Parker St., Charlestown.

The winners may claim their passes at **The Charlestown Patriot Office**, One Thompson Square.



Christmas Church Services

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH
Hayes Square
Christmas Eve Masses - Tuesday, Dec. 24
4 p.m. — Special Children's Mass with music, readings, prayers and sermon focused on children. Families are encouraged to join together for this celebration.
midnight — Traditional Midnight Mass returns in the upper church
Christmas Mass - Wednesday, Dec. 25
One Mass only Christmas Morning at 10 a.m.

ST. FRANCIS de SALES CHURCH
313 Bunker Hill Street
Christmas Eve Masses - Tuesday, Dec. 24
4 p.m. — The Mass will include music by the Parish Choir.
7 p.m. — Special Solemn Pontifical Mass with Most Reverend John J. Mulcahy, Auxiliary Bishop of Boston, as the Principal Celebrant and Homilist and music by the Parish Choir.
Christmas Day Masses - Wednesday, Dec. 25
9 and 11 a.m.

ST. MARY CHURCH
55 Warren Street
Christmas Eve Masses - Tuesday, Dec. 24
5 and 8 p.m. — These Masses will include the Traditional Christmas Tableaux and the singing of carols and hymns.
Christmas Day Masses - Wednesday, Dec. 25
8 and 11 a.m. — These Masses will include the singing of traditional carols and hymns.

ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
27 Devens Street
Christmas Eve - Tuesday, Dec. 24
6 p.m. — First Christmasse (children)
10:30 p.m. — Caroling
11 p.m. — Solemn Christmasse
Christmas Day - Wednesday, Dec. 25
11 a.m. — said Mass

SHEENA ROSE ALLEN

*My darling sweet little girl,
I think of you all year round,
But on Christmas you are so special
You're everything
a granddaughter could be
I'll love you forever, stay close to me.*

Your Loving Grandmother, Nana Allen

Memorial Mass
for
CAROLINE A. HOAG
at
St. Francis de Sales Church
313 Bunker Hill St.
Sunday, Dec. 29 at 5 p.m.

1981 "Christmas Message" 1991

SGT. GEORGE F. HOEY JR.
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*Just a plain and simple message
That I send from year to year,
And I never get tired of saying
How I wish that you were here.*

Always . . . Aunt Edie

In Memoriam

John "Scotty" Slavin Sr.
Merry Christmas

*God looked around his garden
And found an empty place
He then looked down upon the earth
And saw your tired face,
So he put his arms around you and lifted you to rest.
He knew that you were suffering
He knew you were in pain,
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb
So he closed your weary eyelids
And whispered peace be thine.
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.
We love you and miss you.*

Your wife, sons, daughter and grandchildren

In Memory Of My Sister
ANN YANDLE
at Christmas Time

*Ann, God gave me the
Number One Sister
And I will always be grateful.*

Love, Your Sister Mary

In Memory Of My Mother
ANN O'DONNELL

*There is not a day that goes by,
I don't think of you.
You were always the Number One Ma,
"You taught me a lot"*

MERRY CHRISTMAS

Love . . . Your Daughter Mary

In Memoriam

John "Skipper" Slavin Jr.
Merry Xmas Happy Birthday

*I'd give so much to hear your voice
To hear you say "Hello!"
I'd give so much to hold your hand
To see your smile again
I'd give so much to have a chat
The way we used to do
Only God knows what I'd give
Just for the sight of you.
We cannot bring the old days back
When we were all together,
But secret tears and loving thoughts
Will keep us close forever.
"Let Thy Light Shine Upon Him"*

Mom, Mickey, Kevin, Keith, Scott
and Barbara

In Memory Of

JOSEPH PASSALACQUA
1988 Third Anniversary 1991

*We think of you in silence
And make no outward show,
But what it meant to lose you,
No one will ever know.
You wished no one farewell
Or even said goodbye.
You were gone before you knew it,
And only God knows why.
A golden heart stopped beating
With tender hands at rest,
Which only proves that God
Takes only the best.*

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Wife Dotty, Son Paz, Kathy & Lisa
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at 4 p.m. at St. Mary Church
on Warren Street

To Our Bryan

*We've shared so many joys
during the holidays,
That when Christmas comes
it makes us miss you more than ever.
We always had such a good time
laughing and celebrating,
doing things with you
made everything more fun.
Now, even though we can't be with you
this Christmas, memories of our
special times make the season brighter,
and we want you to know
that in our hearts,
we're celebrating with you.*

