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by Kathy Giordano

Mayor Raymond L. Flynn announced the appointment of Deputy Fire Chief Martin J. Pierce as the new Commissioner of the Boston Fire Department at a press conference held in Hyde Park on Saturday, Dec. 22. Pierce will succeed Commissioner Leo Stapleton who will retire on

Pierce joined the Boston Fire Department as a firefighter on Feb. 19, 1969 and was stationed at Ladder 13 in the South End. During

Martin J. Pierce Appointed Commissioner Of BFD



MARTIN J. PIERCE was appointed Commissioner of the Boston Fire Department at a ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 22 at Hyde Park's Engine Company 48. Fire Commis-

sioner Leo Stapleton (center) and Mayor Raymond L. Flynn join Pierce (left) after ceremony for an official congratulatory photograph.



his 22 years in the department, he has risen through the ranks by examination to his current position of Deputy Fire Chief.

His career included assignments to Engine Company 18 in Dorchester after achieving the rank of Lieutenant in 1973 and to Engine 50 in Charlestown in 1976 upon promotion to Captain. He also served as captain at Engine 33 and Ladder Company 15 in the Back Bay and Engine 10 in Downtown.

Upon being promoted to District Chief in 1982 he was stationed in District 6 in South Boston. In 1986, Pierce was promoted to De-(continued on page 13)



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It's A Boy . . .

Mr. and Mrs. George Walker III of 26 Harvard St., Arlington, are proud to announce the birth of their son George Walker IV on Dec. 11 at the Malden Hospital.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Silvio DiGiovanni of Belmont.

The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. George Walker Jr. of 96 Old Ironside Way, Charlestown.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

This Week At A Glance

Thursday, Dec. 27

7 p.m. - Charlestown Neighborhood Council Appreciation Award Committee meeting, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Friday, Dec. 28

 6 to 8 p.m. — CHarlestown Against Drugs (CHAD) Tennis Clinic, Community Schools gym, 255 Med-

Monday, Dec. 31

 8 p.m. — New Year's Eve Party, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Tuesday, Jan. 1

· HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Wednesday, Jan 2.

• 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. - Boston City Councillor Robert Travaglini Office Hours, One Thompson Square, First Floor Conference Area

 6 to 7 p.m. — Rep. Richard A. Voke Office Hours, Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square (use Monument Avenue entrance)

 6 to 7:30 p.m. — Pre-Alateen and Alateen Meetings, St. Catherine's Hall, below the rectory, 49 Vine St.

O'Connor Named Business Development Manager

Hygienetics Inc., a Boston-based international environmental consulting firm, has appointed Mary O'Connor of Charlestown as Business Development



MARY O'CONNOR

Manager. She will be based at the firm's Boston branch office.

In her new position, O'Connor will direct all business development efforts in the Boston area. Hygienetics' comprehensive consulting services include environmental site assessments, indoor air quality investigations, asbestos management, operations and maintenance training programs, and health and safety program design.

Prior to joining Hygienetics, O'Connor was a leasing broker with Hunneman Commercial Company in Boston. She has a bachelor of science degree in business administration from the University of Massachusetts.

Upcoming Events

Thursday, Jan. 3

 10 a.m. — Charlestown Healthy Aging Program meeting, Constitution Co-op Apartments, 42 Park St.

 12:15 p.m. — Charlestown Kiwanis Club Meeting, Barrett's on Boston Harbour Restaurant

Friday, Jan. 4

• 10 a.m. - Adult Discussion Group meeting and Preschool Story Hour, Charlestown Branch Library, 179

Monday, Jan. 7

 10:30 a.m. — Toddler Story Time for 2 and 3 year olds accompanied by a parent, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

 3:30 p.m. — Creative Dramatics for children 6 to 12, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

 7 p.m. — Charlestown Recycling Committee meeting, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

Tuesday, Jan. 8

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

Wednesday, Jan. 9

• noon - Brown Bag Bookies adult book discussion group, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St. (note change in day)

• 6 to 7 p.m. - Rep. Richard A. Voke Office Hours, Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square (use Monument Avenue entrance)

 6 to 7:30 p.m. — Pre-Alateen and Alateen Meetings, St. Catherine's Hall, below the rectory, 49 Vine St.

 7:30 p.m. — Court St. Jude No. 1123, C.D.A. meeting, Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

Plan Ahead

Thursday, Jan. 10

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

Friday, Jan. 11

 8 p.m. — CYHA Winter Dance, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Saturday, Feb. 16

 7:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. — Herb Reed and the Platters, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Brown Bag Bookies To Meet

Brown Bag Bookies, an adult book discussion group which usually meets on the

first Tuesday of the month, will, because of the holiday, meet on Wednesday, Jan. 9 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St. Feel free to bring a lunch, and new members are welcome.

The book for discussion at the next meeting is Harriet Tubman: The Moses Of Her People by Sarah Bradford.

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Voke Receives DCCP Award

Rep. Richard Voke was among a small number of legislators who were recently selected to receive an award by the Disabled Persons Protection Commission (DCCP). The award was presented during a brief ceremony in the State House in recognition of state officials who have consistently advocated for the protection of the rights of disabled persons who have suffered abuse.

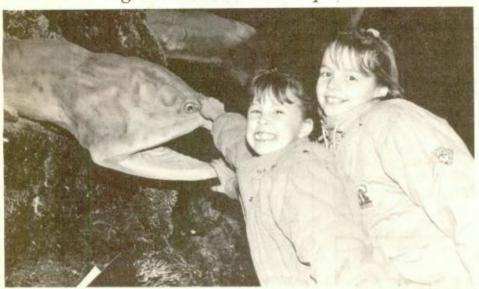
"In the three years that the Disabled Persons Protection Commission has been in existence, the message has begun to circulate that the disabled are individuals who share the same rights as any other person, and that we as a society must take an active stance to curtail the mistreatment of our handicapped citizens," Voke noted, after being presented the award.

The DCCP is a state-funded watchdog group that handles cases of abuse reported by disabled persons, and provides assistance and support in the time of such a crisis.

Stephen Spinetto of Charlestown, a commissioner of the DCCP, noted that Voke has been a great supporter of the disabled. "Rep. Voke has been behind us since the beginning, providing us with assistance and advice that has helped to make so many of the things we have been able to do possible. It is quite fitting that we have chosen him as a legislator that deserves our recognition and gratitude," Spinetto said.

Voke also praised Spinetto, along with Kathleen Vessey and Barbara Miliaras, the DCCP's other commissioners, noting that they had done an excellent job of advocating the rights of the disabled, Voke commented: "I cannot imagine that the disabled citizens of our Commonwealth could have a better group of advocates in their corner. These three individuals, along with the rest of the DCCP, have done a great deal to protect the rights of the disabled, and they deserve a great deal of credit for the success of their efforts'

Making Friends At The Aquarium



MAKING FRIENDS: Shawna Dole (left) and Jennifer Ray (right) showed no fear of a giant moray eel on a recent outing to the New England Aquarium. The youngsters and 38 other children and chaperones from the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club were invited by the New England Aquarium to visit the special exhibit "Prehistoric Monsters of the Deep," featuring giant sea creatures from the dinosaur era. NEA marine educators escorted the group on a private tour of the ex-

hibit which included face-to-face encounters with relatives of the Loch Ness monster, a giant squid and "Jaws." The group also attended an informal dolphin training session with a marine mammal trainer and stayed after to see the regularly scheduled dolphin and sea lion program. Anyone who hasn't seen the exhibit has a little more time to visit before the exhibit closes on Jan. 1.

