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Olives Closed After Sunday Fire — Safety Issues Concern Abutters

by Kathy Giordano

The renowned and well-patronized Olives restaurant on Main Street has been closed since a fire in its chimney on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3:10 p.m. The closure came after the city inspectors reportedly found code violations in the ventilation system for the wood-burning technique used in food preparation that has made the small restaurant such a popular eatery. This is the third fire originating in the restaurant's chimney since its opening in 1989.

Residential complaints on the restaurant's cooking practices were heard as early as February 1989 when heavy, odorous smoke emitting from the restaurant filled homes in the immediate area. Burning embers from the restaurant's smoke stack stuck to a nearby home in December 1989, bringing the Fire Department to the scene for the first time.

Complaints by neighbors on the smoke and odor continued into 1990. Meetings were held with representatives of the city's Inspection Services (ISD) and Environmental Departments, the Mayor's Office

of Neighborhood Services and members of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council. In August 1990, the Health Division of ISD issued a report that owners Todd and Olivia English were to provide a proper ventilation system.

A second blaze in a newly constructed vent system in May 1991 heightened abutters' concerns and they were vocal on the lack of cooperation they received from the Englishes in resolving the issues. According to a BFD report, this fire started when the flue pipe that services the wood-burning stoves in the restaurant backed up, causing the pipe to burn above the roofline. Olivia English had related that the flue system was cleaned after the fire and access panels were installed in the pipe to prevent such a situation from happening in the future, and the flue would be cleaned by a chimney sweep on a regular basis. At that time ISD Assistant Commissioner Gary Moccia stated that regular cleaning of the stacks was required by the Health Division who would inspect the flue every two to three

months.

Last Sunday's fire, occurring at the height of the annual Christmas Walk with thousands of participants walking in front of the 67 Main St. location, has caused the abutters to take action against the Englishes. Access to the rear of the restaurant has been locked off until a response is forthcoming on their concerns. This action prohibits workmen from entering the area to make repairs on the faulty flue system.

"We are tired of being taunted as the bad guys. We have been accused of being anti-business and having a vendetta against the Englishes," stated one abutter. "We do not wish them any ill in their business, but the quality of life they have subjected us to, with no regard on their part, has been unbearable."

The cause of Sunday's blaze was attributed to grease from sausages being cooked for the Christmas Walk visitors. The official BFD report states that the ignition factor was a failure to clean the flue.

According to Judy Evers, (continued on page 14)

Tree-Lighting Ceremony Highlights Christmas Walk



THE ANNUAL Charlestown Christmas Walk saw thousands of residents and visitors enjoying the holiday displays, crafts and entertainment between Thompson Square and Henley Street. Mild weather added to the pleasure of the afternoon. Mayor Raymond Flynn joined the crowds at Thompson Square for the lighting of the tree. Shown

in the back row with the happy Charlestown children are (l. to r.) WBZ-TV Meteorologist Bruce Schwoegler; Judy Evers, community liaison from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services; Santa Claus (a/k/a Michael Tognarelli); Rep. Richard A. Voke, House Majority Leader; and Mayor Flynn.

CHAD Proposal Wins \$21,875 Share Of Boston Federal Drug Abuse Grant

by Lawrence Henry

CHARLESTOWN Against Drugs (CHAD) has been approved for a \$21,875 15-month grant through Boston Against Drugs (BAD). CHAD co-chair Jerry Steimel announced at the CHAD board meeting on Dec. 6.

The grant, Steimel explained, is a part of "money that Boston Against Drugs applied for from the federal Office of Substance Abuse Prevention." BAD will dis-

tribute grants for substance abuse prevention and education to 13 different communities.

After the initial 15-month grant, Steimel said, "There are four additional years of \$15,000 each that are available. We will have to re-apply for those."

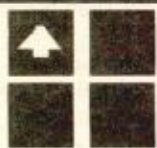
Steimel noted that South Boston and Charlestown were the first two communities to be approved for funding.

"I think that's a reflection

of the fact that Southie and Charlestown were the two communities most active in the past, and best prepared to write a proposal about substance abuse prevention activities," Steimel said.

The \$21,875 will not be paid to CHAD's bank account. Instead, Steimel explained, it works like a line of credit. Each CHAD program will submit invoices for expenses that are approved to be reimbursed

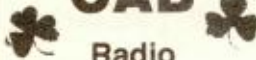
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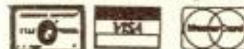
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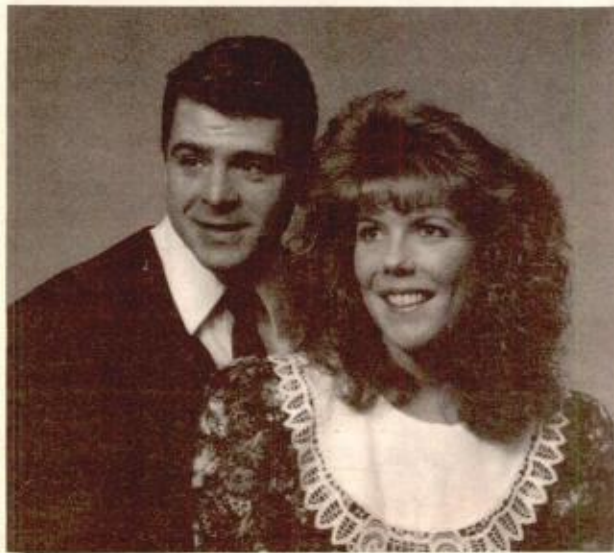
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Deadline for advertising and copy is Monday at 5 p.m.

Announce Engagement



DOMINIC MONZIONA and CHERYL ANN BREEN

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Breen of Melrose are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Cheryl Ann to Dominic Monziona, son of Dominic and Mary Monziona of Chelsea.

Cheryl is the granddaughter of Kitty Sullivan of Charlestown, and Leo and Alice Breen of Arlington.

A May 16, 1992 wedding is planned.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

This Week At A Glance

Thursday, Dec. 12

- 6 to 8 p.m. — Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy Office Hours, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.
- 7 p.m. — Townie Santa Packing and Wrapping Night, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.
- 7 p.m. — Daughters of Isabella No. 1 Christmas Party, K. of C. lower hall, 75 West School St.
- 7 p.m. — Charlestown Neighborhood Council Housing & Development Committee Meeting on the former Municipal Building at the corner of Lexington and Bunker Hill streets, Senior Lounge, 55 Bunker Hill St.
- 7 p.m. — The Teen Neighborhood Theatre presents "Scrooge!", Charlestown Community Center, 255 Medford St.
- 7:30 p.m. — "Undercover Stories," a slide show and display of antique quilts by the Windmill Hill Quilters and the Friends of the Charlestown Branch Library, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Friday, Dec. 13

- 10 a.m. — Adult Discussion Group meeting and Pre-school Story Hour, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 7 p.m. — Adult choir rehearsal, St. Catherine Church, 49 Vine St.

Saturday, Dec. 14

- 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. — Charlestown Recycling Drop-off Center open, in rear of former Front Page restaurant, Bunker Hill Mall

Sunday, Dec. 15

- After 11 a.m. Mass — Adult choir rehearsal, St. Catherine Church, 49 Vine St.
- 6:30 p.m. — Support group for family and friends of murder victims, lower Sacristy, St. Catherine Church, 49 Vine St.

Monday, Dec. 16

- 7 p.m. — Townie Santa Packing and Wrapping Night, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.
- 7:30 p.m. — Daughters of Isabella No. 1 Meeting, K. of C. VIP room, 75 West School St.
- 7:30 p.m. — Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion Meeting, Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

Tuesday, Dec. 17

- 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. — Children's Films, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 7 to 9 p.m. — Line Dancing with Frank "Zip" Campbell, Kent Community School, 50 Bunker Hill St.
- 7 p.m. — Charlestown Neighborhood Council Mitigation Committee Meeting, Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

Wednesday, Dec. 18

- 4:30 p.m. — Creative Dramatics for children 6 to 10, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 5 to 7 p.m. — Boston Police Community Relations Office Hours, first floor conference area, One Thompson Square
- 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.

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Upcoming Events

Thursday, Dec. 19

- 12:15 p.m. — Charlestown Kiwanis Club Meeting, Barrett's on Boston Harbour Restaurant
- 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 Pre-school Story Hour, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 7 p.m. — Townie Santa Fruit Packing Night, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

Sunday, Dec. 22

- 11 a.m. — Delivery of Townie Santa Christmas boxes, from Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.
- 2 to 5 p.m. — Old-fashioned Christmas Party with Santa and the tree lighting at 5 p.m., Hayes Square
- 6:30 p.m. — Support group for family and friends of murder victims, lower Sacristy, St. Catherine Church, 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

Plan Ahead

Friday, Dec. 27

- 3:45 p.m. — CYO Rollerskating Party, leave from St. Catherine Church, Hayes Square

Tuesday, Dec. 31

- 8 p.m. — New Year's Eve Party, St. Catherine Hall, Tufts Street

Special Deadlines — Plan Ahead

With the Christmas and New Year's holidays falling on Wednesdays this year, the usual day for the printing of the **Patriot**, special deadlines have been established.

• **Thursday, Dec. 19** will be the Christmas edition with Christmas greetings and holiday features. The deadline for this edition will be Monday, Dec. 16 at 5 p.m. **There will be no edition published during the week of Christmas.**

• **Wednesday, Jan. 1** will be the New Year's edition. The deadline is Friday, Dec. 27 for this newspaper which will be on the stands Tuesday, Dec. 31.

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

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Charlestown Goes Green, Volunteer Recycling Begins Dec. 14



Charlestown shows its green in a new way beginning Saturday, Dec. 14. Thanks to the diligent work of many Charlestown residents, the dedication of the recycling staff of the city Public Works Department, the willingness of Bunker Hill Mall owner New England Development and the support of major mall tenant Johnnie's Foodmaster, Charlestown residents will operate the Charlestown Recycling Drop-off Center in the mall parking lot, behind the former Front Page restaurant.

From 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. on the second Saturday of every month, volunteers will accept mixed metal cans (aluminum and tin), clear and colored glass bottles, telephone books and deposit cans and bottles (accepted as a donation).

The Drop-off Center is an intermediate step toward implementing Boston's Re-

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- Remove all plastic labels, lids, foil, rings and caps from bottles and jars. The tops of tin and aluminum cans are acceptable. Paper labels may remain on the containers.
- Bring only materials accepted at the site. The center is not equipped to handle large volumes of trash, and you will be asked to take excluded materials home with you.

cycling Ordinance. In the late 1980s, citizens who were concerned about the growing economic and environmental cost of landfilling and burning trash, successfully lobbied for recycling. The City Council unanimously passed the Recycling Ordinance, which was signed into law by Mayor Raymond Flynn in July of 1990. Once the ordinance

is fully implemented, recyclable materials will be handled at the curb, similar to the way trash is collected today.

