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Kennedy Center Board Election Jan. 21

The John F. Kennedy Family Service Center will hold the annual election for its Board of Directors on Wednesday, Jan. 21.

Nomination papers are

at the Charlestown Patriot office, One Thompson Square. Candidates must be 18 years or older and a resident of Charlestown.

The papers are to be re-

turned by 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 16.

For further information, call Executive Director Kate McDonough at 241-8866.

Life Focus Center Young People Delighted At Legion-Sponsored Party



A FUN-FILLED AFTERNOON highlighted the holiday season for the young people of the Life Focus Center as Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion sponsored a gala Christmas Party with a dinner, gifts, music and a visit from Santa. Each youngster received a Christmas bag filled with gifts, including a radio, and had an opportunity to sit on Santa's lap. Shown (l. to r.) with Santa, a/k/a Post Commander Ron Taylor, are volunteer Kathleen Taormina, and committee members George Walsh, Harvey Campbell, James Conway and Al Kaliniak.

Charlestown Mayor's Race To Kick Off . . . New Format Adopted

The Charlestown-To-Charlestown Committee is pleased to announce that the Mayor Of Charlestown Contest will kick off on Saturday, Jan. 17 at 1 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St. This will be the 16th year of the contest.

The contest was started in 1983 to raise the funds needed to conduct the newly-established Charlestown Rose Contest and to send the winner and an escort to Charlestown, Ireland to participate in the International Western Rose Festival. By the way,

the idea for the Mayor's Contest was "borrowed" from friends in Charlestown, County Mayo.

The annual race for the coveted title has created much interest and excitement over the last decade and a half. The concept has recently been adopted by neighbors in South Boston and people from other Boston communities have expressed interest in having their own "mayor."

This year, the committee has adopted a new format with regard to the distribution of the funds raised. Unlike previous

years, candidates for mayor will not be competing for travel grants to Ireland. After the expenses of the contest have been deducted from the total amount raised, the major share of the balance will be distributed to the Charlestown non-profit charities of the candidates' choice. The remaining funds will be used, as always, to send the Charlestown Rose and her escort to Ireland and to subsidize the many expenses of the Rose Contest that are not covered by the price of admission to the contest. This year's Rose Contest will be held on June 5.

For further details, please contact Arthur Hurley at 242-2724, Peter Looney at 242-4032, or Marty O'Brien at 242-1939.



SANTA CLAUS, a/k/a Post Commander Ron Taylor, commends chef extraordinaire Al Gallarelli and his wife, Cynthia, who prepared a delicious ziti and meatball dinner for the young people of Life Focus Center to enjoy at their annual Christmas Party sponsored by Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion. Life Focus Center is a program for the mentally retarded and physically challenged, located in the former police station in City Square. Bunker Hill Post has sponsored a holiday party for the program's participants since its inception.

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CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

this week at a glance

Friday, Jan. 16

10 a.m. - Adult Discussion Program on "Healthy Eating for the New Year" with Kristine Murphy - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

8 p.m. to midnight - "Cabin Fever" Dance to benefit Charlestown Gym Hockey - K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Saturday, Jan. 17

1 p.m. - Kick-off for the Race for Mayor of Charlestown, sponsored by the Charlestown-To-Charlestown

Committee - American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

7:30 p.m. - Charlestown Boys Club Reunion - High Street Building, Charlestown Boys & Girls Club

Monday, Jan. 19

Martin Luther King Holiday
7:30 p.m. - Daughters of Isabella No. 1 meeting - K. of C. Lower Hall, 75 West School St.

Tuesday, Jan. 20

10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. - Chil-

dren's Films - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

7:30 p.m. - Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion monthly meeting - Legion Hall, 23 Adams St. (note change of date)

Wednesday, Jan. 21

2 to 3 p.m. - U.S. Rep. Joseph P. Kennedy Office Hours - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

5 to 6 p.m. - City Councillor Paul Scapicchio Office Hours - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

upcoming events

Thursday, Jan. 22

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

7:30 p.m. - "Treasures in Your Attic: Old and Rare Books" with Kenneth Gloss, sponsored by Friends of the Library - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Friday, Jan. 23

10 a.m. - Adult Discussion Group with Judge Peter Agnes speaking on "Sentencing Demystified" - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Monday, Jan. 26

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

7 to 8 p.m. - "Internet Orientation" for adults - Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Tuesday, Jan. 27

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

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

plan ahead

Sunday, Feb. 8

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

Saturday, Feb. 28

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

ST. FRANCIS DE SALES HAPPENINGS

Hungry Sunday

Thank you to those who contributed canned goods for our parish's Hungry Sunday Weekend.