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Mr. and Mrs. William Nicholas Kirk III of Charlestown are pleased to announce the birth of their son James Francis at 7:47 p.m. on Dec. 4 at the Brigham & Women's Hospital. James weighed 6 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20 inches long at birth.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Lyons of Charlestown.

The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William N. Kirk Jr. of Winchester.

The paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James McLaughlin of York Beach, Maine.

Auditions For Greater Bostonians

Auditions are being held for a new singing group called The Greater Bostonians - Music Makers for the Jimmy Fund. The group will perform original arrangements for full orchestra and chorus of popular music ranging from contemporary pop to music from Broadway and Hollywood, and is open to all adults with some experience in music. All proceeds from performances go to benefit the Jimmy Fund of Dana-Farber Cancer Insti-

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THE REAL ESTATE WEEKLY





By Carolyn Sideman and Joseph Gannon III, CRS, GRI

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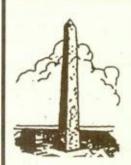
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Joelle is a graduate of Matignon High School and Katherine Gibbs. She is currently employed at Meridian Power Corp. at the World Trade Center.

Armand is a graduate of Watertown High School and attended the University of Massachusetts in Boston. He is currently employed at Damco in Waltham. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Armand Keuchkarian of Watertown.

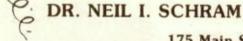
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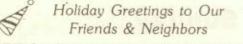
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Boston Against Drugs Receives \$2.5 Million Grant

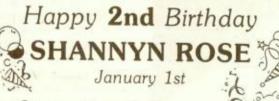
Mayor Raymond L. Flynn and Boston Against Drugs Chairman Robert B. Fraser have announced the receipt of a \$2.5 million Federal grant to expand antidrug outreach and education programs through Boston Against Drugs. This drug education effort is a key component of the Mayor's Safe Neighborhoods Plan.

The Community Partnership grant will support implementation of "TEAM" (Through Empowerment And Mobilization), a new program designed by the city to foster community involvement and leadership in combatting drug and alcohol abuse. TEAM will mobilize community residents to organize and work along

side BAD's business partners and city agencies to design creative ways to provide drug prevention education in Boston's neighborhoods.

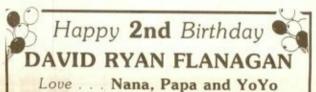
Each neighborhood TEAM will be comprised of at least 15 members representing religious, business, drug and alcohol treatment, parents, youth, tenant associations, youthserving agencies, city government, education, health and medical, law enforcement, media, recreation, civic/voluntary and grassroots organizations.

Mini-grants will be available to support implementation of the drug education and prevention programs designed by neighborhood



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Happy 18th Birthday

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

· Happenings . . . "Townie Santa" helpers turned out in force on Sunday, Dec. 23 to deliver Christmas packages to elderly shut-ins of the community. The "Elves" made deliveries in shirtsleeves this year as temperatures passed the 60-degree mark at delivery time . . . A Christmas Grinch hit a High Street home, stealing the reindeer display placed prominently in front for all to enjoy . . . Along with mail deliveries of greeting cards, two conflicting notices were received from opposing sides on the Scheme Z proposal last Saturday at homes between Thompson and City Squares . . . and what would Christmas be without the traditional visit of St. Nicholas and his helper at the Charlestown Post Office?



Customers visiting the Thompson Square Branch were treated to the jovial pair of holiday pranksters (Bob Rooney as Santa and Jim Barker as The Elf) who made the atmosphere a little lighter for those lastminute mailers trying to send their greetings before Dec. 25!

 Persian Gulf Update . . . Lt. Steve Foley, USN, arrived home in time to spend Christmas with his Bartlett Street family. Welcome home, Steve . . . Many Charlestown homes opted to place yellow ribbons in place of red ones on Christmas wreaths this year. Beautiful touch, folks! Why not remove the ribbons from the wreaths before disposing of them and place them where the wreath hung until all our service people come home?! . . . St. Mary's Church was beautifully bedecked this Christmas with a magnificent array of poinsettia, the traditional nativity display and a Christmas tree completely decorated in yellow ribbons. A most resplendent and touching sight . . We also have a new address and hope that New Year's wishes are sent along to Bobby and all Charlestown servicemen in the Gulf:

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· Birthday wishes . . . go out to John Greatorex who'll turn a youthful 80 years young on Saturday, Dec. 29 . . . We hope it's a great year, Johnnie!

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- · Psst . . . Just heard from a reliable source that the developers of Parcel P-2, that big lot of land between Main and Bunker Hill streets behind the Working Theater and Community Garden, have finalized their finances and are ready to break ground on the first phase of the project! This will include 17 units of affordable housing!!! . . . Residents will be looking forward to seeing Mayor Flynn at the site, chrome shovel in hand, in the not too distant future for the official groundbreaking ceremony!
- · While In The Vicinity . . . We certainly hope that the good people of the Charlestown E.D.C. take the opportunity of the Mayor's visit to invite him across the street to its townhouses and finally dedicate the "Gus Charbonnier Street!" . . . Please make note!!
- · Such Thoughtfulness . . . deserves appreciation! We send our note of thanks to the Ladies of Court St. Jude, No. 1123 C.D.A. for their remembrance of us on the holidays . . . and to Marty and Catherine O'Brien, thanks for the delicious treats sent our way! It really meant a lot! Thank you!
- · What Are You Doing New Year's Eve? . . . Spend it at the K. of C.! The annual New Year's Eve Party

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KEEPING WATCH . . .



On Guard In Saudi Arabia



PFC DAVID G. KRASNER of Monument Street, Charlestown, is in training and on guard duty with the 3rd Special Forces Group (Green Berets) in Saudi Arabia.

A Letter To My Dad (Lt. Thomas H. Deren)

dear daddy,

im here in charlestown with mommy visitin for chrismas. this place is really neat, so many people and lots of noise and i can't even see the top of houses. they so big. it aint notin like texas. im bein really good, nanas and papa and aunties and unkles spoilen me lots, i just lovin that. and cousin Bridge an Mike are lots of fun. Jean is my buddyteachin me all the ropes. it's fun, but, i miss you lots.

me and mommy talk about you everday and i kiss your picture and say Hi daddy, i know santa foud you cause i wrote to him and gave him derictions. me and mommy pray for you to come home soon and safe.

There's No Place Like Home!

I had tears well up in my eyes as I read the card and saw

the "Townie shirts." This just proves to me that the toge-

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I have been in the Corps 14 years and there truly is NO

PLACE LIKE HOME. I love you all! Thanks again!

To The Members Of Post 26 and

the largest I have received while here.

To All The People Of Charlestown who had

anything to do with the box I received today, I was overwhelmed at the size of the box. It is by far

i love you, your my hero Melissa xo

Saudi Arabia

The city of Boston Board of Appeal met on Dec. 18

and voted to approve the

Open House

Don Bosco Technical High School in Boston will hold its second open house on Saturday, Jan. 12, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Tech invites all sixth, seventh and eighth grade boys and their families to attend. The open house is an excellent opportunity for students to visit The Tech before they register for high school.

Faculty and students will conduct tours of the technologies and answer curriculum and sports questions.

Don Bosco Tech is the only Catholic college prep and technology high school in the state. It provides concentrated training in drafting and design, computers/ electronics, building technology and electricity.

Refreshments will be served.

The school is located at 300 Tremont St., at the MBTA's Orange Line New England Medical Center Station.