The Charlestown volunteers are starting out simply, with just a few easily prepared materials. As soon as the center is operating smoothly, more materials will be added.

One sure way to speed

the growth of the center is to lend a hand. Since the Charlestown Recycling Drop-off is staffed by your fellow Charlestown residents, there is an on-going need for volunteers. Anyone 18 and over, from a possible Olympic athlete to award-winning couch potato, is encouraged to volunteer. Volunteer shifts are only 2½ hours long, and jobs range from simple to strenuous. Volunteering is an easy way to get to know active, involved people in our community, and recycling is a great way to have an impact on the future of our local environment.

Even if you are not able to volunteer at this time, you can make a difference by starting a recycling commitment in your home, and bring your cans, bottles, jars and telephone books to the Drop-off Center.

For more information, contact the Charlestown Recycling Volunteers at 241-9784.

THE REAL ESTATE WEEKLY



By
Carolyn Sideman
and
Joseph Gannon III,
CRS, GRI
Monument Properties

BRIGHT IS BETTER

Sometimes we walk into a basically attractive home that seems to lack something we can't put our fingers on. Then we'll realize the drapes are all closed or the windows have a thick layer of dirt, or overgrown shrubbery blocks the sun.

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MONUMENT PROPERTIES

Carney Named Assistant Professor At Boston University

Laurel H. Carney of Charlestown has been named an assistant professor of biomedical engineering at Boston University's College of Engineering.

degree in electrical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1983. She continued her studies at the Universi-

ty of Wisconsin at Madison, receiving a master's degree in 1985 and a doctorate in 1989, both in electrical engineering.



LAUREL H. CARNEY

Carney comes to Boston University from the University of Pennsylvania, where she was a lecturer and postdoctoral fellow. She has also held teaching and research positions at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

A member of the Acoustical Society of America, the Association for Research in Otolaryngology, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Sigma Xi and the Society for Neuroscience, Carney received the Rose Neuroscience Award from the University of Wisconsin in 1990.

She received a bachelor's



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St. Mary Parish will offer special Masses this Sunday, Dec. 15 at 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. in recognition of those who are tinged with sadness during the Christmas holidays because they are separated from their loved ones.

A Peace and Reconciliation Tree will be adorned with ribbons placed by those in attendance whose loved ones are serving in

the military, confined to a hospital or nursing home, imprisoned, living in a distant place or are alienated from their families. Each ribbon placed on the tree will represent a desire to commend that loved one to the Lord's care. Special prayers for reconciliation and peace in everyday life will be offered and remembered throughout the holiday season.

Persons and families are invited to attend these Masses and join others who shoulder the same pain in separation during this blessed season which celebrates the joyful birth of the Baby Jesus.

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For more information, call Jeanne at 241-9511.

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Happy Birthday ... Dec. 15th
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Grant Photo And Design Offers A Complete One-Stop Center

by **Kathy Giordano**

Grant Photo and Design has opened at 265 Main St. under the ownership of Charlestown native Dick Grant. The studio offers a full line of photography services, including one-hour film processing, Polaroid instant enlargements, an extensive film selection and a full array of frames and matting with customized mounting assistance is available.

Main St. location handles UPS shipping and receiving orders, including packaging, and is a close and convenient way to send or receive packages.

Grant, a skilled artist, also does pencil portraits from still photos. Samples of his talent can be found on display in the studio.

Grant Photo and Design is open from Monday




DICK GRANT, proprietor of Grant Photo and Design, is happy to be back in Charlestown and working with his father Art Grant at the 265 Main St. studio. Dick, a 1966 graduate of Charlestown High School, looks forward to seeing his former classmates and old chums visit him at his new business. (photo by Kathy Giordano)

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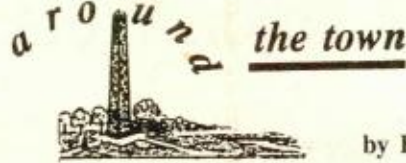


Happy Birthday
UNCLE STEVIE
December 13th
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Not For Nothin' . . . But Have You Heard . . .

- **Greetings From . . .** Ankara Air Force Station, Ankara, Turkey from Department of the Air Force civilian Deborah Billings who wishes her family and friends back home "Seasons Greetings and a Happy New Year." . . . Deborah's sister, Claudia McKelway of Charlestown, is extended warm wishes for the holidays, as well!
- **Psst . . .** newsleak! Word from one who knows informs us that discussions have begun on plans for land parcels in City Square after the CANA project is completed. Put your thinking caps on, folks. You'll have a chance to advise those in prominent positions on just what YOU would like to see in the square come the turn of the century! Meetings on the subject should begin after the first of the year . . . Stay tuned!
- **Coyle Moving On? . . .** Word that the AFL-CIO has offered the BRA Director Stephen Coyle a lucrative offer to become the chief executive officer of the union's housing investment trust in Washington, D.C. at double his present salary (\$82,000). This has made Coyle rethink his present position. A decision will be made by the end of the month, he says, after consulting with his family and Mayor Flynn.
- **Wouldn't You Love To Have . . .** one of your own? Christmas Walk poster, that is! A limited supply is still available for \$5 each from Carol Adolph at Otis & Ahearn, 90 Main St. or call her at 242-7393. Proceeds from the poster sales benefit the Christmas Walk.
- **Holiday Greeting . . .** to Jack Kacvinsky of Dunstable Street who'll be spending Christmas and New Years going through basic training at Parris Island. The Marine Corps' gain is the loss of your family and friends — all of whom send you their warmest wishes for the holidays!
- **On The Mend . . .** is Mario Tognarelli who was transferred this week to the Spaulding Rehab. from Mass. General. Why not drop him a cheery note of encouragement to: Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, Room 411, 125 Nashua St., Boston, Mass. 02114.
- **The Winner . . .** of two tickets to a Bruins game, donated by Jim Vesey and raffled off at City Square Split during the Christmas Walk, is Joey Twomey of Bartlett Street. Raffle proceeds went to Townie Santa.
- **Awarded — Again . . .** for his design of the Charlestown Navy Yard Rowhouses (Bricklayers) is the architectural firm of William Rawn Associates. This honor comes from the Boston Society of Architects in its 1991 BSA Honor Awards for Excellence in Architectural Design . . . Congrats, Bill!
- **Get Well Wishes . . .** go out to Emily Lyons of Bunker Hill Street who is a patient at Mass. General Hospital, White Building, Room 942A, Fruit Street, Boston, Mass. 02114 . . . I'm sure she would love to hear from her many friends . . . and to Helen Fitzpatrick of Mt. Vernon Street and Helen Mahoney of Baldwin Street who are recuperating at home . . . A speedy recovery to each of you!
- **Do You Know An Excellent Science And Math Teacher? . . .** Why not nominate him/her for a Presidential Award for Excellence? . . . The National Science Foundation will recognize two elementary and two secondary science and mathematics teachers in each state at an award ceremony at the White House. The Presidential Award includes an expenses-paid trip for the teacher and a guest to Washington, D.C., local and national recognition, a \$7,500 grant for the teacher's school and many other gifts and leadership opportunities. Deadline for nomination is Feb. 14, 1992 . . . To be eligible, a teacher must have worked five years or more in a public or private school teaching these subjects at least halftime, be nominated by a colleague, administrator, parent, student or a self-nomination. Send the nomination to: PAESMT, 5112 Berwyn Road, 3rd floor, College Park, MD. 20740 or call John Fowler at (301) 220-0870 for more info.
- **Birthday Greetings . . .** go out this week to Hon. Mary Brennan, Jim Kane, Terry Ring, Carolyn Wrenn Shannon and the Great Putski — who'll all celebrate their big day on lucky Friday the 13th . . . Dec. 15th will be the 27th for Nan Wilkins, whose brother Chris is sent good wishes for his big day on the 14th . . . The 15th will also see Laura Settiani and Lillian Thomas greet another year . . . Our very own Judy Evers will celebrate her big day on Dec. 16th . . . Paul Hickey's birthday is the 17th, and last but not least, Massport's Dorothy Steele's birthday is the 18th . . . Have a great day and a better year, folks!
- **Belated Birthday Wishes . . .** we do regret and just don't know how we could forget! Hope it was a happy one, Marsha Cunha, whose big day was Dec. 10.
- **Won't Be Long . . .** until First Night '92 takes place! Boston's 16th annual New Year's Celebration will take place on Dec. 31st in downtown Boston with an array of activities. First Night Buttons are now on sale for \$6 until Dec. 25th, \$10 between the 26th and 31st at more than 350 sites in Greater Boston. The button sales help support this very popular event.



by Kathy Giordano

★ **And The Winners Are** — The winners of the fifth annual House/Door and Ship Decorating Contest, held in conjunction with the Charlestown Christmas Walk, are:

- Residential Winners
 - First place — The Beasley family
104 Baldwin St.
 - Second place — 397 Main St.
 - Third place — The Cushman family
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- Most Creative
 - The Scalli Family, 5 Sackville St.

- Commercial
 - First place — Newworld Bank
 - Second place — The Winthrop Street Fire Station
 - Third place — Bunker Hill Florist

- Ships
 - First place — Houseboat at Constitution Marina
 - Second place — Rockport at Constitution Marina
 - Third place — Cscapee Too at Constitution Marina

- Honorable Mention to . . .
 - Tibbetts Town Way and Chappie Street

Unclaimed prizes may be picked up at the Otis & Ahearn office on 90 Main St.

★ **Post Office** — For the convenience of holiday mailers, Saturday retail hours will be extended to 5 p.m. on Dec. 14 and 21 at the Charlestown Post Office, One Thompson Square.

The Postal Service urges customers to mail early, properly address envelopes and packages, use correct ZIP Codes and include a return address on all mail to ensure holiday mail arrival at its destination in a timely manner.

The Postal Service would also like to remind households and businesses to clear ice and snow from walkways and steps leading to mailboxes so that letter carriers will be able to deliver mail safely and timely this winter.

★ **Bunker Hill Teen Council Fund Raiser** — Papa Gino's in the Bunker Hill Mall will sponsor a fund raiser to benefit the Bunker Hill Teen Council and its programs on Monday, Dec. 16 between 5 and 10 p.m.

Papa Gino's will donate 15 percent of all proceeds realized that evening to the Teen Council.

★ **Toys For Needy Children** — The John F. Kennedy Family Service Center and local establishments are collecting toys to be distributed to needy children in Charlestown at Christmas time. New or nearly-new toys, especially items for children 11 to 14 years of age, are needed. The unwrapped gift can be brought to the following locations before the Dec. 17 deadline: The Kennedy Center, 27 Winthrop St.; Senior Lounge, 55 Bunker Hill St.; Engine 32, Ladder Co. 9, Sullivan Square; Newworld Bank, Bunker Hill Mall; Gibson Realty, 6 Pleasant St.; Golden Age Center, 382 Main St.; or Charlestown Cooperative Bank, 201 Main St.