Pregnancy Help Baby Shower

On Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 17 and 18, St. Francis de Sales Parish will join with other parishes across the Archdiocese of Boston in sponsoring a Baby Shower for the Unborn. All gifts and donations will be sent to Pregnancy Help in honor of its 25th anniversary. Please bring an unwrapped gift for a newborn to Mass. Any new items would be greatly appreciated.

Partial Birth Abortion

The U.S. Senate is expected to vote on whether to override President Clinton's unfortunate veto of a bill that seeks to protect the unborn from abortion during the last months of pregnancy. Post cards will be available at each Mass the weekend of Jan. 24 and 25 to be mailed to Senators Kennedy and Kerry asking that they support the cause of life in voting to override the president's tragic veto. The U.S. House of Representatives successfully voted to override the veto last summer.

Bake Sale

The 7th and 8th graders from Charlestown Catholic

Elementary School are sponsoring a Bake Sale fund raiser at St. Francis de Sales Parish during the weekend of Jan. 31 and Feb. 1. Homemade baked goods are being sought to assist the students in raising money for a two-day trip to New York City. They should be brought to St. Francis de Sales Rectory by 3 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31, or to the church before Masses. The students would appreciate your help.

Mass For The Anointing

On Sunday, Feb 8 at 12:30 p.m. in the Bishop Lawton Hall, there will be a Mass for the Anointing for all members of the parish who may wish to receive this special sacrament of God's love for strength of body and soul. A Valentine's collation and party will follow this special Mass from 2 to 4 p.m.

If you would like to be a St. Francis de Sales Valentine, kindly sign your name, address and telephone number at the usher's table at Mass. Your signature is your ticket! Please do not sign up for anyone else. If they are unable to come to Mass to sign up, please have them contact the rectory at 242-0147. The deadline for signing up for the party is Monday, Feb. 2. The planning committee must have an accurate count.

Parish Cookbook

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

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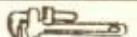
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Charlestown Business Association Sponsors Main And Bunker Hill Streets Holiday Pole Decorating

Armed with stepladders, work gloves and a festive mood, some 20 Charlestown residents and business persons worked their way up Bunker Hill Street and down Main Street as they decorated the light poles with evergreens and red bows two weeks before Christmas.

It was a sunny, brisk December day when they started what looked like a huge job - to decorate all of the light poles on Main and

Bunker Hill streets, from Hayes Square to Sullivan Square and to City Square. They soon learned that there are 148 new light poles on Bunker Hill Street alone and there are 300 poles to be decorated on both streets combined.

Working in teams, the decorators needed only 2 1/2 hours to complete the job from start to finish. Next year, they are aiming for two hours to get the job done, and they welcome

any volunteers who want to take part in the festivities.

The Charlestown Business Association, Joe McGonagle and Willard Stievater, in particular, sponsored this year's "Adopt A Pole" effort from raising the funds for the greens and cutting them to the right length, to prevailing upon their friends and relatives to help them wrap the poles.

On behalf of the Business Association, McGonagle and Stievater wish to

thank everyone who worked so hard and enthusiastically to put up the garlands. They also wish to thank every individual, family, business, organization and institution that supported this holiday effort. A special thanks goes to Caroline Junta who prepared all of the labels for the garlands as well as a big "thank you" to Gloria Conway and the Charlestown Patriot for never-ending community support.