Tours of the school will also be offered on Saturdays, Jan. 26 and Feb. 9. Parents are requested to call to reserve time.

For information, call Dave Murray, director of admissions at 426-9457 ext.

Free Vision 8 Dec. 90 Screening

The city of Boston's Commission on Affairs of the Elderly are offering free vision screenings to Charlestown residents 60 years and older through the Elderly Commission's Health

Commissioner Diane Watson encourages all seniors to take advantage of this important health service.

Vision screening will be held at the Golden Age Center, 382 Main St., Charlestown on Monday, Jan. 14 from 10 a.m. to 2

The vision screening program is co-sponsored by the Boston Optometric Center of the New England College of Optometry.

In addition, the Commission offers free eye examinations and hearing screening by appointment through its Bright Eyes and Sound Screen Clinics at Boston City Hospital. Please call 725-4050 for more information.

Board Of Appeal Decision

petition of Kathryn Crowley to change the occupancy of 5 Trenton St. from a oneto a two-family dwelling.

Mag Crowley, daughter of the appellant, testified that the property was pur-

chased in 1982 as a twofamily dwelling and taxes have been paid according to that status.

The Boston Redevelopment Authority recommended approval. The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services requested approval, relating that the house has been listed as a twofamily since 1975 and that there was no neighborhood objections to the change.

Attend Travel Seminar



Paul Hanslin of New York speaks to (l. to r.) Virginia Sperber of Charlestown, Rita Gupta and Lillian Rockett at Finnair's Glo-

HOLIDAY TOURS of America President bal Round Travel Seminar at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel.

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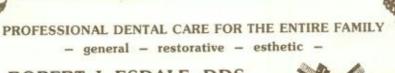
Please pass on my thanks to all members of Post 26 for their kindness in sending the Christmas package. The generosity of the people of Charlestown was overwhelming. There was so much, be assured that many young Marines shared the package with me.

As a former Marine, I know you would be proud of the young Marines here in Saudi Arabia. They give so much and ask for so little. Never in my 20 years have I ever been prouder to be a Marine officer.

Thanks to Kathy Giordano and your wife, Gloria, for their efforts on behalf of all of us.

Once again, thank you and all the comrade brothers in the Legion. Merry Christmas. God bless you all.

Semper Fi, Jim O'Donnell

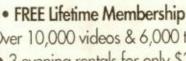


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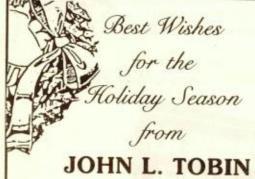




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Decorating In The Doherty



IT WAS TREE-TRIMMING TIME in the Doherty Playground on Bunker Hill Street as area youngsters placed their favorite ornaments on a Christmas tree in the park for all to enjoy. Jill Connolly and Meg Gallagher lend a hand decorating the child-size tree.



YOUNGSTERS gather at the Doherty Playground, their tree-trimming task completed. Shown front row is Kasey Cedorchuk. Second row (l. to r.) Paul Collins, Ryan Collins, Corey Cedorchuck, Kelly Garber, Bryan Rose and Patrick Rose. Back row (l. to r.) Kelly Gouthro, Jill Connolly and Meg Gallagher.

DOR Releases Annual "Christmas List"

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Any taxpayer whose name appears on the list should contact the Boston Headquarters at 100 Cambridge St., telephone 727-4545 and request Form M-3911, which enables DOR to correct the taxpayer's address on the computer system and release the unclaimed refund. Confidentiality laws prohibit DOR from publicly releasing the amounts of the refunds; however, the average refund is approximately \$140.

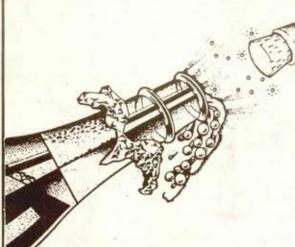
Charlestown residents on

the DOR list are: James M. Diliddo, 56

High St.; Merrick W. Jones, 24

Washington St.; Hugh Malone, 48 Pleasant St.; and

Diane M. Spencer, 12 Monument Square.



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And I felt sad too, and I cried.

He reached out his hand, and forced a smile.

I replied in kind, and took his hand in mine,

As he placed the hour-glass,

With all the sand run out, onto the table.

Behind me, a young lad, all smiles, And eager, waited for me to give him the glass, So he could be on his way.

Now, I felt bad, for I knew within a year's time, He would be back, old, worn,

Like the tired predecessor that he replaced.

- William J. Walsh

New Year's Church Services

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New Year's Eve Mass - Monday, Dec. 31

New Year's Day Masses - Tuesday, Jan. 1 9 and 11 a.m.

ST. FRANCIS de SALES CHURCH 313 Bunker Hill Street

New Year's Eve Masses - Monday, Dec. 31 4 and 7 p.m.

New Year's Day Masses - Tuesday, Jan. 1 9 and 11 a.m.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH 55 Warren Street

The Solemnity of Mary, The Mother of God

New Year's Eve Mass - Monday, Dec. 31 4 p.m.

New Year's Day Masses - Tuesday, Jan. 1 8 and 11 a.m.

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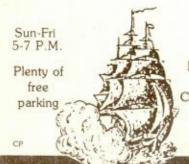
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Bunker Hill Community College Now Registering For Spring Semester

Bunker Hill Community College is now accepting applications for enrollment and registration for the spring semester classes which begin on Jan. 23.

BHCC offers various options for study including early morning classes, beginning at 7 a.m., for those on their way to work; regular morning and afternoon classes; and evening classes for people on their way home from work.

Bunker Hill has 21 associate degree programs, 22 short-term certificate programs and a wide range of student support activities. The college also offers r..ore than 35 correspondence courses. It is also important to know that financial aid is available.

For more information about course offerings and programs of study, please call the BHCC Admissions Office at 241-8600, ext. 420. Or come to one of the open houses to be held in January. The open house at BHHC's Charlestown campus is Thursday, Jan. 10 from 4 to 6:30 p.m. and one will be held at the Chelsea campus (Soldier's Home) on Thursday, Jan. 17 from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

Morrissey Elected Director Of Federal Home Loan Bank

William Morrissey, formerly of Charlestown, who is executive vice president of The Boston Five Cents Savings Bank, has been elected a director of the Federal Home Loan Bank of Boston, a central bank for 310-member mortgage lending institutions throughout New England. Morrissey was elected to represent the 155 institutions in Massachusetts that are members of the bank.

A former deputy commissioner of banks for Massachusetts, Morrissey cur-



WILLIAM MORRISSEY

rently serves as a director of the Massachusetts Bankers Association and is a member of the Washington committee of the National Council of Savings Institu-

Morrissey is a trustee of St. Margaret's Hospital; a trustee, incorporator and vice president of St. Elizabeth's Hospital Foundation; and a director of the Greater Boston Tourist and Convention Bureau. He is a director and former chairman of the board of the Catholic Charitable Bureau of Boston and also serves as a member of the corporation of the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Bringing The Spirit Of Christmas



THE HARVARD/KENT SCHOOL brought the spirit of Christmas to St. Catherine's Food Pantry by contributing over 20 cartons of canned goods to be distributed to the needy of Charlestown. Teacher Dennis Camelio constructed a full-size sleigh to hold the non-perishable foods that faculty and stu-

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dents added on a daily basis, filling the sleigh to capacity several times. Shown (l. to r.) Latisha Tores, Michelle Kelly, Ching Tu, Steven Santosuosso, Philip O'Neil, Daniel Perry (front) and teacher Dennis Camelio. (photo by Kathy Giordano)

The Murphy Family would like to extend our warmest wishes to you and yours for a Happy and Healthy New Year!