For more information on the program, contact the Kennedy Center at 241-8866.

★ **Neighborhood Council Meetings**

— **Housing & Development Committee** — The former Municipal Building at the corner of Lexington and Bunker Hill streets will be the subject of the meeting to be held tonight, Thursday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Senior Lounge, 55 Bunker Hill St.

— **Mitigation Committee** — The meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 7 p.m. at Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St. The agenda includes an update on the MWRA benefits package; the status of the operation by the MWRA at the former Revere Sugar facility; and information on the Charlestown Marine Park, the former Amstar property now owned by Harold Brown.

These meetings are open to the public and all are invited to attend.

★ **Power Outage** — Boston Edison spokesman Mike Monahan reported that a cable fault in a manhole at Warren and Winthrop

streets caused the loss of electrical power to 323 customers. The incident happened on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 10:11 p.m.

Crews had to reconstruct a joint where the cable fault occurred, Monahan said. The first circuit was back on line within 37 minutes, returning power to 196 customers. At 12:20 a.m., another 127 homes received power. All remaining homes without electricity received power by 3 a.m. on Dec. 8.

No other power outages were reported after the cable faults were corrected.

★ **Fires** — Four fires in Charlestown within as many days caused an estimated \$26,000 in damage, according to Boston Fire Department spokesman Lt. Richard Powers.

— The first blaze took place on Dec. 7 at 27 Monument Square where a short circuit in a clothes dryer caused \$10,000 in damage. Fire fighters were able to confine the fire to the laundry room, but reported flames had started to climb a flight of stairs adjacent to the room when they arrived on the scene at 1:10 a.m.

— At 7:45 a.m. on Dec. 8, an automobile blaze outside 60 Chestnut St. caused \$5,000 in damage.

— Later that day, at 3:10 p.m., a chimney fire at the rear of Olives restaurant, 67 Main St. caused an estimated \$5,000 in damage to the establishment and nervous moments for the organizers of the annual Christmas Walk which was taking place at the time directly outside the restaurant.

A total of eight fire companies, including one from Cambridge, responded to the fire. Firefighters and Boston Police Officers were praised for their prompt and professional manner and as a result there were no injuries to the thousands of participants at the annual holiday festival.

— On Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 4:10 a.m., a fire of suspicious origin caused \$6,000 in damage to an apartment at 53 Monument St. in the Bunker Hill Housing Development. Damage to the unit was confined to the living room and bedroom. The Arson Squad has the fire under investigation.

★ **428 Medford St** — The city of Boston Board of Appeal Hearing on Tuesday, Dec. 10 granted approval to John White, owner of the Charlestown Repair Station, 428 Medford St., to upgrade his gas station to accommodate the state's new environmental laws. The improvements would include the installation of five underground tanks and an increase in the size of the island where gas is dispensed.

Speaking in favor of White's appeal before the board was a representative from the Boston Redevelopment Authority; Judy Evers, community liaison for the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services; and City Councillor Albert O'Neil. A letter supporting the request from the Charlestown Neighborhood Council was read into the record.

★ **Affordable Housing Study Available** — The city of Boston has approved and submitted to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) its Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) for fiscal years 1992-96.

Copies of the CHAS can be consulted at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.; Public Facilities Department, 15 Beacon St., Boston; and the Boston Redevelopment Authority, City Hall, Room 947, Boston.

To request a copy, contact the Public Facilities Department, Policy and Program Development Division at 635-0217. Comments on the CHAS may be sent to: CHAS, Public Facilities Dept., 15 Beacon St., Boston, Mass. 02108.

★ **'Kids Free Program'** — Papa Gino's will once again offer its "Kids Free Program" at the USS Constitution Museum in the Charlestown Navy Yard. Through the program, Papa Gino's will pay the museum admission fee for all children accompanied by an adult on Saturdays throughout 1992.

For more information, contact the USS Constitution Museum at 426-1812.

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Legion Participates In National Education Week

During National Education Week, members of Bunker Hill Post, The American Legion visited Charlestown schools, Bunker Hill Community College and the Charlestown Branch Library.

They distributed educational comic books on the history of the American flag to the lower grades; copies of The American Legion's national magazine's World War II 50th Anniversary Commemorative edition to the higher elementary grades, high school and college; and magazines and the book **History of The American Legion (1919-1989)** to the public library and the libraries at St. Catherine, St. Francis and Charlestown High schools and Bunker Hill Community College.

FIRST ROW: Presentations at St. Catherine School — At the left, Post 26 Commander Jim Conway gives magazines to Kelly Gilgunn, Sister Assumpta Marie Doherty, Sister Catherine Loughran, principal, and Helena Reilly . . . In the center, Post 26 Educational Chairman Bill Galvin presents "The History of The American Legion" to Sister Constance (left) and Sister Catherine (right) . . . On the right, comic books were presented to Michael Reid and Meghan Buckley as Sister Constance, Galvin and Sister Catherine look on.

SECOND ROW: On the left, presentations are made at St. Francis de Sales School. Shown front row (l. to r.) Stephen Webber, Jonathan McCabe, Kellyann Bryant, Bridgett Chaisson, Jason Tamburello and Michael Shackford. Back row (l. to r.) Galvin, Joey Lawler, Christine Edwards, Christine Locke, Jennifer McCabe, Danny O'Brien and Rev. John Stagnaro, principal . . . At the right, presentations at the Harvard-Kent School were made by Past Commander Florence Johnson. Shown front row (l. to r.) Christina Lewey, Stephen Rolley, Sonia Chan, Gai Choi Phun, Qwa Neke and Edward Pyne. Back row (l. to r.) Jack Halloran, principal, Johnson and Marie Nguyen, assistant principal.

THIRD ROW: Presentations at Charlestown High School — At the left, magazines were given to the U.S Air Force Junior ROTC class. Shown (l. to r.) Cadet James Murray,

Maj. Arthur G. Gaetjens, USAF (Ret.), instructor, Cadet Carica Gaylor and Galvin . . . On the right, books and magazines were given to the CHS library. Shown kneeling (l. to r.) Carol Fornash, Jennifer Robinson and Amanda Venezia. Standing (l. to r.) Shawna Pelton, Galvin, CHS Librarian Nellie Johnson, Joe Boyden and Ann-Marie Puleio.

FOURTH ROW: At the left, presentations of a history book

and magazines were made to Librarian Maureen Marx at the Charlestown Branch Library by Educational Vice Chairman Paul Morceau . . . On the right, the history book and magazines were presented to Bunker Hill Community College. Shown (l. to r.) Galvin, BHCC Librarian Linda Weinstein, Conway and BHCC Vice Presidents Maurice "Mon" O'Shea and Nancy Keyes.



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THE EXCITEMENT of selecting his Christmas tree was evident as Ryan McGrath (at left) jumped up and down for joy in the midst of the trees on sale to benefit the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club . . . At the right, volunteer Justin Moseley (right) assists Tommy Crosby and his dad Tom in selecting that special tree.

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.

For advanced registration, please call 242-1248.

Gridiron Classic On Cable

Moments in Charlestown will present the Thanksgiving Day Gridiron Classic between East Boston and South Boston High schools on Sunday, Dec. 15 at 3 p.m. The game will be shown on cable channels A3 and A8.



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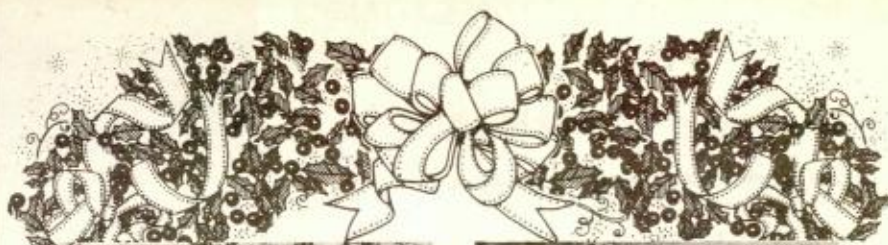
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*Birmingham Visits
The Harvard-Kent School*



SEN. THOMAS BIRMINGHAM recently visited the first grade class of teacher Diana White at the Harvard-Kent School. The senator, who serves as chairman of the Committee on Education, Arts and Humanities, volunteered as a tutor for the Reading Is Fundamental program. The youngsters were treated to a storytelling session, and an enjoyable time was had by all.



DIANA WHITE, first-grade teacher at the Harvard-Kent School, welcomed Sen. Thomas Birmingham to the classroom. Birmingham is a volunteer Reading Is Fundamental tutor.

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**St. Francis de Sales
School News**



- **First Quarter — Honor Roll . . .**
— Grade Four, Second Honors: Ryan Godfrey, Michael Powers, Joseph Roche, Shannon Walsh, Andrea Webber and John Wrenn III.
— Grade Five, First Honors: Caitlin Callahan; Second Honors: Denise Devlin, Erik Saitta and Deborah Shea.
— Grade Six, Second Honors: David Brady, Timothy Healey and Daniel Sheehan.
— Grade Seven, First Honors: Jeremy Manning; Second Honors: Catherine O'Brien.
— Grade Eight, Second Honors: Michael Collins, Christine Edwards, Joseph Lawler, Jennifer McCabe, Daniel O'Brien, Michael Sullivan and Kimberly Weafer.
★ Grades 1 to 3 do not have an honor roll program.
- **National Fire Protection Contest . . .** The students participated in the National Fire Protection Association Contest. After spending several days discussing fire safety, the students brainstormed ideas to support the theme "Fire Won't Wait - Plan Your Escape." A major lesson included escape planning which was the focus of their drawings.
- **The Winner Is . . .** Michelle McLaughlin, a sixth-grade student, was chosen as the winner of the Lions Club International Peace Poster Contest. Michelle's poster will face four more levels of judging: district and multiple district competition, plus the international semifinal and final rounds. Good luck, Michelle!
- **Take The Pledge . . .** The students of grade five began a no smoking program with Linda Zani, school nurse. The students will be featured on a poster for the American Cancer Society pledging not to smoke.
- **First Friday Liturgy . . .** The students of grade six coordinated the First Friday Liturgy for December under the supervision of Elizabeth Costello, their homeroom teacher. Father Daniel J. Mahoney, pastor, was the celebrant of the Mass and the entire class participated as altar servers, readers, petitioners and gift bearers.
- **St. Nicholas Relived . . .** The students of grade three relived the life of St. Nicholas on his feast day, Dec. 6. One of the students dressed up as St. Nicholas and Sister Mary Martin, O.P., homeroom teacher, read the life of St. Nicholas.
- **Preparing For The Birth Of Christ . . .** Now that we are in the season of Advent, the students are preparing for the birth of our Lord. Discussions have been held in individual classrooms about the meaning of Advent, paragraphs have been written and the entire school participates in the lighting of the Advent wreath in the first floor corridor every Monday at 1:15 p.m. During the lighting of the Advent Wreath, a reading is done by a student and the students sing *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*.
- **A Special Christmas Wish . . .** We at St. Francis de Sales School want to wish everyone a joyous and a happy Christmas, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have helped us with our school projects. We would like to extend a special Christmas wish to the members of the **Patriot** staff who have been very helpful to us.
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A Day That Changed So Much For So Many

by Ed Loan

(In last week's story, Jim Godding, a Marine stationed at Pearl Harbor in December 1941, looked at growing up in Charlestown and being on Oahu on the fateful day of Dec. 7. Loan told of the preparations for the attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese.)