We Love You,
Mom, Dad and Mike

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SENIOR UPDATE



KIT CLARK SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

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Dec. 20 - 31

- Friday** — Juice, macaroni, cheese & tomato, Italian-blend vegetables, plums
Monday — Shepherd's pie, corn, mixed fruit
Tuesday — Fish cakes, baked beans, carrot-raisin salad, Christmas cookies
Wednesday — MERRY CHRISTMAS - All Sites Closed
Thursday — Baked chicken, onion gravy, mashed potatoes, country-style vegetables, fresh fruit
Friday — Stuffed shells, tomato sauce, broccoli, butterscotch pudding
Monday — Swedish meatballs, gravy, baked potato, peas & carrots, pears
Tuesday — Barbecued chicken, black-eyed peas, sauteed greens, cookies
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★ EVENTS OF THE WEEK ★

- Friday, Dec. 20**
10 a.m. - Arts & Crafts and Seniorobics, Senior Lounge
11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge
12:45 p.m. - Bingo, Senior Lounge
- Monday, Dec. 23**
10 a.m. - Crochet, Mary Colbert Apartments
10 a.m. - Seniorobics, Senior Lounge
11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge
12:45 p.m. - Bingo, Senior Lounge
- Tuesday, Dec. 24**
10 a.m. - Crochet and Sunshine Club, Senior Lounge
11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge
- Wednesday, Dec. 25** — closed
MERRY CHRISTMAS
- Thursday, Dec. 26** — closed
- Friday, Dec. 27**
10 a.m. - Arts & Crafts and Seniorobics, Senior Lounge
11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge
12:45 p.m. - Bingo, Senior Lounge
- Monday, Dec. 30**
10 a.m. - Crochet, Mary Colbert Apartments
10 a.m. - Seniorobics, Senior Lounge
11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge
12:45 p.m. - Bingo, Senior Lounge
- Tuesday, Dec. 31**
10 a.m. - Crochet and Sunshine Club, Senior Lounge
11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge

For more information on senior activities, home-maker services or transportation, contact Judi Meaney, director of Senior Services, at 241-8866.

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Brown Bag Bookies To Meet

Brown Bag Bookies, the Charlestown Branch Library's adult book discussion group, will meet at noon on Jan. 7 at the library, 179 Main St.

This month's feature is **Blessings In Disguise** by Alec Guinness. According to *New Statesman*, "Guinness has a real talent for writing; he isn't part of the usual gosh-and-gush school, but is a cool, ironic stylist who is also highly entertaining, with unusual portraits of people one thought had been done to death."

Participants may bring their lunch, and new members are welcome at any time.

Let's Celebrate

The Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St., will present an early evening Christmas program with stories, crafts, songs and games. The program, which will be held on Thursday, Dec. 19 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., is geared for children ages 5 to 10 years and their parents.

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635-5175

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ACTIVITIES

- **Quilting** — Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., contact Jean Reilly.
- **Arts & Crafts** — Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., contact Jean Reilly.
- **Flower Arrangements** — Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., contact Jean Reilly.
- **Ceramics** — Monday and Thursday from noon to 3 p.m., contact Pat Venezia.
- **Beano** — Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 12:30 p.m., contact Sheila Walsh.
- **Lunch** — Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at noon, contact Sheila Walsh.
- **Knit & Crochet** — Friday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., contact Jean Reilly.

BUS TO STOP & SHOP

A bus to Stop & Shop picks up at the Golden Age Center Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

HOUSING, EDUCATION AND INFORMATION SERVICE

Housing, education and information service is available to seniors every Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Golden Age Center. Applications and help completing them is available.

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**★ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ★
FINAL PACKING**

The last of the Christmas boxes will be packed tonight, Thursday, Dec. 19, starting at 7 p.m. at the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St. Also, fresh fruit will be bagged on Friday, Dec. 20 — same time, same place.

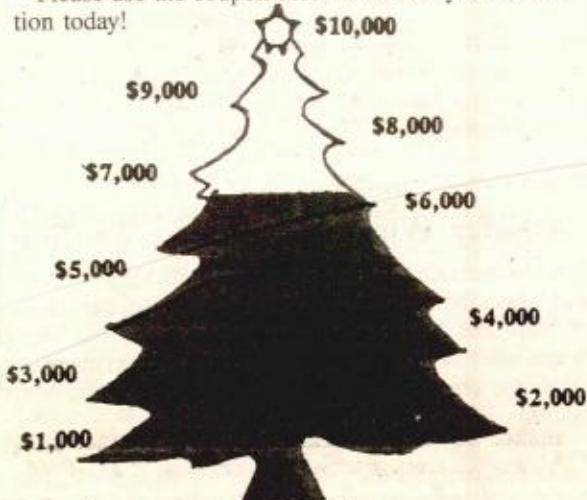
A few volunteers are needed at 9 a.m. on delivery day to pack the perishable items.