THE ADOPT-A-POLE program, sponsored by the Charlestown Business Association (CBA), saw more than 300 light poles on both Main and Bunker Hill streets decorated for the holidays with garland and bows. This effort, which was coordinated by CBA members Willard Stievater and Joe McGonagle, drew almost two dozen volunteers from the community to help

with the decorating. TOP ROW: At the left are Bob Brady, Dave Jackson, Gregg Nolan and Joe Kelly at the top of Bunker Hill Street . . . In the center are John Tagliatela and Joe McGonagle at Thompson Square . . . On the right is Kevin O'Brien on Main Street. SECOND ROW: On the left are Barbara "Barney" McGonagle, Ginny Ellington and Ginger Ellington on

Bunker Hill Street . . . In the center is Dan McGoff. BOTTOM ROW: At the left is Carol Bratley on Main Street . . . In the center are (l. to r.) Rhandi Burns, Ginny Ellington, Barney McGonagle, Joann Ellington, Jill Kelly and Ginger Ellington . . . On the right is Willard Stievater and his daughter Rebecca Stievater at Mishawum Park.

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HAPPENINGS AT THE CHARLESTOWN WORKING THEATER
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• Invitation To Murder

Rehearsals for *Invitation to Murder* will begin on Saturday, Jan. 17. Rehearsals are on Saturdays from 1 to 5 p.m. and Tuesdays from 7 to 9 p.m.

• Invitation To Murder Production Meeting

The first production meeting for the original murder mystery *Invitation to Murder*, will be held on Thursday, Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. Anyone interested in set design, costumes, marketing, concessions, set building or other technical aspects of production are welcome to attend.

• Scrooge Post-Production Meeting

The post-production meeting for *Scrooge* will be held on Thursday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. Any parent or volunteer involved with *Scrooge* is welcomed to attend.

• Auditions For Anything Goes

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

• Congratulations To Our Raffle Winners

Congratulations go out to Ann Yandle, Ed Grace, Tom Howard and Darlene Smith, as our Valentine ExtraVaganza prize winners. Thanks to Olives, the Warren Tavern, Duckworth Lane and R. Wesley's for their donations of gift certificates.

For information, call the theater at 242-3285.

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The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Page of Charlestown.

The paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John T. Day of Milton.

Nicholas was welcomed home by his big brother, Thomas, age 2.

Young Earns Leadership Award

Sarah Young, an eighth grade student at Beaver Country Day School in Chestnut Hill, won a Leadership Award for Middle School Girls

Soccer A Team for the fall 1997 season.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Young of Charlestown.

Artists' Group Exhibit Opens

The Artists' Group of Charlestown will hold its second exhibition during the month of January at Chow Thai Cafe on Main Street, thanks to co-owners Mui and Dan Huck.

The Artists' Group was formed in the summer of 1997 as a non-profit unit to support a common goal of connecting the Charlestown community with the visual arts. The 12 founding members are Larry Bowling, Thom Carter, Joe Caruso, Donald C. Kelley, Ann Nall, Tom O'Connell, Dara Pannebaker, Joan Sebastian, Sandra Gensemer Swan, Joe Trepiccione, Lori A. Warner and Wendy R. Withington.

Although a local organization, the group welcomes

membership outside the community as well.

The goals are to promote the visual arts through a series of exhibitions during the year at various locations, to show and sell the artists' works, to develop an interchange between artists and those interested in the arts, to encourage education through the visual arts and to raise awareness of the arts within the community. Workshops for both adults and children are planned for the future as well.

Visit Chow Thai Cafe to view the exhibit, Tuesday through Saturday, from 2:30 to 5 p.m., and Sunday from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m.

- Wendy Withington



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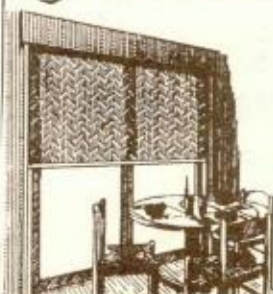
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• Don't Forget . . . Charlestown Gym Hockey will sponsor a "Cabin Fever Dance," complete with DJ, snacks and a cash bar, from 8 p.m. to midnight on Friday, Jan. 16th at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Tickets are only \$10, and can be purchased at the door . . .

The race for Mayor of Charlestown, sponsored by the Charlestown-To-Charlestown Committee will kick-off on Saturday, Jan. 17th at the American Legion Hall, 23 Chestnut St. at 1 p.m. . . . and Saturday, Jan. 17th, is also the date for the annual Charlestown Boys Club Reunion, which will take place in the High Street Building beginning at 7:30 p.m.

• "Charlestown's Blades Of Grass" . . . is completely sold out . . . Calls are still being received concerning the book and there is not a copy to be had anywhere - not even at the Patriot office! . . . At the present time, author Charlie McGonagle is busy at work on a second book which he hopes to have published in the not too distant future - stay tuned, we'll be sure to let you know!