At the Pearl Harbor Navy Yard, Jim Godding recalled he had no duty on Sunday, Dec. 7 but was up and about anyway, standing with some friends by the main gate. He said that suddenly and without warning there were a series of explosions as well as the sound of diving planes coming from the direction of Hickam Field to the left of where he was standing. As the young Marine spun to look through the chain link fence separating the Yard from Hickam all he could see was a "mess of fire."

Almost at the same time, in front of him across the channel the airbase at Ford Island was "a ball of flames." When asked if he was surprised, the former Marine replied: "I wasn't surprised at all — maybe a bit startled — the instant I saw Hickam I knew what was happening." Continuing, he said: "The sound of airplane engines intensified as a large formation of torpedo planes came screaming from the direction of Hickam and swung around behind me, turning sharply so they were on my right. They were making their approach on battleship row." If anyone standing with Jim was unsure of what was happening, they wouldn't be for long.

Motioning with his hands to the right, Godding stated: "I can still see them. Unlike the jets of today, the planes of the time flew slow enough so you could get a good look at them — on the rear of the plane was the large red ball." Remembering his description of the Navy Yard's surroundings, I inquired about the oil storage tanks adjacent to his position. Jim commented that the attack force left many good targets untouched, saying that "if they had blown up the tanks they would have not only destroyed a great deal of oil, but also probably killed a lot of us in the Navy Yard. The pilots were determined, they knew what they had to do and did it. They didn't deviate from their targets for a second."

The Sunday morning calm had been shattered. The planes Jim saw so closely, dropped down between 50 and 100 feet as they approached their target ships. At about 100 yards, they released their torpedos which weighed over 1,700 pounds. Jim and those he had been speaking to were caught in the instant confusion as the Yard sat helplessly between its two neighbors — Hickam and Ford Island — both of which were burning wildly.

A series of explosions echoed through the air as battleship row came under attack. The large idle battleships made great targets and the torpedoes found their mark with a lethal accuracy. The **Oklahoma** took five hits in rapid succession; the **West Virginia**, seven; the **California**, two; and **Nevada**, one. Those ships parked inboard were as yet untouched until a torpedo passed under a smaller vessel on the outside and struck the **Arizona** moored inboard.

Like clockwork, the horizontal bombers followed in rapid succession, targeting the vessels on the inside of the pairings. Months of practice and preparation enabled the attack to run like a textbook operation. Bombs which were specially designed to penetrate the ships' heavy steel decks rained down. The **Tennessee**, **Maryland** and **Honolulu** exploded in flames. Many of those hit by torpedoes were struck again. A bit after 8 a.m., just about 100 yards from the burning ships, a radio operator hastily dispatched a message that echoed around a stunned world — Air raid Pearl Harbor . . . this is not a drill. Anyone present could surely attest that it was indeed happening.

Admitted the madness, smoke and twisted steel, sailors watched helplessly as the **Oklahoma** capsized like a child's toy in a bath tub. To its rear the **West Virginia** burned out of control emitting a thick wall of black smoke that climbed higher and higher into the sky. At the front of battleship row, the mighty **California** was slowly sinking.

None suffered more though than did the **Arizona** which had taken no less than eight

separate bomb hits, one of which ignited a massive explosion in its forward half, sinking the vessel immediately. The explosion sent smoke, fire and scrap metal in all directions, as well as some of its crew. In the midst of the screaming hell, some of the ships managed to get up some 50 caliber fire as well as five-inch AA rounds which exploded in the busy black sky.

Jim recalled running to the Yard's dry

on the **Cassin**, **Downes** and **Pennsylvania** which sat only a few feet from where Jim had been standing just moments before.

"As we stood in the barracks," Jim recalled, "I couldn't believe a second wave was coming in, I really thought it was all over. The guy in charge had a lot of guts to send in two waves leaving his fleet exposed so long and so far from home." As the explosions continued outside, Jim feared the

shouldn't have had guns, before someone got hurt.

At about 9 p.m., Jim said that a report came in that Japanese paratroopers were landing and that the Marines would have to go and investigate. "I didn't know if it was true or not," he said, "because all sorts of rumors were around that day. We got a report that the water had been poisoned, which later proved untrue." Laughingly, Godding remembered that one of the men put a bug repellent on which had a peculiar odor. "When one of the officers smelled it, he thought it was gas and ordered the men to put on their masks. There was no gas and there were no paratroopers," Jim concluded, "but that was how thick the tension was." He noted that although it had been a long day, no one slept. They wanted to be ready for anything.

With the first light of Monday morning, it was all too clear what had taken place. It hadn't been a dream, just a living nightmare. To Jim's disbelief, the second wave of bombers had found a target a bit closer to home. The dry dock where Jim had stood the morning before was in shambles. Later estimates put the damage at \$40 million. As for the ships that stood next to him, the **Downes** was a burnt black shell; the **Cassin**, half under water, was leaning drunkenly on the **Downes**; and the **Pennsylvania**, to their rear, had also been hit but not seriously. Meanwhile across the channel, Jim watched as crews with blowtorches worked feverishly to cut a hole in the hull of the capsized **Oklahoma** in a bid to free sailors who were caught below deck when the ship rolled over.

In Washington, President Franklin D. Roosevelt was delivering a declaration of war as a weary nation began to digest the news. In conclusion, Jim stated: "You can't sell our forces short no matter what happened," pausing, "they (the Japanese) came in on Sunday morning and caught us off guard. If our guns had been on the ready, it would have been a different story."

Nonetheless, the damage was staggering. Some 21 U.S. vessels of all kinds were sunk or damaged, more than 160 planes destroyed and ground facilities had been damaged. More importantly, more than 2,400 Americans lost their lives. The only piece of good luck America had that day was that the three aircraft carriers attached to the Pacific fleet were on sea duty.

On Dec. 11, in accordance with a previously signed treaty with Japan, Germany and Italy declared war on the United States. Within three weeks, the Japanese struck in the Philippines, Malaya and the Dutch East Indies as well as many other places. The U.S. was now in it, like it or not. In the aftermath of the attack, Godding, who in the months before the attack had been promoted to sergeant, was placed in charge of 25 Marines and sent to Honolulu to help enforce the recently declared martial law. The Marine couldn't help but think that it was all happening just two months before he was to be discharged.

(Next week the series will conclude with Godding's remaining years in the service and his return home.)



(Honolulu newspapers of Dec. 7, 1941 courtesy of Maj. Arthur Gaetjens, USAF (Ret.)

docks as did many others in his area for a better look as they were on the water just across from battleship row. At dry dock one where Godding stood, two destroyers, the **Cassin** and **Downes**, as well as the battle wagon **Pennsylvania** were under repair and as yet untouched by the attackers. Beyond the three ships, Jim recalled: "We had a view of it all. The fleet was an inferno." When asked what was going through his mind, Jim replied: "I said to myself, we're in a lot of trouble now."

The planes continued to streak past, anti-aircraft fire banged in the sky above. The smell of burning oil saturated the nostrils as the sound of exploding ammunition rang out. Surrounded by it all, Jim and his fellow Marines began helping men out of the water — many of whom had swam away or been blown off their ships. "We tried to get them out of the water as quickly as possible," Jim said, "and right to the hospital, but most were dead. Once we pulled everyone out that we could, I helped to unpack 90mm anti-aircraft guns slated to be shipped, out only to find they had no ammunition." Others around Jim blew off steam by uselessly firing pistols and other small arms at the low-flying planes.

At about 8:35, as quickly as they had appeared, the attackers flew off. Most, like Godding, believed that the raid was over. In fact, it was only the beginning of a lull between the two waves that would last for about half an hour. Shortly before the end of the half hour, Jim told of seeing one of the damaged battleships get underway. The ship was later identified as the **Nevada**.

The battleship was the only one of the eight present to do so despite heavy torpedo and bomb damage. From his spot on the dry dock, Jim watched the smoldering wreck limp past. Like Godding, the **Nevada** also had its beginning in Charlestown as the massive vessel had been christened at the Charlestown Navy Yard in 1916. When asked about the time, Godding replied, "I had no concept of time or what was happening to what ship, you were just to caught up in what was happening around you."

Call it luck, fate or what you will, Jim and the other Marines decided there was nothing else they could do, so they returned to their barracks to stand by in case they were needed. As the Marines walked from the dry docks, the second wave was coming in. It was the job of this second group to finish off any targets not taken out by the first. With great ferocity, the planes turned and dived

shrapnel, which was coming down like rain, might penetrate the thin walls of the barracks. In the background, Station KGMB kept broadcasting — Air Raid - Pearl Harbor — over and over again.

By about 10 a.m., the second wave had ended its reign of terror and turned toward its carriers. There were only 29 out of the 360 Japanese planes lost in the two waves. As the dreadful day dragged on, Jim remained inside most of the time except for a brief excursion of about 30 miles to pick up ammunition. While picking up the munitions, Jim witnessed various scenes of panic and confusion. One episode involved a supposed Japanese prisoner being brought to the Navy Yard's guard house at gunpoint. It was later discovered that the would-be prisoner was really a Chinese Yard worker.

As the sun faded on all the destruction, a total blackout was put into effect, although nothing could be done about some of the ships, such as the **Arizona**, that were still burning. Occasionally nerves were triggered by exploding ammunition.