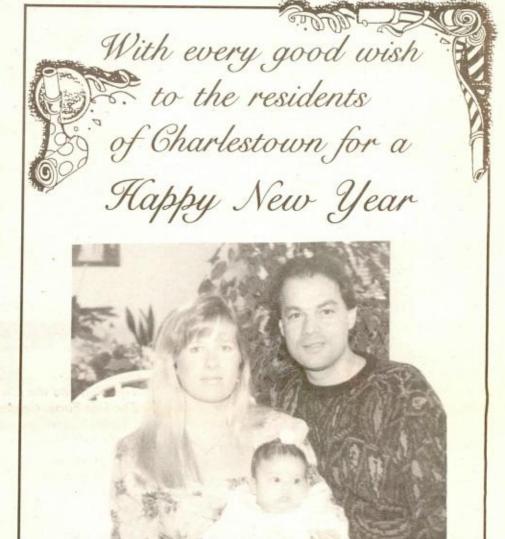
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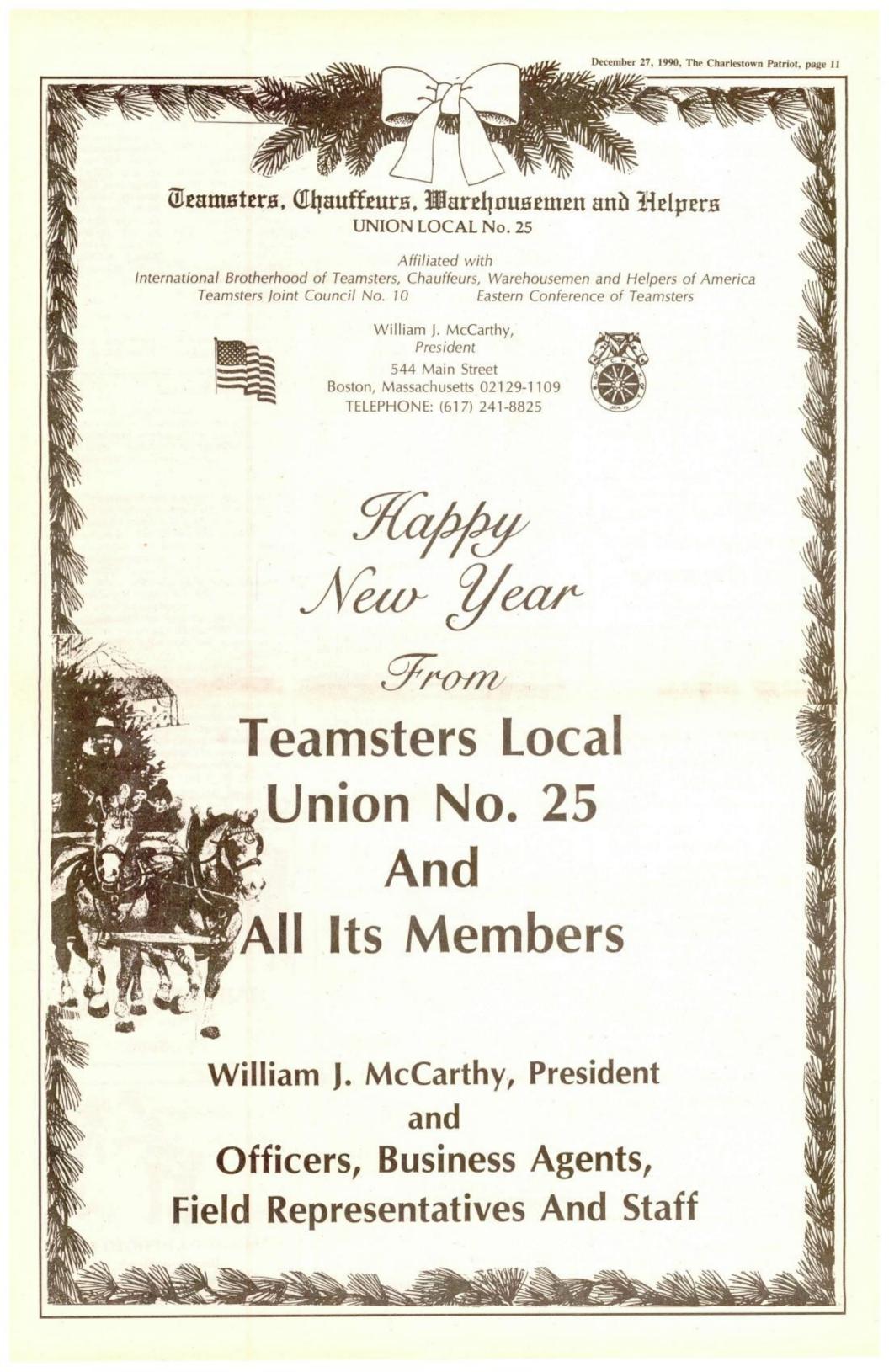
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The Spirit Of The Holidays In Evidence At St. Catherine's Annual Christmas Bazaar





Shanahan Joins Boston's Economic Development Agency

Gay Shanahan of Charlestown, recent vice president for Prudential-Bache Capital Funding, has joined Boston's Economic Development Agency as assistant director for Financial Services. Shanahan, a 1986 graduate of the Columbia University Graduate School of Business, worked for the past four years in the Public Finance Department of the prominent Wall Street investment banking firm.

"We are very pleased to have Gay join our financial services team," said Donald A. Gillis, executive director for the Economic Development and Industrial Corporation of Boston. "Her ex-

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GAY SHANAHAN

pertise in accessing major financial markets will be a tremendous asset to Boston businesses."

Shanahan will oversee financial programs of EDIC affiliates, the Boston Industrial Development Financing Authority and the Boston Local Development Corporation.

At Prudential-Bache. Shanahan worked in the

Public Finance Department's Capital Transactions Group, concentrating on asset/liability management strategies for municipal issuers. Before that, she served as a generalist within the department. Prior to attending graduate school, Shanahan worked in a Boston program for juvenile offen-

"I welcome the opportunity to use my experience with public finance to create new opportunities for Boston businesses and residents," Shanahan said. "Given the current credit crunch, public financing strategies are more critical than ever."

Married Recently



MR. and MRS. DANIEL F. MEENA

Nancy A. LaPia and Daniel F. Meena were united in marriage on Oct. 20 at the Our Lady of the Assumption Church in East Boston. Their son, Daniel Jr., was also included in the ceremony

The bride was given in marriage by her parents, Barbara and George L. LaPia Sr. of East Boston. The groom is the son of Mary Meena and the late Joseph J. Meena Sr. of Charlestown. The bride's wedding gown was made by her mother-in-law Mary Meena.

The maid of honor was Eileen M. LaPia of East Boston, sister of the bride. The bridesmaids were Carol Aceto of East Boston; Gizelle Ferguson of Wayland, cousin of the bride; Terry Meena of Somerville, sister-in-law of the groom; and Debra Thomas of Quincy, cousin of the groom.

The best man was Sean S. Sullivan of Charlestown. The ushers were Edward J. Barnett of Salem, cousin of the groom; George L. LaPia Jr. of Saugus, brother of the bride; Jon Michael LaPia of East Boston, brother of the bride; and Joseph J. Meena of Somerville, brother of the groom.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Charlestown.