Come on down — all are welcome!

**★ LIGHT THE STAR ON THE ★
CHRISTMAS TREE**

The donations from residents, businesses and organizations have been most generous, but additional funds are needed in order to "light" the star at the top of the Christmas tree. All donations, in any amount, will be greatly appreciated and will be publicly acknowledged.

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Children's Films

The Film Program for Children will be presented at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St., on Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

The features will be "Feliz Navidad," the story of how Donald Duck celebrates Christmas in Mexico; "The Great Toy Robbery," in which Santa, the sheriff and a cowboy capture the toy thieves; and "The Little Drummer Boy," an animated version of the Christmas carol.

A puppet film about an unusual reindeer, "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," will be shown only at 3:30 p.m.

Suggested good books to read are **Looking for Santa Claus** by Henrik Drescher and **Madeline's Christmas** by Ludwig Bemelmans.

The Film Program for Tuesday, Dec. 31 at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. will feature: "The Giving Tree,"

which tells of the lifelong relationship between a man and a tree; in "Motor Mania," Goofy shows us good driving manners; and a city boy plays in the snow in "A Snowy Day."

A boy dreams that a snowman comes to life in "The Snowman," to be shown only at 3:30 p.m.

Suggested good books to read are **The Giving Tree** by Shel Silverstein and **The Snowman** by Raymond Briggs.

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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

This year's bazaar at St. Catherine School Hall was a huge success thanks to all of you who volunteered, donated food and items, bought chances, played games, bought crafts, and ate food.

We wish we could list the name of each person who volunteered their time, energy and money, but to avoid leaving anyone out, we thank you as a whole. Without the combined effort you contributed to, the bazaar could not have been nearly as successful.

This is not the best time economically, so we expected our profits to be a little lower than usual. But, instead, we made more than we've made in the past few years. The spirit of St. Catherine parish proved to be stronger than ever. This year, thanks to you, we raised \$7,078.75 which goes directly to St. Catherine School.

We would like to extend a special thank you to Pat Rooney of the Recycling Center at the Harvard-Kent School for her help and generosity.

With sincere thanks,
Mary Rizzo and Mary Featherston

Christmas Memories . . .

Several weeks ago, a truly wonderful person and good friend of mine, Alice Sellers, passed away leaving behind a legacy of concern for others. I'm not quite sure how many people had the pleasure of knowing Alice or how many lives were enriched by her presence, but I do know that I'll always remember the kindness she extended to me over the past 30 years.

My earliest recollection of Alice extends back to the early 60s when my family and I lived at 17 Carney Court. I was, and still am, a good friend of Alice's granddaughter Michelle (Hathcock) Isbart who lived directly across the street at 25 Carney Court.

I can still remember how Alice would bring Michelle and me to the annual Christmas Party held at the Charlestown Navy Yard. I can't quite recall all the details as to where the party was held within the yard, who sponsored it or perhaps even most importantly what type of refreshments

Thank You

Dear Gloria,

The Windmill Hill Quilters would like to recognize the kind efforts of many Charlestown residents who contributed to the library program on the evening of Dec. 12.

Librarians Maureen Marx, Tess Francisco, Marie Brennan and Kathy Simpson aided in research and audio-visual arrangements.

Three restaurants: Olives, Sorelle's and The Warren Tavern provided delicious savouries, gratis. Other neighbors helped complete an excellent refreshment table.

Special thanks to Andrea Quigley, president of Friends of the Library, for the many ways she helped make the quilt lecture a success. A new awareness of the New England Quilt Museum developed due to her efforts and those of the Friends of the Charlestown Library.

Sincere thanks,
M.P.W. and C.S.
Windmill Hill Quilters

were served. However, I do remember apprising Santa Claus of my Christmas wish list, hearing "Jingle Bell Rock" and "Rocking Around The Christmas Tree" emanating from a nearby stereo and being entertained by then-current television personalities such as Rex Trailer.

In fact, I can still recall as though it were yesterday one of Rex Trailer's most popular displays of legerdemain — the act of creating a Christmas tree out of a rolled up newspaper by repeatedly flogging it with his trusty bull-whip. I can remember closing my eyes, firmly gripping the newspaper which was held at arm's-length away from my body and wincing each time the whip found its mark.

After the party, Alice, Michelle and I would make our way home via Bunker Hill and Monument streets, all the while dragging our boxes, brimming with gifts, behind us.