Jim recalled the night of Dec. 7 as being hot and muggy a well as very tense. "We didn't know if the Japs were going to land. Everyone was on their toes." Crews labored in the wreckage to put out fires, remove bodies and hopefully free anyone still alive. Jim stated: "If you didn't call out in the darkness, you ran the risk of being shot." Jim and the other Marines were soon ordered to disarm a lot of trigger-happy people who

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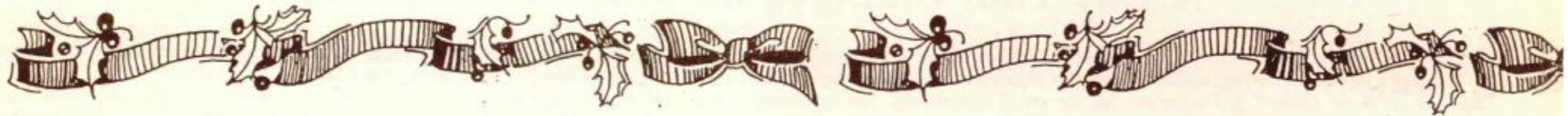
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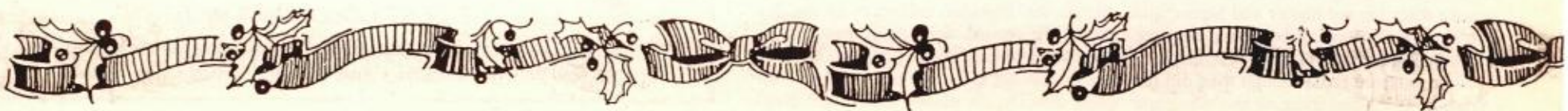


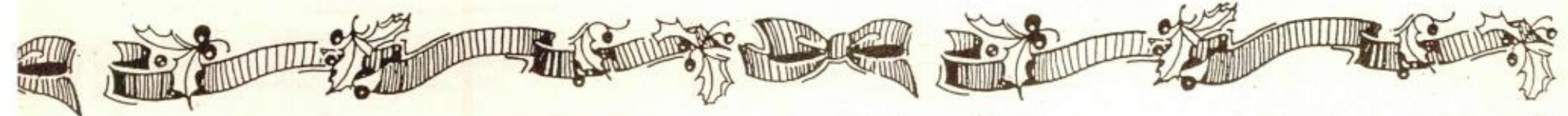

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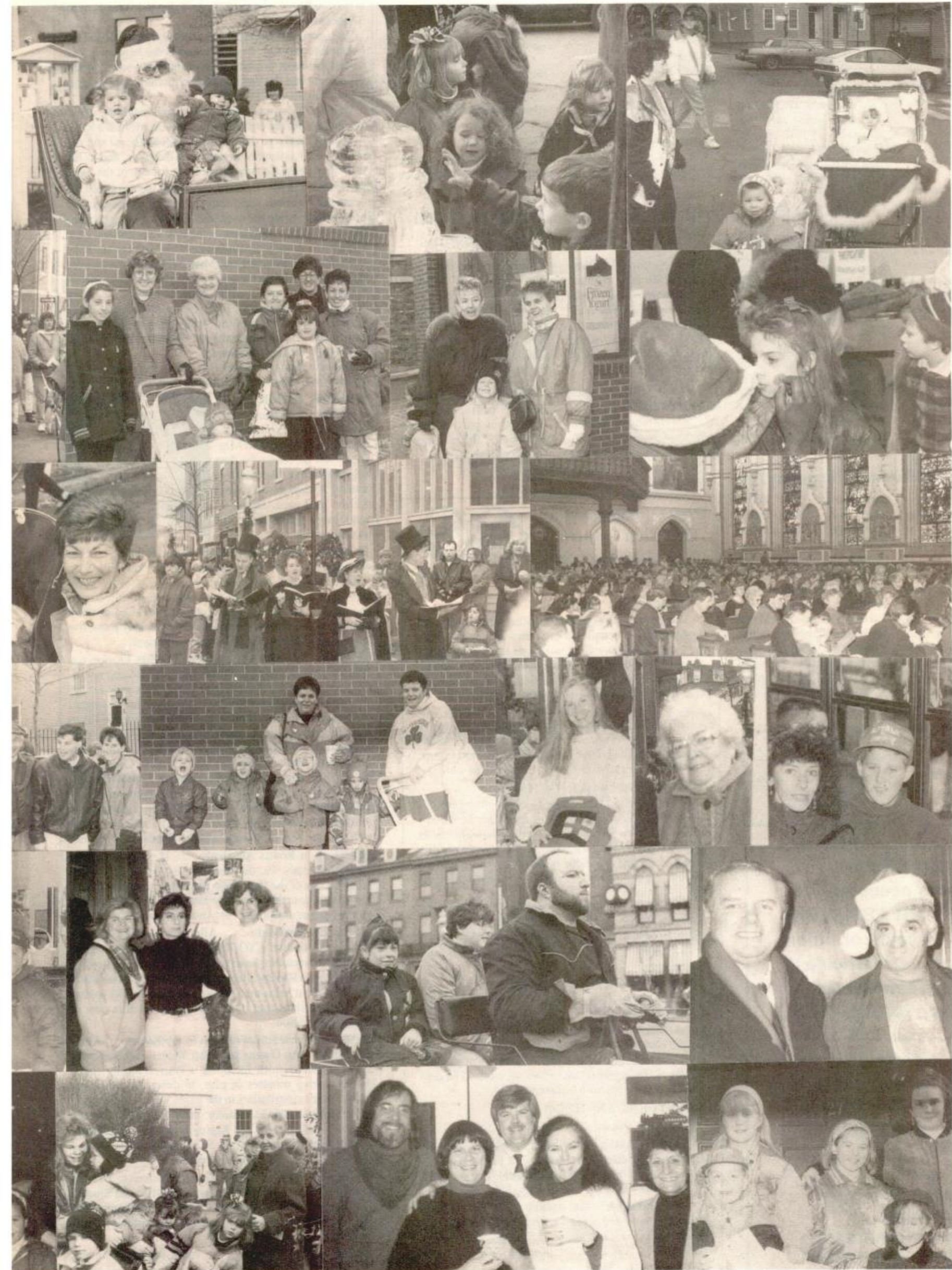
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CHAD Junior Bowling Update . . .

by Judie Dunphy
The Christmas spirit is upon us and the young members of the CHAD Junior Bowling League are filled with the energy and excitement of the season. The little bowling elves are hoping Santa will sprinkle a little Christmas magic at the bowling alley over the next two weeks to give their team the first-half championship position. Win or lose, all of the teams continue to do a super job ... giving their best each week. The team from Lori Ann's squeaked by the Travaglini team to finish one point up and move into first place. B & B Oil and the American Legion are locked in a tie for third. Don't forget to pick up your copy of the **Patriot** next week to keep up to date on the latest action!

Team	Points
Lori Ann's	38
Travaglini	37
American Legion	34
B & B Oil	34
Erin's	32

Bulldogs Headed Toward Championship

The Bunker Hill Community College Bulldogs Basketball team has set its sights on a state championship. Bulldog center, 6-foot 8-inch Charlestown resident Dale "Minister" Robinson has averaged 28 points a game. All around team playing has prompted Coach John Piemontese to say: "We're playing very well for such a young team." Other notable court

performances have been turned in by forward/center Paul Rogers, and guards Henry Prophet, Gene Austin and Freddie Staples. The Bulldog's home court is at the Harvard-Kent School, 50 Bunker Hill St. Fan support would help the team go a long way toward a shot at the championship. After a break for the holidays, the Bulldogs will play at Berkshire Community College on Jan. 20.

Player Of The Week
Joseph Hennessey of the Kennedy Center team bowled a whopping 57 pins over his average. Joe had a terrific day, he bowled 9s and 10s consistently, and even managed a few spares. Guess you got your Christmas wish a little early, huh Joe? Congratulations on one heck of a day.

The 100 Club
This week, one lone bowler walked down the hallowed halls of the 100 Club. Sean Reilly, who bowls for Judy's Giants, entered the distinguished ranks with a 100 string. Great work, Sean!

The 90 Club
Justin DiFrummolo of the Kennedy Center team became the newest member of the 90 Club by knocking down 90 pins in a string on Saturday. Good job, Justin!

CYO Ball Hockey Update

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

Players Of The Week
• BFI — Michael Smith and Brittany Wilkens
• Blow Up - Sidney McComiskey and Michelle

Dagle
• Blues - Billy Buckley and Michael Kowalczyk
• Bryan's Pals - John and Julie Grzelczyk
• Ironside Grille - Paul Wood and Bobby Hoell
• Kerrigans - Jack Keady and Nicole Miller
• Nanny Goats - Timmy Hickey and Harry Sullivan
• Peg & Al's — Steven Byrnes and Brandon Swales
• T. J's Kids - Kenny MacIntosh and Farron Carr
• Village Market - Brian McCrary and Michael Doe

Residents Take Part In National Cross-Country Championships

The National Cross-Country Running Championships were held recently on the city's new world-class running course at Franklin Park, where the World Championships will be held on March 21. A crowd of over 10,000 cheered on 1,200 of America's best distance runners, including Charlestown residents Laura Cattivera, Sue

Counds, Steve Sergeant, Kal Hoyt and Michael White, who tested themselves over the physically demanding course, which now includes Bear Cage Hill with its twisting and turning paths. The new \$350,000 cross-country course was constructed as part of Mayor Raymond L. Flynn's capital improvement plan.

News From The Charlestown Boys & Girls Club



15 GREEN ST. 242-1775

- **CHRISTMAS TREES**
The Boys & Girls Club are selling Christmas trees and wreaths to benefit the programs at the club. This is a very important fund raiser for the club, and we hope you'll support the young people of Charlestown by buying your tree from us. Sales have begun and our scheduled hours are as follows: Weekends - 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Weekdays - 4 to 8 p.m. The Clubhouse Board of Directors, volunteers all, are at the tree stand to help you on weekends, and on weekdays the Keystone Club, our teen leadership group, are there. Please stop by and help out the club.
- **NIGHTTIME POLICY CHANGE**
Effective today, Thursday, Dec. 12, members between the ages of 6 and 12 will no longer be able to leave the Green Street premises and return after 6:30 p.m. This is a safety measure we feel necessary due to the increasing car traffic on Green, Wood and Main streets. All "store runs" should be made before coming to the club. Members will still be able to enter the club up until 8 p.m. However, once in the club after 6:30 p.m., members must remain until leaving for the night. Any questions, please feel free to call Jerry or John at the club.
- **HOCKEY NEWS: PLAYOFFS**
Our undefeated girls team will be travelling to the Dan Marr Club on Saturday at 1 p.m. for a semifinal game. When the girls win they will immediately play for the championship at 3 p.m. . . . Good luck, girls! The boys team will also be involved in the playoffs this week, facing Waltham in an away game. The date and time have yet to be announced.
- **CULTURAL ENRICHMENT**
Upcoming Events . . .

Visiting Artist — The Musical Ministry of Jesus Christ will be coming to the club on Friday, Dec. 13 from 6 to 7:45 p.m. All are welcome for an evening of song and music.
Annual Epstein Art Exhibit — On Wednesday, Dec. 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. there will be an art opening to display the work of our young artists. Everyone is welcome to come view the paintings, drawings and sculpture!
Chorus — Any club member who likes to sing is invited to come join the chorus! We meet every Wednesday from 3 to 4 p.m. in the music room. For more information, see Jenny.

BOBBY D'S BEAT by

Bob DeCristoforo

■ **Charlestown Pride and Police** . . . Officers Agnew, Leary, Turner, Williams, Wright, Jones, Fleming, Thornton, Tyler, Assado and Witherspoon represented Area A as Charlestown Pride was defeated 103-91 in an exhibition game at the high school gym.

Participating on the Pride Team were Mike Erardi, Todd Segro, Steve Mahan, Peter Rinaldi, Matt Warren, Pat Owens, Jim Gillen, Chris Brennan, Dave Delmedico, Matt Mehigan and Jay Kelsey. Pat Owens led the Pride offense with 24 points, Officer Tyler led Area A with 37 points.