Adult Discussion Group Looks At Recycling In Charlestown

The Charlestown Branch Library's Adult Discussion Group will begin its 1991 programs on Friday, Jan. 4 with the topic "Recycling In Charlestown." The speaker will be Kathy Callahan, a member of the Charlestown Recycling Committee. The program will be held at 10 a.m. at the library, 179 Main St.

Callahan will present statistics, figures and information on trash disposal in Charlestown and efforts to provide recycling alternatives that will make it easier for Charlestown residents to recycle by providing local sites or pick-ups.

All are welcome. Suggested reading in conjunction with this program includes Fifty Simple Things You Can Do To Save the Earth by Earth Works Group, Materials Recycling: The Virtue of Necessity by William U. Chandler and Once Is Not Enough: A Citizen's Recycling Manual by Adam Mitchell.

A three-part program entitled "Stress Managment For Parents" will begin on Friday, Jan. 11.

Not For Nothin' . . .

(continued from page 4)

will begin with cocktails at 7 p.m. and a prime rib dinner served promptly at 8 p.m. Entertainment will be provided by the D.J. Connection. Tickets are \$25 per person and can be purchased by calling either Ed Lynch or Tom White at 242-9673. Tickets are going fast - call today!

- · First Night Celebrates 15th Anniversary . . . with a program of gala events. Activities will begin at 1 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 31 and stretch through the afternoon and evening with the midnight display of fireworks over Boston Harbor. Downtown Boston will come alive with activities including a laser light show on the facade of City Hall Plaza, a Victorian Ball and over 1,000 artists at 50 indoor and outdoor locations throughout the city. The Custom House Tower will count down the minutes and then seconds to the New Year with a synchronized laser light show that will trigger off 1991's arrival with the grande finale fireworks display. For more info., call First Night at 542-1399.
- · Ahhhh . . . With the traditional Christmas celebrations behind us, gifts exchanged, family and friends visited, cards sent and received, and financial resources depleted, the countdown of 1990 brings to mind all who have helped make each edition of the Patriot the true community newspaper it is. We thank each contributor, photographer and newsmaker who helped bring the news of Charlestown to you . . . and the advertisers who made it all possible. We wish each and every one of you . . .

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Martin J. Pierce Appointed Commissioner Of BFD

(continued from page one) puty Fire Chief and headed the department's Personnel Division. He has served as Deputy Chief in charge of the Training and Maintenance Division since 1988.

Pierce, a resident of Hyde Park, was born and raised in Charlestown. He is the son of Martin E. and Mary (Geswell) Pierce of Braintree, formerly of Charlestown. Martin Pierce Sr. was a Boston Firefighter for 37 years and the secretary/ treasurer emeritus of the International Association of Firefighters.

Marty Pierce Jr. is married to the former Ellen (Daly) of South Boston. The couple has three children, Jennifer, a nursing student at Northeastern University; Martin Pierce III, a freshman at Fairfield University in Connecticut; and Elizabeth, a freshman at Fontbonne Academy in

He has one brother, John J. "Jackie" Pierce of Braintree who is a Boston Police Department Detective assigned to District Attorney Newman Flanagan's Office in the Organized Crime

Pierce's long career as a firefighter follows a family tradition of service to the city of Boston. Not only did his father serve the department with honor, his uncle Lt. John Geswell gave the ultimate sacrifice fighting a blaze on Trumbull Street in 1964 that also took four

other firefighters, including another Charlestown resident, Robert Clougherty.

Pierce is also well known for his 27 years of coaching victorious hockey teams at Matignon High School, Cambridge. He has been active with the Hyde Park Youth Hockey League for many years.

Mayor Flynn said of his appointment: "Finding a replacement for a man of the stature of Commissioner Stapleton was not easy, but when looking among the ranks of the Boston

Firefighters, individuals of integrity, determination and commitment are as common as day. But one man stood out. Martin Pierce understands the commitment and dedication needed to serve as Fire Commissioner. I wish Martin Pierce all the best in his new undertaking as the newest commissioner of the Boston Fire Department."

Pierce will assume the position of Fire Commissioner/Chief upon the official retirement of Stapleton in January.

Children's Films

The Film Program for Children will be presented at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St., on Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

The features will be "The Caterpiller And The Polliwog," the story of two friends who experience their own metamorphosis; "The Ugly Duckling," the Disney version about the duck who becomes a beautiful swan; and Naughty Max falls asleep after being sent to bed without his supper in "Where The Wild Things Are."

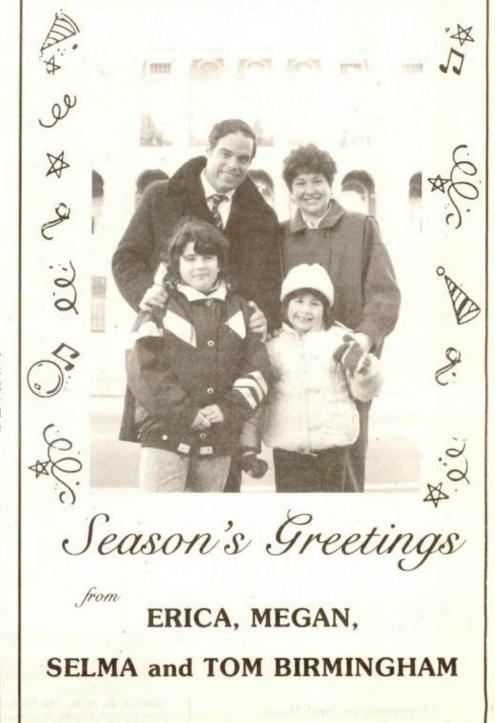
"Winnie The Pooh And A Day For Eeyore," in which Pooh and his friends throw Eeyore a late birthday party, will be shown only at 3:30 p.m.

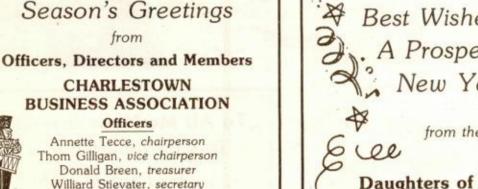
The suggested readings in conjunction with these films are The Caterpillar and the Polliwog by Jack Kent, The Ugly Duckling by Hans Christian Anderson and Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak.

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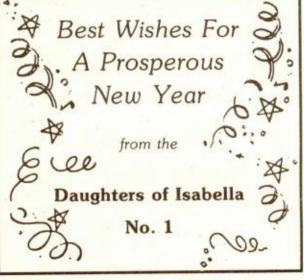
Oh Holy St. Jude, Apostle and Martyr, great in virtue, and rich in miracles, near kinsman of Jesus Christ, faithful intercessor of all who invoke your special patronage in time of need, for you I have recourse from the depth of my heart and humbly beg to whom God has given such great power to come to my assistance. Help me in my present and urgent petition, in return I promise to make your name known and cause you to be invoked.

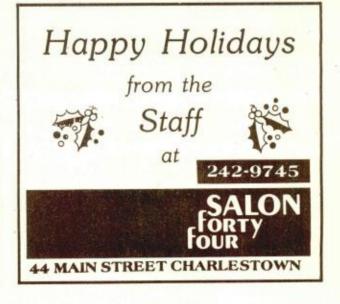
Say three Our Fathers, three Hail Marys and Glorias. Publi-cation must be promised. St. Jude pray for us all who invoke your aid. Amen. This Novena has never been known to fail. I have had my request granted. Publication Promised. C.M.B.