• Happy Birthday Wishes . . . go out today, Jan. 15th, to Tom Cunha . . . Jan. 16th is the big day for Jason Melaugh who turns 17 . . . and John Lynch will celebrate his big day on Jan. 19th . . . Have a nice day everyone!

• Congratulations . . . to the St. Catherine's A Color Guard on their first place win last weekend. . . The competition, held at BC High and sponsored by St. Ann's of Neponset, was the first competition of the season.

• Tune In . . . to Cablevision's Channel A21 at 8 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 23rd, and catch the Charlestown High School hockey team as they face off against long-time rival South Boston High School . . . Cablevision is proud to feature the best and brightest student athletes that the city has to offer!

• Word Is . . . that a whopping \$2.6 million is being donated to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston, and that most of the money will be used for the much-needed renovations of the Charlestown clubhouse . . . The extremely generous gift is being made by two brothers who have an affinity for Boston and its 10,000 kids between the ages of 6 and 18 who are club members . . . The official presentation is set to take place at the Boys & Girls Club annual dinner next month and details will follow shortly!

• Kudos To Patriots Defensive End . . . Willie McGinest, who yesterday presented Ronald McDonald House Charities with the earnings from his "Sack Attack" fund raiser . . . Every time he made a sack this season, McGinest donated \$1,000 to Ronald McDonald House Charities who provide funding to non-profit organizations that help children and families . . . In addition, he recognized Charlestown's Courageous Sailing Center, who recently received a Ronald McDonald House Charities grant . . . This marked the first time a New England Patriots player dedicated his season to tackling for charity.

• Do You Have To Find Work . . . but need training? Are you being affected by Welfare Reform? Do you need to brush up on English and math skills? Have you ever used a computer? . . . Well, the Kennedy Center can help you! Register for PreVoc Classes by calling Patty at 241-8866.

• The School Selection Process . . . for the 1998 - 99 school year is now in progress . . . The Clarence R. Edwards Middle School still has a few sixth grade seats available for next year . . . If you have any questions, call the sixth grade guidance office or Mr. Quilty, director of curriculum, at 635-8516.

• Kiddie Kamp . . . will be celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. Many children throughout eastern Mass. attended Kiddie Kamp either in Plymouth from 1938 to 1946, or in Sharon from 1946 to 1973 . . . Now known as Horizons for Youth, past campers and staff members are invited to attend a Family Festival/60th Anniversary on May 31 . . . If you would like the chance to meet old friends and to revisit Horizons, contact Sandra Boren at 781-828-7550.

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

• Thought For The Week . . . A friend is a lot of things, but a critic he isn't. - Bern Williams



around the town

★ **Judy's On Vacation . . .** Judy Evers, regional coordinator for the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, will be on a much-deserved vacation from now to Feb. 4. Residents who have issues relative to city services should call the mayor's 24-hour hotline at 635-4500.

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

★ **Neighborhood Council Meetings . . .**
Precinct 5 And 6

Resident Parking Meeting

The Neighborhood Council will facilitate a community meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 22 on Resident Parking for Precincts 5 and 6. It will be held at Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

A representative from the city of Boston Transportation Department will attend. For further information, contact Jim Mansfield of BTB at 635-2447.

Commercial Zoning Meeting

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

Monthly Meeting

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

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

★ **Suggestions Welcome On Post Office Relocation . . .** A message from the U.S. Postal Service went out this week to customers noting that business at the Charlestown Post Office has grown over the years to the point that the retail operations will have to be relocated from the present site at One Thompson Square to another site in the "general area."

Customers of the local facility are being asked for comments and suggestions regarding this proposed relocation within the next 30 days. Inclusion of your name and address is optional. Comments should be

sent to:
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★ **Boston Youth Chess Fest . . .** The annual Boston Youth Chess Fest will be held on Sunday, Jan. 18 at Jamaica Plain Community Center/English High School, 144 McBride St. in Jamaica Plain. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with the Chess Fest starting at 10 a.m.

The tournament is open to all unrated youth ages 18 and under. There will be six age sections with four rounds each. Trophies will be awarded to the winners of each section and to the top female players. Players should bring their own lunch and a chess set if they have one. Chess sets will be provided to youth without one.