The game, organized by the BHA Bunker Hill Teen Council moderator, hopefully marks the beginning of a newer and most positive relationship between Charlestown youth and the Boston Police with the emphasis placed on "Youth and Police."

We hope to have an event each month including a hockey game with the police team at the Charlestown Rink. Special thanks go out to Officers McNulty, Al and Agnew for their assistance in setting up the game, and to Jeff McGann at the Community Center for use of the gym.

■ **A New Thrill** . . . Card collecting has certainly become big business, but I must admit the excitement for me is still opening the pack and seeing who I got among the cards. When I dropped by the new Charlestown Card and Comic Book Store on Bunker Hill Street to say hello to owners Leo Boucher and Mike McGoff, I got an even bigger thrill. Among the stacks of cards were many "local heroes" who I have come to know as friends . . . Tony Amonte (N.Y. Rangers), Brian Noonan (Chicago Black Hawks) and of course Jim Vesey (Boston Bruins), to name a few. I anxiously await the Olympic Hockey Team when they hit the card scene.

The new shop on Bunker Hill Street certainly gave me a new thrill. Best of Luck to the two Townie owners.

Tommy Carroll . . .

A little while back, Tommy Carroll was counting the days till he entered the Marines. Now he counts the days till graduation. Jan. 24th is around 50 days away. Thanks for the post card. Parris Island looks great from this vantage point.



■ **Bunker Hill Teen Council Fund Raiser** . . . On Monday, Dec. 16, you can help the Bunker Hill Teen Council. Make a purchase at Papa Gino's from 5 to 10 p.m. and a portion of the proceeds will go directly to the council and its prime activity of providing positive events for the teens of Charlestown, especially those living in the Bunker Hill BHA Development.

■ **ADSL** . . . The All-Dorchester Sports League has been providing sports activities for many Boston neighborhood teams for a number of years. This year for the first time, Charlestown will be represented in the league.

Charlestown Pride Basketball will begin play this Sunday in the boys 19-and-under division. Other league participants are Washington Beech, the Super Sonics, the Crusaders, Harbor Point and the Condon Community Center. All games are played Sundays at UMass/Boston. The league will certainly be a challenging and very competitive experience, but something Charlestown Pride has been looking forward to. The season opener will be Dec. 15 at 10 a.m. against Washington Beech.

■ **Hampton Roads Admirals** . . . If you travelled to Hampton Roads, Va. the week of Nov. 5 to 11 and picked up a copy of the **Port Folio** magazine, you would have read a feature article about the Hampton Roads Admirals Hockey Team and on the cover was our own Billy Nolan.

■ **The Games Begin** . . . After three weeks of practice, St. Catherine CYO Basketball season has begun. Six teams began the road to the playoffs at the Boys & Girls Club on Sunday afternoon, and it wasn't a bad afternoon . . . four wins and two losses. Nearly 100 youngsters are participating in this program which is now in its second season.

■ **St. Catherine Juniors Down St. Williams** . . . Anthony Matson, Pat Owens and Matt Warren came up with a trio of clutch shots, including a Warren three pointer in the closing minutes of play, to defeat St. Williams 51-44. Other contributors in the game were Pete Rinaldi, Matt Mehigan, Joe Kacvinsky, Dave Delmedico, Mark Collins, Todd Segro, Jay Kelsey and Chris Brennan.

This week, the Juniors play St. Anthony of Allston and Gate of Heaven from South Boston.

■ **Theresa MacDougall** . . . Congratulations to Theresa MacDougall at the BHA Management Office on Bunker Hill Street, who was named BHA Employee of the Month. Theresa is another one of Charlestown's "unsung heroes."

■ **High School Update** . . . Word has it that many Townies will be participating on many high school teams this winter. I hope to keep you up to date on our players and their teams. On Sunday evening at the rink you get a preview of Charlestown High hockey when the team participates in a Jamboree. Game time is scheduled for 4 p.m.

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Teen Connection Corner . . .

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gave some enlightening advice on dating issues to her attentive audience of young ladies.

For girls only meets on the first Monday of each month, and is open to all teen-age girls in Charlestown. They meet at the Teen Center in the Boys & Girls Club. You can call us for information.

• **Patriots Game** . . . on Dec. 8, the Charlestown Community Center ventured to Foxboro Stadium to witness the Patriots come-from-behind victory over the hapless Colts in overtime.

Boston Community Centers provided 40 tickets to the game and round-trip transportation. We would like to thank everyone who accompanied us to the game. We extend special thanks to Pat McDonough of Boston Community Centers for thinking of us.

• **Girls Ball Hockey** . . . Rosters are now available for girls ball hockey. All girls 13 to 19 are encouraged to come to the gym to pick up rosters.

• **College Club** . . . All high school juniors and seniors who are thinking of continuing their education after high school should become familiar with the College Club at the Boys & Girls Club. They meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays and offer help with SATs, applications, financial aid forms, etc. Anyone looking for more information, contact Danny at the above number.

• **Special Thank You** . . . The Teen Connection would like to extend a special thank you to Paul "Devil" Mahoney for his fine officiating during our holiday tournament. We apologize for leaving him out of last week's article.

• **Co-Ed Volleyball . . . Down To The Finals** . . . During the week of Dec. 2, the 10 teams in our volleyball league were prepared to compete for the championship that was vacated when the two-time defending champion, the Total Package and the Nine Skinnectadies, parted their



ways.

On Monday, the bottom four teams competed in a preliminary round to get the playoffs to a workable number of eight. Lawler's defeated Cricket's Crusaders and Mahoney's soundly defeated Ryno's Renegades behind the powerful play of team captain Rita Mahoney and despite the heroics of the Renegades superstar Anna Leonard.

The following evening the remaining eight teams matched up for an interesting evening of volleyball. In the night's first match up, JAFT defeated Club 42 in three games despite Carolyn Shannon's promise: "We will be in the finals," but Mike Walsh's serve was too tough to overcome. Lawler's came up big in the next contest as they knocked off second-seeded Newtowne to advance to the semifinals. The Skinnectadies (without the Total Package) defeated the undermanned O'Neil Club. In the evening's final matchup, the Butt Pirates advanced with a victory over the Mahoney Squad by playing an unselfish team game.

The field of contestants was whittled down to four for the semi-finals which were held on Thursday. The Lawler Pops impressive run for the title ended when they ran into the Butt Pirates and couldn't pull off another upset. The Skinnectadies came from sixth place to wind up in the finals as they defeated JAFT in a tough three-game match. With all but two teams eliminated, a showdown between the Skinnectadies and the Butt Pirates was eminent. During the first two seasons of our volleyball league, the Skinnectadies prevailed as champions. After last season's victory in the championship, team captain Kenny Giordano broke ties with his teammates to form his own franchise — the Butt Pirates.

As fate may have played a hand, it is only fitting that these two teams will grapple for possession of the coveted volleyball championship trophy. The match will be a best-of-five contest held on Monday, Dec. 9. We will provide indepth coverage of the event in next week's column.

• **For Girls Only** . . . met for the third time on Monday, Dec. 2. The guest speaker for this meeting was Leah Oliver. Oliver is an expert on adolescent development and

C.Y.O. NEWS by Father Ron Coyne

• **Bruins Tickets**— Forty tickets for the Boston Bruins/Winnipeg Jets game at the Boston Garden on Thursday, Jan. 2 at 7:35 p.m. will go on sale at St. Catherine's Rectory, 49 Vine St. on Sunday, Dec. 15. The cost is \$15 per ticket. All ages are welcome. You must provide your own transportation.

• **CYO Basketball** — St. Catherine's CYO basketball teams are represented by Charlestown's young people from St. Mary, St. Francis de Sales and St. Catherine parishes. All of our teams played their first games this week and we look forward to a wonderful season. We know that we will win some thrilling games and suffer some difficult defeats, but we look to CYO athletics as a way of convincing our young people that winning does not equal success nor does losing equal failure. You can experience a losing season and succeed in teaching long-lasting values about life. We look to our coaching staff to instill a healthy Christian philosophy in our young people. We thank our coaching staff for their time and expertise. Coaches are: Bantam girls (under 13) - Sheila Brown; Cadet girls (under 15) - Maryellen Evers and Tina Fabiano; Bantam boys (under 13) - Dan Ward and Dave Walsh; Cadet boys (under 15) - Mike Nelson and Joe Porter; Cadet boys (under 15) Mike Erardi and Ken O'Neil; Junior boys (under 18) - Bob DeCristoforo; and Intermediate boys (under 20) - Mike Cummings and Steve Fabiano.

• **CYO Hockey Schedule** — Our CYO hockey team begin its schedule of 10 regular-season games this week. All games will be played on Saturday at the MDC Rink in Milton.

- Dec. 14, noon - vs. Sacred Heart, Roslindale
- Dec. 21, 1 p.m. - vs. Sacred Heart, Roslindale
- Dec. 28, noon - St. Joseph, Needham
- Jan. 4, 1 p.m. - Sacred Heart, Malden
- Jan. 11, noon - Sacred Heart, Malden
- Jan. 18, noon - Sacred Heart, Roslindale
- Jan. 25, 1 p.m. - Sacred Heart, Roslindale
- Feb. 1, noon - St. Joseph, Needham
- Feb. 8, 1 p.m. - Sacred Heart, Malden
- Feb. 15, noon - Sacred Heart, Malden

• **Special Award** — We are proud to announce that the Bunker Hill Council 62, Knights of Columbus has established a \$300 scholarship in the name of Fran Kelley, the council's retiring financial secretary, for a student at St. Catherine School. The scholarship, awarded for outstanding accomplishments in the field of mathematics, was presented to seventh-grade student Paul Keane. We congratulate Paul and his family.

• **CYO Day Ski Trip** — The first ski trip of the winter for teens 13 to 19 through Y.E.S. (Youth Enrichment Services), will take place on Sunday, Dec. 22. The total cost is \$35 per person which includes skis, boots and pole rental, transportation, a ski lesson and an all-day lift ticket. We are having a three-day trip from Jan. 18 to 20, and we recommend this one-day trip for anyone who intends to go on the three-day trip who wants to learn how to ski.

Teens who plan on attending the day ski trip must leave \$35 at the rectory with your name and pick up a permission slip that must be returned when we go to get fitted on Wednesday, Dec. 18 at Y.E.S. headquarters on Massachusetts Avenue in Boston. Everyone must board the bus on Dec. 18 at 3:45 p.m. in front of St. Catherine Church and will return around 6:30 p.m. No one is allowed to go skiing if he/she does not attend the fitting. These are Y.E.S. rules, not ours. We are limited to 35 teen-agers. Please sign up as soon as possible.

• **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.