Over the years as each Dec. 25th approached and I addressed the Christmas card earmarked for Alice and her husband Dick, I would often pause to think of the fun we had at those parties so many, many years ago.

Not long after the birth of my son David on Christmas Eve of 1988, I mailed Alice and Dick a picture of our new arrival which they seemed to relish almost as much as my wife Linda and I did.

The last time Linda and I spoke with Alice and Dick was on Oct. 12, approximately a half hour before my sister Patsy was due to be married at St. Catherine Church. The four of us compared pictures of David and their grandchildren, discussed Patsy's impending marriage and I promised that I would send them a picture of my then 5-month-old son Evan as soon as the newest batch of photos was developed. Unfortunately, Alice passed away before I had the opportunity to mail Evan's picture to them.

In the years to come as I tell my children tales of Christmases past, I'll inform them of prior family gatherings at Nana Flanagan's comparing toys with friends on Christmas morning and the joy Alice helped bring to their father so many years ago.

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A Safer Winter — Thanks To Judy

A few weeks ago, before the successful Christmas Walk took place, there were close to a dozen holes in the sidewalks of Main and Warren streets. Especially bad was Warren Street where the sidewalk is narrow and heavily used by residents, church-goers and the elderly from St. Mary's housing.

Thanks to the efforts of Judy Evers not only were the sidewalks repaired, but they were repaired with brick. This is just one of the many, many problems that are tackled by Judy Evers everyday. I personally feel Charlestown is very fortunate to have Judy in our corner. Most of the problems would be impossible to solve without the help of Judy and the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services.

Thanks, Judy . . . Have a Merry Christmas and a great New Year.

A Grateful Neighbor

Evaluation And Holiday Party At The Adult Discussion Group

The participants in the Adult Discussion Group will meet on Friday, Dec. 20 for an evaluation of the group's recent programs. They then will join the youngsters of the Preschool Story Hour for a holiday party. The meeting will get underway at 10 a.m. at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

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Christmas Walk Committee Says 'Thank You'

The Christmas Walk Committee would like to thank the following people who sent in donations after the program was printed: Vahid Nickpour of the Village Market who donated a stocking full of toys, The Warren Tavern, Olives restaurant, Bunker Hill Florist, Sorelle, Fancy Fingers, Tuttle's Cleaners, Allison Wolfe at the Constitution Museum, Constitution Properties, St. John's Church, General Suburban Aid and System React, Nancy Armstrong, Bette Louise Task, First Church in Charlestown and the Charlestown Cooperative Bank.

Also, thanks to Suzanne Grillo, John Iacoi, Peter Finnegan, Avanti Shoe Repair, George Deredon, Gibson Real Estate, New England Teamsters Federal Credit Union, Ray Roy, Friends of the Harvard Mall, The Windmill Hill Quilters, Blossoms Cafe, William Lamb, Jeff Young Associates, J.W. French Associates, Tom and Patricia Cook, David Chapin and Sheerin Howard, The Charlestown Patriot, Jeffrey and Katherin Henson, Gloria and Jim Conway and Jackie and David Latta.

Please note that the above list does not include the people who bought poles.

The Walk was a smashing success, thanks to all of you, and we are already working on next year's Walk.

We still need funds as we are still approximately \$1,000 in debt. Please feel free to make a tax-free donation in any amount. Checks, made payable to The Charlestown Christmas Walk Inc., should be sent c/o Otis & Ahearn, 92 Main St., or to Jackie Latta, Charlestown Cooperative Bank, 201 Main St.

If anyone has been missed, please call Carol Adolph at 242-7393.

Again, thanks from all of us on the committee.

Charlestown Christmas Walk Committee

Thank You All

To All Friends of the Sheehan Family,

Thank you for helping us through this time of deep heartbreak. We all will miss Billy Boy very much.

I doubt very much if I will ever meet anyone with his magnetism and diabolical sense of humor.

God knew he was coming home, so this summer was spent with his family at the Cape . . . a family that he loved so very much.

Rest in peace, little brother, until Jim and I meet you again.

Love,
Barbara & Jimmy

Very Special Thanks

Dear Editor,

On behalf of the members of the Halligan Club, I would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for their generous hospitality in providing us a location to hold our first Halligan Club Christmas party.

We would like to extend a very, very special thanks to Jimmy Fitz for his superb portrayal of Jolly Old Nick, and to the members who helped make the event such a huge success, thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,
Tom Donahue
Halligan Club Treasurer

Budweiser World Of Wheels Coming To Bayside Expo

Attractions will range from the debut of the Automotive Concept Center to a personal appearance by cartoon character Spider-Man at the 18th annual Budweiser World of Wheels motorsports exposition Jan. 3 to 5 in Boston's Bayside Expo Center.