The tournament fee is \$4 per entry at the door or \$2 in advance. For more information or to register in advance, contact Gilbert Gosselin at 397-0919.

★ **Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. . . .** Mayor Thomas M. Menino will host a tribute to Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at Faneuil Hall at noon on Monday, Jan. 19. The featured keynote speaker will be Dr. Frederick G. Sampson II, pastor of Detroit's Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church. The event is free and open to the public.

★ **American Legion Meeting . . .** Bunker Hill Post 26, The American Legion will hold its monthly meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 20 at the Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

★ **Cong. Kennedy Office Hours . . .** A member of Cong. Joseph Kennedy's staff will hold office hours at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St. from 2 to 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 21. For more information, contact Charlestown District Representative Al Rielly at 242-0200.

★ **City Councillor Scapicchio Office Hours . . .** District One City Councillor Paul Scapicchio will hold office hours at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St. from 5 to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 21. Constituents who are unable to attend may call the councillor at 635-3200.

★ **Charlestown Business Association**

Meeting . . . "How The Tax Relief Act of 1997 Affects You" with CPA Don Breen is the topic of the Charlestown Business Association meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 21. It will be held at Citizens Bank in the Bunker Hill Mall.

Breen will speak on the ROTH IRA, lifetime learning credit, sale of residence, deduction for student loan interest, new IRA provisions, child care credit, hope credit and more.

Give a call to Martha Bagley at 242-7500 by Jan. 20th to let her know you'll attend.

★ **Municipal Service Firefighter Entrance Exam . . .** The Boston Society of Vulcans in collaboration with the Mass. Human Resource Division and the Boston Fire Department, are seeking interested minority and female applicants for the May 9 firefighter entrance exam. Applicants should be at least 19 years of age and be able to pass other minimum qualifications. The last date to apply is Feb. 6. For more information, call 426-0019 or 727-3777.

Information sessions will be held at 61 Columbia Road in Dorchester from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesdays Jan. 21 and 28, and Feb. 4; and from 1 to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 31.

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

Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 9:30 a.m.

• Richard and Ann Saitta are seeking permission to erect a two-story addition to a one-family dwelling at 18 St. Martin St.. (BZC-19302)

• Abbey Road Realty Trust, Dan Silva, trustee, is seeking permission to park three vehicles for dwelling residents in the rear yard of 15 Monument Square. (BZC-19191)

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

• James Conniff is asking the board to change the legal occupancy of 2 Tremont St. from a three-family dwelling to four apartments and to construct a 20'x30' roof deck. (BZC-19360)

Persons with questions or concerns may

call the board at 635-4775.

★ **Board Of Appeal Decisions . . .** Petitions were brought before the city of Boston Board of Appeal on Dec. 30:

• The Archdiocesan of Boston sought permission to allow the premises at 20 Corey St. to be used as a parking lot. Father James DiPerri, pastor of St. Catherine's, and Tom McNicholas made the presentation.

Judy Evers, regional coordinator for the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, told the board that the proposal had been through the community process and there is strong support within the community for the plan.

She added that the mayor's office supports the plan as does Councillors O'Neil, Modica, Roache, Murphy and Davis-Mullen. Dan Doherty, Peter Looney, Sister Jean, Betty McNiff, Tom Celata and Jack French spoke in favor of the petition. Phyllis Sena and Edna Boyle expressed their concerns.

The board voted approval.

• Donald Gibbons (by George Georges) is seeking permission to erect a one-family dwelling at 25 Elm St. and another at 27 Elm St.

Evers told the board that the developer has met with the abutters to discuss their concerns on design, Lincoln Place access, drainage, landscaping and fence work. Evers went on to say, "The abutters' concerns have been resolved; and because Georges has a great reputation in the community, I know he will continue to work with the abutters throughout the construction process." She said the mayor's office asks approval.

City Councillors O'Neil, Roache, Murphy and Davis-Mullen supported the petition; neighbor Richard Downing testified in favor.

The board voted approval.

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"Introduction to the Financial Services Industry" is being offered at Bunker Hill's Charlestown campus, 250 New Rutherford Ave., on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from Jan. 22 through March 12,

and again from March 24 through May 14. The course is also being offered on Saturday mornings beginning Jan. 24.