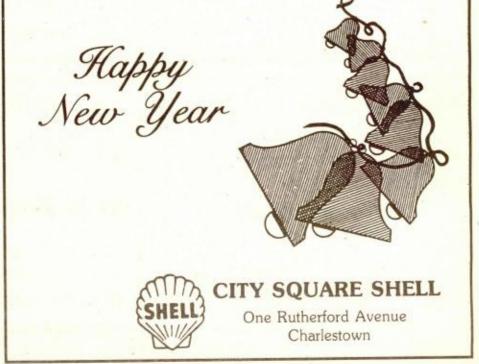


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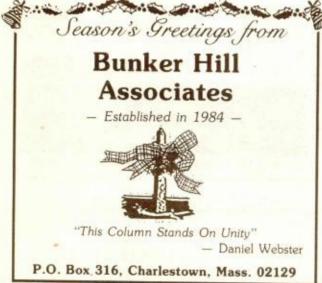


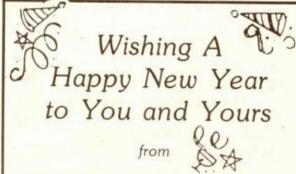


First Church In Charlestown Holds Annual Holiday Bazaar photos

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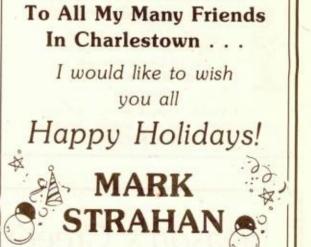






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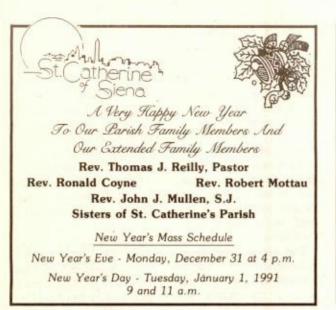
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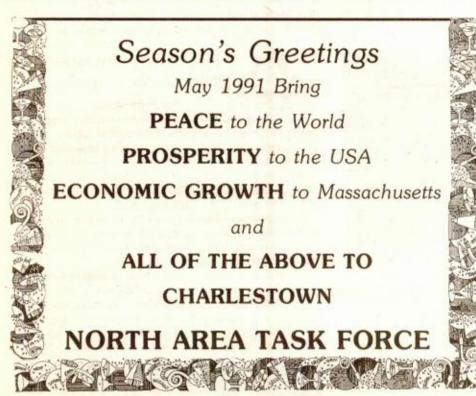
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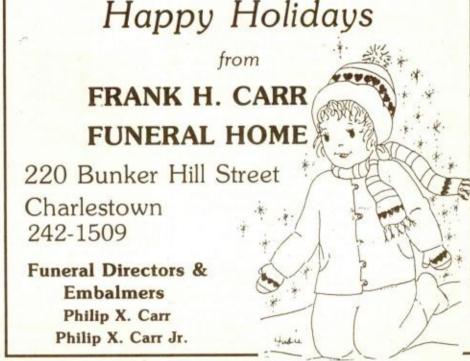
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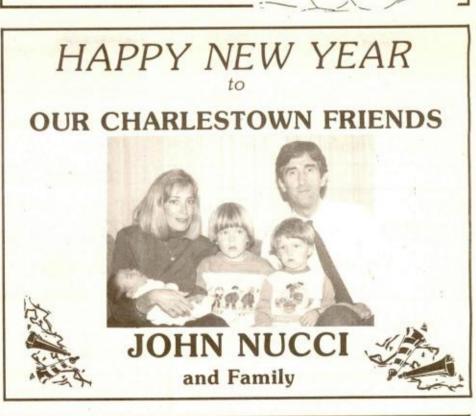


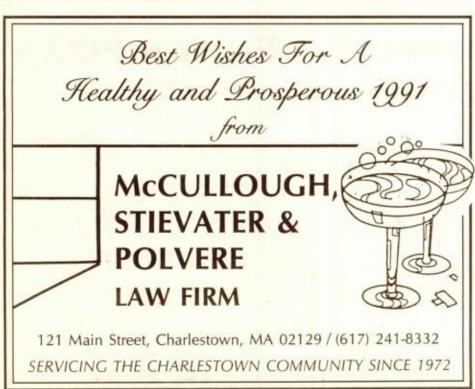


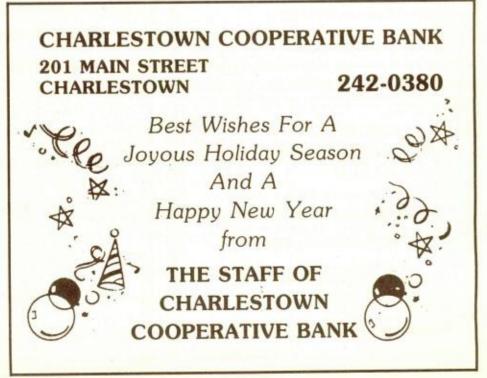












The Christmas Dinner Was Wonderful!

Dear Gloria.

A big thanks to everyone who ran the Christmas Dinner for the Elderly. It was my first time to attend and I hope not my last.

It was a wonderful day made even more perfect by Santa (Tom Jackson) dancing with the ladies and spreading cheer to each and every table. I know he made my day, and I hope he keeps on bringing a smile and good work, along with everyone else, for many years to come.

Thanks to Marty's Catering . . . the food was super. Sincerely,

Dottie Romano

C.Y.O. NEWS by Father Ron Coyne

• Children's Rollerskating Party — On Friday, Dec. 28. St. Catherine's Parish will hold its second roller-skating party for children, teen-agers and adults at Rollerworld in Saugus. We have rented Rollerworld for Charlestown from 10 a.m. to noon. It doesn't make any difference what parish you live in or what school you attend, all are welcome.

Buses will leave St. Catherine's Church at 9:15 a.m. and return at 12:30 p.m. The cost is \$5 per person, which includes skates, admission and transportation. Tickets are now on sale at St. Catherine's rectory, 49 Vine St. and must be purchased in advance.

- CYO Meeting There will be a meeting for all high-school-age boys and girls at St. Catherine's Parish Hall on Sunday, Jan. 6 at 6 p.m. to make final plans for our three-day ski trip and plan other winter activities. We would like to discuss the possibility of having a parish show at St. Catherine's.
- CYO Three-Day Ski Trip St. Catherine's CYO will run a three-day ski trip to Sunday River in Maine from Saturday, Jan. 19 to Monday, Jan. 21, Martin Luther King weekend. We will leave St. Catherine's Church on Saturday, Jan. 19 at 2 p.m. and return on Monday, Jan. 21 around 9 p.m. We will be staying at the Town & Country Motor Inn. The cost of the trip will be \$150 each which includes two-nights lodging, three meals, two-day lift ticket at Sunday River, rental of skis, boots and poles, and transportation. The original cost was \$200 but the CYO will pay \$50 per person to subsidize the trip. All high school students are welcome, no matter what school you attend what parish you live in.

To reserve a spot you must leave your name, telephone number and a \$50 deposit at St. Catherine's rectory as soon as possible. The remainder of the cost can be paid at the CYO meeting on Sunday, Jan. 6 at 6 p.m. at St. Catherine's Parish hall.

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Adult Confirmation Classes Begin In January At St. Catherine's

by Father Ron Coyne
Adults are being invited
to make their Confirmation
this April at St. Catherine's
Church.