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Olives Closed After Sunday Fire — Safety Issues Concern Abutters

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community liaison from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, the flue was to be cleaned every three months. This, stated abutters, has not been done since last July. Also, as the result of complaints from neighbors, an inspection of the drainage system behind the restaurant on Dec. 11 by the Water and Sewer Commission found grease from the last cleaning had been illegally poured into the drain.

Of utmost concern to abutters, and also found in the BFD report on Sunday's fire, is the lack of working

smoke detectors on the premises. Residents living over the restaurant stated that they were not made aware of any fire danger because no alarm sounded from a detector.

On Dec. 10, the Charlestown Neighborhood Council Public Safety Committee and Boston Police Department Community Relations monthly meeting was attended by over 25 residents of the Main Street area complaining of the conditions at the restaurant. Main Street resident Janet Saunders told the committee that their homes and lives are at stake. She said

that she didn't believe it to be unreasonable to ask for an independent engineer to examine the flue system and determine its safety. Up to this point, an engineer hired by Olives to construct the flue system has made inspections of its operation. This practice has made residents uneasy about their safety.

Another complaint heard by the committee was relative to a pile up of garbage from the restaurant in the

laundry room located in the basement of the building.

After hearing the concerns of the abutters, which were sometimes extremely emotional, the committee voted to send letters to the BFD, the city of Boston Licensing Board, ISD and Health Department requesting that the establishment not be reopened until an appointment with each department could be made to discuss the situation. BPD

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Entrants should complete the form below and mail or deliver it to **The Charlestown Patriot** at One Thompson Square, Charlestown, Mass. 02129 by **Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 4 p.m.** Winners will be announced in the Thursday, Dec. 19 issue of the **Patriot**.

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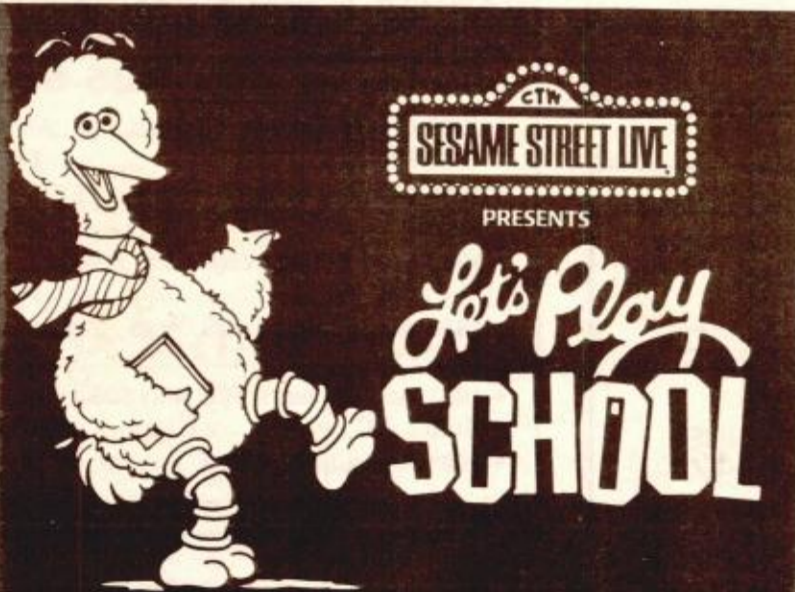
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Dec. 13 - 19

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Monday — Turkey chow mein, rice, pineapple

Tuesday — Dilled chicken, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, peaches

Wednesday — Stuffed pepper, potato rounds, green beans, raisins,

Thursday — Holiday Dinner - sliced turkey, gravy, stuffing, winter squash, creamed onions, cranberry relish, apple pie

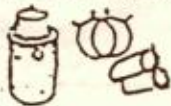
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Friday, Dec. 13

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

12:45 p.m. - Bingo, Senior Lounge

Monday, Dec. 16

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

4 p.m. - Beans & Beano, Senior Lounges

Tuesday, Dec. 17

10 a.m. - Crochet and Sunshine Club, Senior Lounge

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

Wednesday, Dec. 18

9:30 a.m. - Stop & Shop Bus, Anchorage Apts.

10 a.m. - Crochet, Mary Colbert Apartments

10 a.m. - Arts & Crafts, Social Services and Social Security Representative, Senior Lounge

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

12:45 p.m. - Bingo, Senior Lounge

Thursday, Dec. 19

9:30 a.m. - Stop & Shop Bus, Senior Lounge, Golden Age and Constitution Co-op Apts.

10 a.m. - Crochet, Senior Lounge

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

3 p.m. - Christmas Thank You Party for RSVPs, Senior Aides, Volunteers and Homemakers, Senior Lounge

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Packing gets underway on each of the nights listed below at 7 p.m. at the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St. The dates are:

- Thursday, Dec. 12 — packing and wrapping
- Monday, Dec. 16 — packing
- Thursday, Dec. 19 — packing
- Friday, Dec. 20 — fruit packing

and, of course, Sunday, Dec. 22 at 11 a.m. for delivery of the Townie Santa packages.

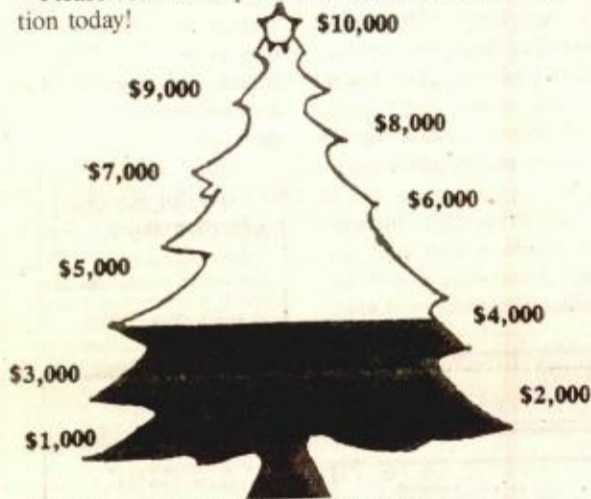
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CHAD Proposal Wins \$21,875 Share Of Boston Federal Drug Abuse Grant

(continued from page one) from the \$21,875.

Because of the grant structure, "we do (still) need contributions," Steimel said. "The grant is a reimbursal. We need some up-front money. That's the awkward part of the grant."

CHAD's grant application detailed a three-step process for training and implementing drug abuse prevention in the community.

In stage one, CHAD team members and project leaders will be trained in drug and alcohol abuse preventive education techniques.

In stage two, CHAD team members pass along that education to the children in CHAD programs.

Stage three finds older CHAD children reaching out to the community to help educate their peers in drug and alcohol abuse prevention.

"It's our hope," Steimel said, "that every project or activity that we sponsor is going to have a training element in it so people who are participating in that project or activity are better suited to reach out and

make an impact somewhere else."

In other agenda items, the CHAD board decided to apply for tax-exempt status and for a tax identification number for its bank account at Newworld Bank in Charlestown. Planning was begun for a February training day for CHAD team members. Father Ron Coyne will find a location for the training.

CHAD's agenda for 1991-92 includes 15 different program items. In addition to the training day and the CHAD incorporation slated for early 1992, these programs are:

- **Just the Facts.** Afternoon workshops for children 6 to 12 providing education about drugs, alcohol, stress and self-esteem. Separate workshops will be available for parents.
- **Sex, Lies and Getting High.** Afternoon workshops for teens about drugs, alcohol, prevention of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and prevention of pregnancy. Parent workshops will also be available.
- **Junior Bowling League**

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• **Smart Moves.** Small educational groups for children ages 10 to 12 or 13 to 16, plus parents.

• **Tennis Team and Instruction.**

• **Girls Discussion Group.** A Monday night meeting for girls 13 to 18 covering drugs, alcohol, self-esteem, pregnancy and STD prevention.

• **CHAD Dinner.** To be held yearly at the Knights of Columbus Hall to recognize community service in drug substance abuse prevention and to recognize individuals who have overcome obstacles in their own lives.

• **Bunker Hill Day Parade.** CHAD members participate in the parade and conduct a "No public drinking" campaign during the celebration.

• **Creative Difference, Ink.** A youth-run publish-

ing company that prints the writings of young people on important issues in their lives.

• **Teen Workshop Series.** A new presenter every month discusses issues of importance to teens, with a least one workshop a year aimed at parents.

• **Self-Esteem Group.** Will meet weekly to prevent school dropouts through the implementation of the "Best Year in School" program.

• **Law Enforcement Advocacy.** Builds better relationships with the police.

• **Resource Directory.** CHAD will publish a community directory of drug and alcohol abuse prevention services.

Steimel emphasized that any money contributed to CHAD "is going to go directly to drug and alcohol abuse prevention."

Holiday Stories And Treasures At The Adult Discussion Group

The holiday programs continue at the Charlestown Branch Library's Adult Discussion Group meeting at 10 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 13 at the library, 179 Main St.

Adult's Librarian Theresa Francisco will tell holiday stories. Participants are encouraged to bring a treasure from their collections of

holiday decorations to share with the group.

Suggested reading in conjunction with this program includes *The Art of the Story-Teller* by Marie L. Shedlock, *The Read-Aloud Handbook* by Jim Trelease and *Storytelling: Art and Technique* by Augusta Baker.

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Safety Issues Concern Abutters

(continued from page 14)
Community Relations Officer Joe McNulty stated that he would also send a letter to the same departments requesting a hearing on an ultimate solution to the problem.

City Councillor Robert Travaglini, a supporter of the restaurant's first request for a license, has changed his stand on their operation. He stated: "There were sig-

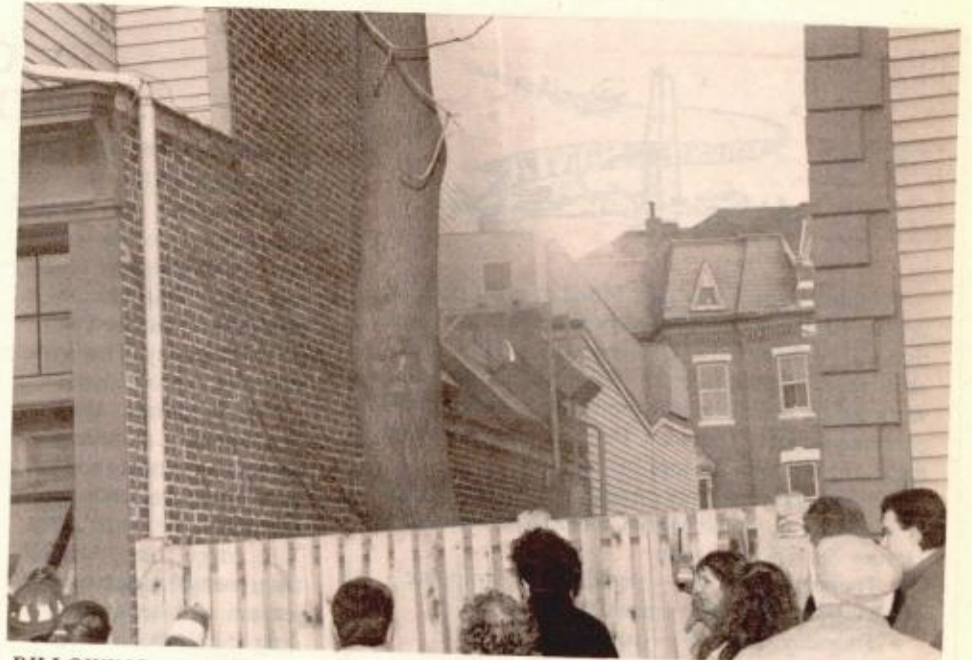
nificant public safety concerns in the past at that location that I had hoped had been eliminated with improved technology and maintenance. These problems are obviously still present.