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Neighborhood Council Elects Executive Board - Hears Presentation On New And Increased Property Assessments

by Amy Chardavoyne

The monthly meeting of the Charlestown Neighborhood Council was held on Jan. 6 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Members in attendance were: Peter Looney, Tom Cunha, Mel Stillman, Jim Conway, Jim Mansfield, Kate McDonough, Bill McCabe, Jim Allwood, John Iacoi, Bill Galvin, John Dillon, Marty O'Brien, David Whelan, Don Haska, Ken Stone, Judy Brennan, Dan Ryan and Richard McCarthy.

The first order of business was the election of the 1998 Executive Board. Looney will return as chairman of the council. Cunha will serve as first vice chair and Stillman will stay on as second vice chair. Conway was re-elected treasurer and Mansfield will continue to serve as secretary.

Looney introduced District One City Councillor Paul Scapicchio to address the council. Scapicchio commented that he was looking forward to a long and productive relationship with the council and he introduced Lesley Borden who is working as the Charlestown liaison in his office.

John Taglilatela, representing the city of Boston Assessing Department, gave a presentation regarding recent tax assessments and how the city of Boston can assist in filing abatements and addressing resident concerns and questions. Taglilatela stated that it is a Mass. General Law that every property be assessed at full market value. Market value is determined by analyzing property sales in each neighborhood and factoring in such measures as location, size, style, use and interior finish to determine the value of each property.

Each property undergoes a complete inspection every 10 years and is reassessed every three years. The average tax increases in Charlestown were as follows: 18.7 percent for single family homes, 13.6 percent for two-family homes, 15.8 percent for three-family homes, and 7.3 percent for condominiums.

Residents expressed concerns about the large increases and Taglilatela encouraged them to file a claim with the city of Boston if they disputed any of the facts on their assessment. In addition, the city does have abatement programs for the elderly, disabled veterans, widows and widowers, and persons with a documented hardship.

The Assessing Department has made available the property profiles for all of Charlestown at the Charlestown Branch Library. These property profiles include square footage, number of rooms, style of home and interior finish. Persons interested or concerned about their assessment can go to the main desk at the library and check the city's information for accuracy.

The absolute deadline for filing an abatement is Feb. 2, 1998. Taglilatela assured everyone that the city does review each and every claim. Anyone with outstanding issues or questions should contact Christine Orsie, the Assessing Department's supervisor for Charlestown, at 635-1120.

Heather Lewis, assistant district attorney for District Attorney Ralph Martin's office, spoke to the council. Lewis is the prosecutor assigned to the Charlestown District Court and is solely responsible for the prosecution of cases in Charlestown. She explained that her reason for approaching the

CNC was in response to the call from D.A. Martin to get the community more involved in the prosecution of cases.

She introduced Elizabeth Wright, the Victim Witness Advocate assigned to Charlestown District Court. Lewis explained that community involvement can be direct, as a victim or witness, or through such avenues as community-based prosecution or community impact statements. Lewis stated community involvement is an essential component in prioritizing offenses and or offenders that are negatively impacting the community. The DA's office formulated a Community Based Prosecution Program so that the issues that affect the quality of life of area residents are targeted and prosecuted.

The community impact statement can be written or an oral statement by the community to the court reiterating how the impact of a particular offender(s) or offense affects the quality of life of the community. This statement can be presented to the court at sentencing and is signed by a group, no individual names are included.

Anyone with concerns or questions can contact Heather Lewis at 725-8720.

Charlestown residents Jack Dunlea and Eliza Wheeler approached the council to make a brief presentation about tentative plans for a community cafe at 277 Main St. They are currently looking at business plans for a cafe with specialty foods, bread, and beer and wine. Takeout was also discussed.

They explained that they saw a need for this type of service in the community as

there is no bakery open in the evening when people are getting home from work. They were referred to the Basic Services Committee so that a public meeting can be held to address neighborhood concerns. Dunlea and Wheeler hope to have more specific plans at that time.

Bill McCabe reported that more issues concerning the development at Thompson Square were raised at the December public safety meeting. McCabe informed the council that anyone witnessing any problems should contact the Area A Community Service Office at 343-4627 immediately.

Cunha announced that there will be a meeting relative to commercial zoning on Jan. 29 at the K. of C. This will be the last specialized meeting on zoning.