There are many Catholic adults 18 and older who, for one reason or another, did not make their confirmation at the time they were eligible. It may have been your own choice not to be confirmed due to indifference to the Church, or possibly problems within your fami-

ly, or maybe the choice was not your own due to outside circumstances.

Whatever the reason, many people in this situation decide that they would like to confirm what their parents expressed for them at Baptism and are now ready to do so.

A simple program has been put together for onehour sessions on four Thursday nights, Jan. 3, 10, 17 and 24. On these even-

Charlestown's Millstones Stolen

TWO GIANT MILLSTONES belonging to the people of

Charlestown have been stolen from the grassy knoll to the

back of The Front Page restaurant near the path to the

Rutherford Avenue crossing. They were originally discover-

ed during the excavation of the Bunker Hill Mall in the mid-

1970s and weighed in excess of two tons each. Dan Kova-

cevic reported to the Charlestown Neighborhood Council

in December that attempts had been made to take them and

now they are gone. Kovacevic said that they could have

only been removed with heavy equipment and asks anyone

who might have seen a truck with a name on it or has any information on who stole the millstones to contact Judy

Evers, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, at 725-3485, or the "Patriot" Office at 241-9511. Kovacevic also

stated that residents should be aware that expensive trees

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and shrubbery have been stolen from area residences.

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ings, issues will be covered that are important to the individual and the church. Many persons have possibly been away from the church for a while, others have been involved with the church on special occasions and others may be very faithful to Mass but just need an invitation to be confirmed.

The classes will be a great opportunity to update yourself and your concept of God, the church and Christianity. Many things have changed and I'm sure you'd like to be made aware

of what it means to be a Catholic today.

The church loves you and needs you. If you have been thinking about making your confirmation but have been putting it off, take this invitation personally. Come to St. Catherine's lower church on Thursday, Jan. 3 at 7 p.m.

Achieves Honors

The Somerville Hospital School of Nursing is proud to announce that Jane Fitzgerald of 22 Sullivan St., Charlestown, has achieved honors for this past term.



Recycling Information Table A Success

by Peter Jones

The three major goals of the Charlestown Recycling Committee are to raise awareness of the need to recycle, to provide information about existing recycling programs and to help encourage and create new programs to make recycling easier and more accessible to Charlestown residents. All three of these goals were furthered by the committee's information table at the Christmas Walk.

Committee members manning the table provided information about recycling in general, as well as distributing flyers describing how to take advantage of the city of Boston's existing recycling drop-off sites.

In addition, a petition expressing both support for the city of Boston's current recycling efforts and interest in having the city increase the availability of recycling options in Charlestown, was signed by over 100 residents. This strong level of interest in recycling will help to further efforts to bring recycling programs closer to Charlestown.



CHARLESTOWN RECYCLING COMMITTEE members answer questions at the Christmas Walk information table.

The committee would like to thank the Christmas Walk organizers for including us in its wonderful community event and Prudential Gibson Real Estate for providing us with the warm location for our information table.

The committee is preparing for its next regular meeting, scheduled for Jan. 7 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St. Those interested in finding out more about the committee can contact Peter Jones at 241-0425 or Kathy Callahan at 242-3512.

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MARATHON RUNNER Bill Rodgers (right) congratulates Mike Noonan of Charlestown on his record run in the 14th annual Jingle Bell Run. They are seen at the holiday party at the Sheraton Boston Hotel following the run to benefit the Massachusetts Special Olympics.

(photo by Sam Greenwald)

Schedules For Men's And Girl's Basketball At CHS

The January Schedules for the Charlestown High School Men's and Girl's Basketball Teams are as follows:

CHS Men's Basketball

Wednesday, Jan. 2, 4:15 p.m., vs. Tewksbury - Home Tuesday, Jan. 8, 2:30 p.m., vs. Latin Academy - Home Thursday, Jan. 10, 2:30 p.m., vs. Madison Park - Home Tuesday, Jan. 15, 2:30 p.m., vs. South Boston - Home Thursday, Jan. 17, 2:30 p.m., vs. East Boston - Home Saturday, Jan. 19, 7 p.m., vs. Middlebury, Vt. - Away

Thursday, Jan. 24, 2:30 p.m., vs. Brighton - Home Tuesday, Jan. 29, 2:30 p.m., vs. Latin Academy - Away Thursday, Jan. 31, 2:30 p.m., vs. Madison Park - Away

CHS Girl's Basketball

Tuesday, Jan. 8, vs. Latin Academy - Away Thursday, Jan. 10, vs. Madison Park - Away Tuesday, Jan. 15, vs. So. Boston - Away Thursday, Jan. 17, vs. East Boston - Away Thursday, Jan. 24, vs. Brighton - Away Tuesday, Jan. 29, vs. Latin Academy - Home Thursday, Jan. 31, vs. Madison Park - Home

Women Veterans To Meet

The Womens Army Corps Veterans Association, Bay State Chapter 14, will meet on Saturday, Jan. 5, at the Mt. Vernon Restaurant, 14 Broadway,

Somerville. There will be a Dutch-treat lunch at noon, followed by a meeting at 1 p.m. For further information, call 723-4326.

News From The Charlestown Boys & Girls Club 15 GREEN ST.



CLUBHOUSE HOLIDAY HOURS

Holiday hours at the clubhouse are as follows:

- Thursday, Dec. 27 through Saturday, Dec. 29: the club will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Tuesday, Jan. 1: Happy New Year! The club will be closed. - Wednesday, Jan. 2 through Friday, Jan. 4: The

club will be open regular hours. - Saturday, Jan. 5: The club will be closed for staff

training.

TEEN CENTER

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE ROOM

A study/computer room has been opened in the Teen Center. Volunteers are available to help junior high and high school people with their homework and with special school projects. An SAT class will be held on Wednesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. for young people who are interested in preparing for the exam.

South Boston Teams Stun St. Catherine's Juniors

by Bob DeCristoforo

School might be out for a few days, but St. Catherine's Junior Basketball Team was taught a couple of lessons by two teams from South Boston. Gate of Heaven defeated St. Catherine's 55-49, and St. Brigid's scored a come-from-behind 77-74 victory.

Anthony Matson with 17 points and Pat Owens with 16 points led the way for St. Catherine's, but Jarret Le-Blac was unstoppable for Gate of Heaven, leading all scorers with 26 points. The Gate jumped off to an eight point halftime lead and held off a late St. Catherine scare to preserve the win.

At St. Brigid, St. Catherine's team jumped off to a quick lead, but St. Brigid's mounted the comeback and kept the steady pressure on to erase the 17-point deficit and pull ahead for a dramatic win. Jonathan Owens, Anthony Matson and Mike Erardi accounted for most of St. Catherine's offense, scoring 20 points each.

St. Catherine's Juniors will travel to St. Brendan's of Dorchester for a 3:45 p.m. game on Sunday.

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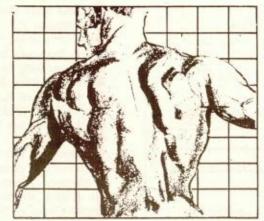
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ACTIVITIES

- Quilting Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., contact Jean Reilly.
- Arts & Crafts -Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., contact Jean Reilly.
- Flower Arrangements Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., contact Jean Reilly
- · Ceramics Monday to Thursday from noon to 4 p.m., contact Ann Griffin.
- Beano Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 12:30 p.m., contact Sheila Walsh.
- · Lunch Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at noon, contact Sheila Walsh.
- Knit & Crochet Friday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., contact Jean Reilly.