Alternative Automotive Designs presents its Automotive Concept Center for the first time in this area at the Budweiser World of Wheels. The display includes computer aided design (CAD) system, full-size clay styling model in a design studio setting a full-size fiberglass concept car. Actual design changes and interior conceptions will be done during the show.

The Amazing Spider-Man celebrates his 30th birthday during 1992 and to

help celebrate he will make personal appearances all weekend at the Budweiser World of Wheels. As the story goes, Peter Parker, aka Amazing Spider-Man, developed superhuman strength and other spider-like qualities after being bitten by a radioactive spider.

The World of Wheels will exhibit more than 300 custom vehicles of all types. These vehicles and the show's special attractions will fill Bayside, including the recent 60,000-square-foot expansion.

Bayside Expo Center, with ample parking, is easily accessible by car or MBTA and is located just off Exit 15 of the Southeast Expressway near the MBTA's Red Line JFK/UMass stop. Free shuttle buses will operate during show hours between Bayside and the JFK/UMass station.

Show hours are 5 to 11 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 3, and 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 4 and 5. General admission is \$8 for adults; \$3 for children 6 to 12; and free for children under 6.

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Kennedy Center Christmas Walk Raffle Winners

The winners of the Kennedy Center Christmas Walk Raffle were: first prize, color TV - John Hickey of Charlestown; second prize, dinner at Olives - Patti Nelson of Somerville; and third prize, \$50 gift certificate at Johnnie's Foodmaster - Peter McClure of Charlestown.

We would like to extend special thanks to Olives restaurant, Johnnie's Foodmaster, the 520 Club and the Knights of Columbus for their generous donation to help fund the Kennedy Center Christmas Walk Raffle! Your support is greatly appreciated.

Thank you,
Colleen Justice, community advocate

Attend Restoration Ball



AT RESTORATION BALL: Tara O'Donnell and Peter Senopoulos of Charlestown pose before the Lexus on display in the lobby of the Wang Center at the Restoration Ball at the Center. Funds from the ball sponsored by Lexus will go to the \$10,000,000 capital campaign to restore Boston's premier showcase of the arts. (photo by Sam Greenwald)

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POLICE LINE

From the desk of
Deputy Superintendent Robert E. Hayden Jr.
Area A, Boston Police Department

Tuesday, Dec. 10

Vandals cut the telephone wires to a house on Walker Street.

At 9 a.m., Officers Connolly and Clark responded to Polk Street where they were informed that a 27-year-old resident was in the area in violation of a restraining order. He was subsequently arrested.

A stolen automobile was recovered on Dunstable Street.

Wednesday, Dec. 11

Stolen automobiles were recovered on Parker, Polk, Union and Oak streets and on Clinton Place.

At 10 p.m., officers responded to an apartment at 89 Bunker Hill St. where they were informed by a resident that her boyfriend had assaulted her and refused to leave. The suspect, a 33-year-old resident, was placed under arrest.

Thursday, Dec. 12

An automobile parked on Medford Street was broken into during the evening.

Friday, Dec. 13

A stolen automobile was recovered on Walker Street. The cellar door of a residence at 46 High St. was forced open during the evening.

At 2:30 p.m., Officer Olsen responded to 217 Main St. on the report of an automobile accident. A 29-year-old resident was found to be intoxicated while driving, and he was placed under arrest.

Saturday, Dec. 14

A stolen automobile was recovered on Chappie Street, and another was recovered on Dunstable Street.

At 1:20 a.m., a resident of 13 Main St. awoke to the sound of breaking glass and found that the side window panel of the front door had been smashed in an apparent attempt to enter the apartment.

At 5 a.m., Officers Stewart and McCormick observed a 20-year-old resident exit from a stolen automobile parked on Corey Street and enter an apartment building. The officers waited in the area and, a short time later, the suspect came back and was placed under arrest.

At 3:30 p.m., Officers Hennessey and Hogan recovered a stolen tricycle on Medford Street.

During the evening, an attempt was made to steal an automobile that was parked on Adams Street.

At 8 p.m., Officer Caulfield and Costine responded to 254 Medford St. on the report of a house break. They found a 37-year-old South End resident on the third floor with several bags of the victim's property. He was placed under arrest.

Residents are reminded: If you know of any drug activity in your neighborhood, call the Area A Detectives office at 247-4571. It is not necessary to give your name, and all information will be investigated.

Attains Honors

Melissa Pacheco of Charlestown has attained second honors for the first term of the school year. Pacheco is a freshman at Girls Catholic High School in Malden.

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