"In the last discussion with the proprietors and the residents, I was told that it would not happen again, and it did. I have asked the BFD, the ISD and the Li-

censing Board to review the conditions present in the everyday operation at Olives. I asked all to render an opinion on safety and what measures have to be taken to totally and completely eliminate the problem of another chimney fire. Until I hear from them, I will not go on record in support of the reopening of the restaurant.

"I was very concerned at what happened and I've spoken to everyone involved," Travaglini continued. "I'm not going to feel safe and confident as a public official until this problem is resolved once and for all."

Moccia stated on Dec. 11 that a report had been received from Olives' engineer stating that of the three flues involved, only one is in need of additional repairs. These repairs, he said, should take place on Dec. 12, after which the



BILLOWING smoke from a chimney fire at the rear of Olives restaurant on Sunday brought Christmas Walk participants to a standstill. The Boston Fire Department estimated the damage at \$5,000. (photo by Jeanne Davis)

engineer will inspect the system and file a second report. An inspector from ISD will also inspect the flue after repairs are made and then, Moccia stated,

"we will have no choice but to allow the restaurant to reopen."

Evers has followed the history of Olives since the first application to the Licensing Board was filed to open for business. She stated last evening: "I'm disappointed that the Englishes have not been responsive to the neighbors. The residents feel there are serious safety problems at 67 Main St. and won't feel secure until they receive a report from an independent engineer."

Fire Prevention inspectors made a site visit on Dec. 11 and were told of the residents' concerns. Other

meetings with department heads are being planned, but abutters are keeping their property off limits to workmen until an answer to their complaints is found.

At press time, it is still uncertain whether Olives will reopen on Dec. 12 as predicted by Moccia. The Englishes are presently in Europe and unavailable for comment, but upon their return, the abutters expect an ultimate solution to the problems.

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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.



Our Thanks

I would like to thank all of the people who participated in our recent fund raiser for the Hospice at Mission Hill. Many bought raffle tickets or came to have their hair cut at our cut-a-thon, or just came in to make a donation.

We wish to give special thanks to Collier's Market, Kerrigan's Flower Shop, Bunker Hill Liquors, Charlestown Liquors and Salon 44 for their generosity in donating to our raffle.

All of you made our attempt a big success, and for that we thank you!

All of us at
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(Paula Soucy)

The Kind Of Remark That Divides This Community

To the Editor,

I read with interest your article describing the town meeting on the subject of Olives proposed move to City Square. I personally am in favor of keeping businesses in Charlestown. However, I was upset and disappointed with Mrs. Moss-Tucker's comment that "Charlestown was not a place to be proud of 14 years ago, it didn't even have a market."

I grew up in Charlestown, as did my parents, grandparents and great-grandparents. We were as proud of Charlestown then as we are now. Mrs. Moss-Tucker's comment is the kind of remark that divides this community.

Tracey Lawler

A Very Special Thanks

Character is what best describes Charlestown's richest commodity — it's people. As a unique community, Charlestown has its wealth of history and architectural splendor but nothing compares with the quality of fiber that makes Charlestown people, present and past, exactly what they are. As a third generation Charlestown family, with as many years in business, we feel somewhat qualified to make these judgments.

The tragic events of Nov. 16th on the Gilmore Bridge that nearly took the life of Mary Carr have rekindled those special qualities ever present in Charlestown people. Compassion, concern and spirituality uplifted this otherwise tragic experience. Your kind words, your cards and your flowers have been overwhelming and supportive. You devout prayers coupled with the medical genius of the Mass. General Hospital have provided this unmistakable miracle.

We sincerely ask that your prayers continue for so many among us who are less fortunate and infirmed. Please be always mindful that all of you are in our prayers of thanks at this joyous season of Christmas for having supported a very special person and her family.

Again, our sincere gratitude for allowing us into your lives and sharing with us those unique qualities of Charlestown that are not taught, but inherited.

Sincerely,

Phil Carr, Phil Jr., Eileen, Kathy & Chris

Thank You So Much

To My Dear Family and Friends,

I just want to thank all of you for the lovely cards, flowers and gifts I received during my illness.

Sincerely,
Mayor Howell

Thanks To All Who Participated

The Christmas Walk Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all who participated in this year's walk.

The crowds were enormous and everyone seemed to have a grand time. We are still compiling the "Thank You's" and will have a list in the next Patriot.

For the moment, we would like to thank all who participated, especially Jim and Gloria Conway and the entire Patriot staff. Without these people, we could not have had the Walk. We would also like to thank Officers Jim McNamara and Joe McNulty from Area A of the Boston Police Department who have been with us since the beginning and worked tirelessly on Sunday under very difficult circumstances.

Thank you all, and we hope to see you all next year.

Carol Adolph, chairperson
for the Christmas Walk Committee

It's A Boy . . .

Martha and Russ DiNovo
of 500 Salem St., Medford,

are proud to announce the birth of their son, Cory Russ, on Nov. 19 at the Melrose-Wakefield Hospital. Cory weighed 7 pounds 1 ounce at birth.

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The paternal grandmother is Patricia DiNovo of 75 Old Landing Way, Charlestown.

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Even Without An Olives, Charlestown Was A Wonderful Place

To the Editor,

After reading about the meeting regarding Olives request for a liquor license, I was a little bit upset. Not only does the town not need another liquor license allowed, but most of the people who spoke so eloquently regarding Olives seemed to think the town was in terrible shape before Olives came along.

I was very happy to see Mr. O'Brien and Mr. Looney speak out in support of Charlestown before Olives.

I have lived in Charlestown all my life and I wouldn't want to live anywhere else. Even without an Olives, Charlestown was a wonderful place in which to grow up.

Peg Sindoris

We Should Be Concerned About More Pressing Matters

To the Editor,

As a resident of Monument Square, I totally disagree with the story in the Nov. 28 issue of the Patriot i.e. "The constant clanging of bells and rhetoric bellowing over loud speakers of the trolleys — residents seeking relief from this bombardment" etc., etc., etc!!! I've never seen, as reported, fire engines unable to traverse this area because of the so colorful vehicles.

As a resident, I think that Charlestown should be more concerned about the speeding school busses that race through stop signs, about the mountains of "dog doo" all over the place, about the amount of trash blowing all over the area because some residents constantly do not comply with proper regulations when putting their trash out for pickup. — What about the UPS trucks that never pull to the curb, but always double park! Heaven forbid an emergency arise on Cordis Street, with an over-sized dumpster parked there for over three months. — More often than not normal vehicles cannot use the street, no less fire engines, oil delivery trucks or street sweepers. The empty bath tub that's been on the sidewalk for three weeks beside the dumpster is a "cute addition" to the neighborhood — maybe they're going to decorate it for Christmas.

No one has ever asked me about this so called reported invasion of trolleys. Maybe we should arm the complainants with muskets so that they can charge up the hill and quickly dispatch these red (coats) vehicles.

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POLICE LINE

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

Tuesday, Dec. 3

Officer Bollen recovered a stolen automobile at 390 Main St., and another was recovered on Spice Street.

A resident of Chestnut Street reported that someone broke into his house over the weekend and stole five handguns all of which were licensed.

Wednesday, Dec. 4

At 9 p.m., Officer Bollen attempted to stop a motor vehicle on Rutherford Avenue. The two occupants jumped from the vehicle and attempted to run. One of the suspects, a 16-year-old resident was apprehended and the other was identified as an 18-year-old resident. The vehicle had been stolen.

Thursday, Dec. 5

At 10:30 a.m., a man wearing a ski mask and pointing a handgun entered the Credit Union at 552 Main St., jumped

over the counter and took a cash drawer. He fled in a waiting automobile. The cash drawer was recovered on Russell Street along with the vehicle used in the crime.

Friday, Dec. 6

At 10 a.m., two officers assigned to the School Police found a 16-year-old Charlestown High School student in possession of cocaine. The student was placed under arrest.

Saturday, Dec. 7

An automobile parked at Henley and Warren streets was broken into during the evening.

Sunday, Dec. 8

At 12:55 a.m., Officer Carr responded to Olives restaurant at 67 Main St. on the report of an armed robbery in progress. Upon arrival, the officer spoke to the victims who stated that the suspect entered while they were cleaning and closing the restaurant. The suspect, described as a male approximately 25 years of age, weighing approximately 165 pounds with brown hair and blue eyes and wearing a blue jacket and a blue baseball cap, entered the front door of

the premises, brandished a small silver and black automatic pistol and demanded cash. The suspect fled in a waiting motor vehicle with approximately \$180. The motor vehicle, which had been reported stolen on Dec. 7, was recovered at 1:05 a.m. on Decatur Street.

At 11:45 a.m., a 23-year-old South Boston resident was visiting at 18 Carney Court when he was assaulted. He suffered two stab wounds and was taken to Mass. General Hospital.

The front window of a residence at 92 Washington St. was broken at approximately 7 p.m. The suspect fled on foot.

At 9:45 p.m., Officers Whiffen and Brown stopped a 21-year-old resident on Polk Street and found the suspect to be in possession of a packet of cocaine.

These incidents are under investigation by Area A detectives.

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.

Boston Police Hold Office Hours In Charlestown

The Community Relations Office of Area A of the Boston Police Department is holding weekly office hours in Charlestown.

The officer will be on hand in the first floor conference area at One Thompson Square to meet with residents or business persons on an individual basis on Wednesday, Dec. 18 from 5 to 7 p.m.

Christmas Party For Children

The annual Christmas Party for children will be held on Thursday, Dec. 19 from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Charlestown District Court in City Square.

Santa will be paying the children a visit, and there will be gifts, ice cream, cookies and candy.

All are welcome.

Children's Films

The Film Program for Children will be presented at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St. on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

story of a boy who sells his donkey to Mary and Joseph," will be shown only at 3:30 p.m.

Suggested good books to read are **Christmas Eve** by Susie Stevenson and **The Gift from Saint Nicholas** adapted by Carole Kismaric.

The features will be "The Christmas Visitor," in which Santa's toys come to life; a monk juggles for the Holy Child in "The Clown of God;" and Mickey and Pluto decorate a tree in "Pluto's Christmas Tree." "The Small One," the

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 Adult 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.

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