BUS TO STOP & SHOP

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

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* EVENTS OF THE WEEK *

Friday, Dec. 28

10 a.m. - Arts & Crafts, Senior Lounge 10 a.m. - Seniorobics, Senior Lounge 11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge 12:45 p.m. - Bingo, Senior Lounge

Monday, Dec. 31

10 a.m. - Crochet, Mary Colbert Apartments 10 a.m. - Seniorobics, Senior Lounge 11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge 12:45 p.m. - Bingo, Senior Lounge

Tuesday, Jan. 1

The Center will be closed - Happy New Year!

Wednesday, Jan. 2

9:30 a.m. - Stop & Shop Bus, Anchorage Apts. 10 a.m. - Crochet, Mary Colbert Apartments 10 a.m. - Arts & Crafts, Social Services, Senior Lounge

11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge 12:45 p.m. - Bingo, Senior Lounge

Thursday, Jan.3

9:30 a.m. - Stop & Shop Bus, Senior Lounge, Golden Age Ctr., Constitution Co-op Apts. 10 a.m. - Crochet, Senior Lounge 11:45 a.m. - Kit Clark Lunch, Senior Lounge

* EVENTS AT THE SENIOR LOUNGE *

Tuesday, Jan. 8 — The Podiatrist will visit at 2

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

Holiday Schedule For 1991 At MGH-BHHC

The MGH-Bunker Hill Health Center will be closed on the following holidays in 1991. Please clip and save for your convenience.

Tuesday, Jan. 1 - New Year's Day Monday, Jan. 21 - Martin Luther King Day Monday, Feb. 18 - President's Day Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day Thursday, July 4 - Independence Day Monday, Sept. 2 - Labor Day Monday, Oct. 14 - Columbus Day Thursday, Nov. 28 - Thanksgiving Day Wednesday, Dec. 25 - Christmas Day

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* THE STAR ON THE CHRISTMAS TREE * IS ALMOST SHINING!

The star at the top of the Christmas tree will be shining brightly soon thanks to the generosity of the residents, former residents, businesses and organizations of this Town. As is the nature of this community, there has been an outpouring of resources, both in



contributions and in the untold hours that volunteers worked to make this undertaking a success.

Donations are still welcome and will continue to be publicly acknowledged. Please make checks payable to Townie Santa and mail them to P.O. Box 482, Charlestown, Mass. 02129

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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



To the boys who stole the large Reindeer on High Street on Friday night at 9:45 p.m. . . . I hope you enjoy it as much as my 2-year-old grandson did.

To The Boys Who Stole Christmas!

Thank you, A Townie

The Time Is Now

Dear Editor,

Shame on the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and its president, Archbishop Mahoney, for not addressing the plight of Irish Catholics living under British colonial domination in Northern Ireland.

It should be made known to all Irish-American Catholics and the Catholic community as a whole that there was a resolution placed before the NCCB asking very simply that the American Bishops initiate and seek to establish a liaison committee with the Bishops of Ireland.

The resolution was submitted to the NCCB by Bishop

Our Thanks

Words cannot express our thanks for the many kindnesses and thoughtfulness of so many people concerning my husband, Bob Collins, who passed away on Nov. 28 after a long illness.

My family and I thank all who gave the many spiritual bouquet enrollments, flowers, vestments, contributions to St. Francis de Sales Building Fund, the American Legion Post 26 military service, the priests of St. Francis de Sales Parish and visits from our many friends.

These are all greatly appreciated by my family and me. Again, many many thanks. It will never be forgotten.

> Sincerely, Ann C. Collins 32 Mystic St.

Mark J. Hurley, author of Blood on the Shamrock. The purpose of the resolution was to conduct a dialogue on the mutual problems concerning human rights in Northern Ireland, the pastoral care of thousands of undocumented Irish immigrants to the USA and many other issues.

The secretary of the NCCB, Msgr. Lynch, was personally told of this resolution in June of 1990 at Santa Clara, Calif. It was delivered on time and in accordance with NCCB rules, but sadly it was buried by the bureaucratic filibustering of Msgr. Lynch.

The resolution was resurrected by an Archbishop, only to be shifted to the further delaying tactics of Archbishop Mahoney and left unanswered beneath the seats of ecumenical justice, as if to muffle the cries of Ireland's soul so that the world cannot hear her screams.

This is a case of ecumenical bureaucratic dereliction of duty if ever there was one!

The time is NOW to bring Northern Ireland's suffering to an end! The time is NOW for the world and all who believe in the principles of freedom, democracy and human rights to stand up and speak out for Northern Ireland and to unite against those who would prefer to continue to keep her bound and gagged for fear the world will learn the real truth about the beast that guards the walls of secrecy around Northern Ireland.

George M. Collier

It's A Boy . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas W. Settipani of 80 Forest St., Saugus, announce the birth of their son Thomas Joseph on Dec. 11 at the Winchester Hospital.

The maternal grandpar-

ents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Novello of Nahant.

The paternal grandmother is Laura Settipani of 61 Monument St., Charles-

Attend The New England Ski Ball



ENJOYING the New England Ski Ball, the mammoth benefit for the U.S. Olympic Ski Team at the Marriott Copley Place Hotel, were Toril Forland and Doug Arnot of Charlestown. (photo by Sam Greenwald)

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Tuesday, Dec. 18

At 9:20 a.m., a student at Charlestown High School reported while in the basement of the school he was approached by another student who pushed him against the wall causing him to strike his head. He required medical attention.

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

Wednesday, Dec. 19

An automobile parked at 76 Washington St. was broken into at 2 a.m., and a portable telephone was stolen.

During the day, an attempt was made to steal a Volkswagon Fox parked at 600 Main St.

Thursday, Dec. 20

An apartment at 23 Brighton St. was broken into during the day by forcing open the rear door. A Tandy Computer and two televisions sets were stolen.

A stolen automobile was recovered on Corey Street.

Neighborhood Council Meetings COMMUNITY APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

Chairman Tom Cunha has announced that the Community Appreciation Awards Committee will meet at 7 p.m. tonight, Thursday, Dec. 27, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 75 West School St. The is the last meeting for new members to join so the formulation of criteria for award recipients can begin. Membership is open to Neighborhood Council members and any interested Charlestown residents. The awards banquet is scheduled for Saturday, March 30. Nominations for award recipients will be solicited from the community after the first of the year.

MONTHLY MEETING

The Charlestown Neighborhood Council will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 75 West School St.

The meetings are open to the public, and all are welcome to attend.

An automobile parked on Green Street was broken into during the evening, and a bicycle was stolen.

An automobile parked at 150 Bunker Hill St. was broken into during the early evening, and an attempt was made to steal a radio.

Friday, Dec. 21

At 7:30 p.m., officers responded to 492 Rutherford Ave. where a security guard had apprehended two Malden residents who had stolen an assortment of items from the build-

Sunday, Dec. 23

A bicycle was stolen from 13th Street during the after-

An automobile parked on First Avenue was broken into, and various personal items were stolen.

A stolen automobile was recovered on Corey Street.

An automobile parked on Austin Street was broken into, and a radio was stolen.

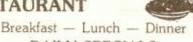
At 5 p.m., someone fired a pellet through an automobile parked on Polk Street.

At 7:30 p.m., the bakery at One Monument Ave. was broken into by forcing open the front door, and a cash register was stolen.

The cellar window of a restaurant at 67 Main St. was broken at about 7:30 p.m. No entry was gained.

A Saab parked at 20 Monument St. was broken into during the early evening by breaking a side window, and a radio was stolen.

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