Dorothy Steele, Massport's Charlestown liaison, informed the council that the process to move the Autoport to Moran terminal is still in progress. Massport will come to the council sometime in February to share traffic plans for moving the containers at Moran Terminal to South Boston. Massport will use designated truck routes and is working with the Boston Transportation Department to develop a traffic management plan. In addition, the RFP's for cargo storage at the former Revere Sugar site have been put on hold as Massport is concentrating on the optimization of both Moran and Connolly terminals.

The next monthly meeting of the CNC will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 3 at the K. of C. Tom O'Brien, executive director of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, has been invited to address the CNC at this meeting.

Scapicchio Appoints Borden As Charlestown Liaison

District One City Councillor Paul Scapicchio was sworn into office on Jan. 5 at Boston's historic Faneuil Hall. Scapicchio immediately fulfilled the campaign promise he made to Charlestown by hiring a Charlestown resident to represent his office. On the agenda at Scapicchio's first city council meeting was a motion to approve Lesley Borden liaison for District One.

Borden, daughter of Mary Ann and Dennis Borden, is a lifelong resident. She is a 1991 gradu-

ate of Matignon High School, received her bachelor of science degree from the John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York and studied for a semester in London. She has volunteered for many community organizations, such as the Boys & Girls Club and the Charlestown-To-Charlestown Committee.

Scapicchio stated that his goals are to provide better services and representation to the people of Charlestown, and to increase young people's in-

volvement in community activities. Borden shares these goal and said, "I am pleased to have the opportunity to work for the residents of Charlestown and for Councillor Scapicchio. The Charlestown community has given so much to me and my family, and this is my opportunity to give back to the community."

Scapicchio and Borden plan to be in Charlestown frequently. If you would like to discuss any issues or neighborhood concerns, they can be reached at 635-3200.

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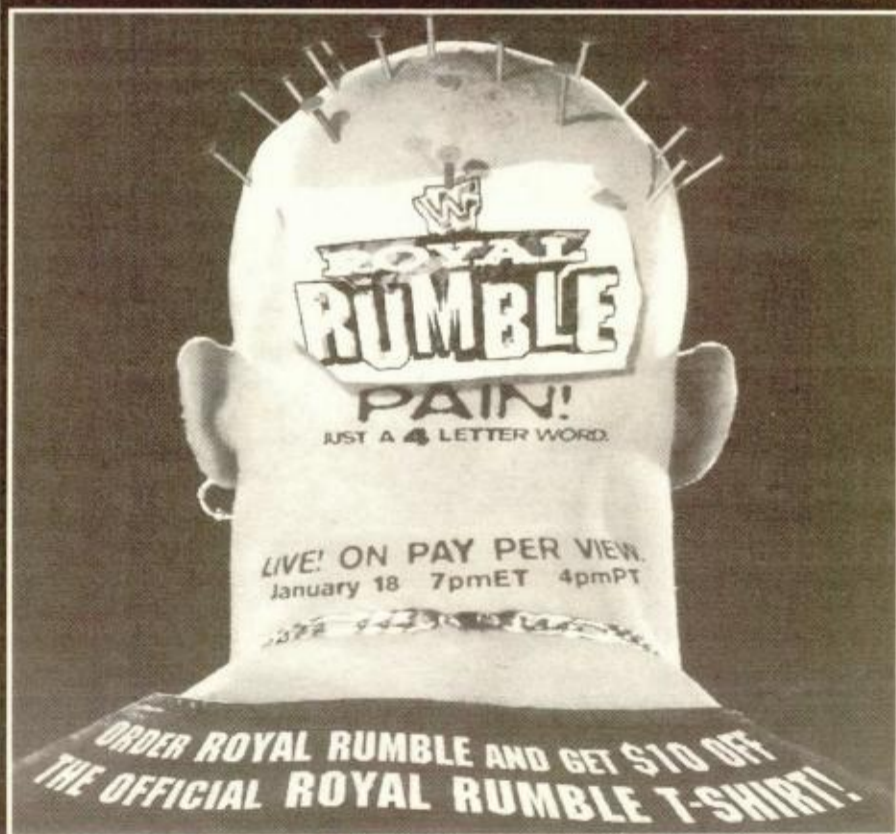
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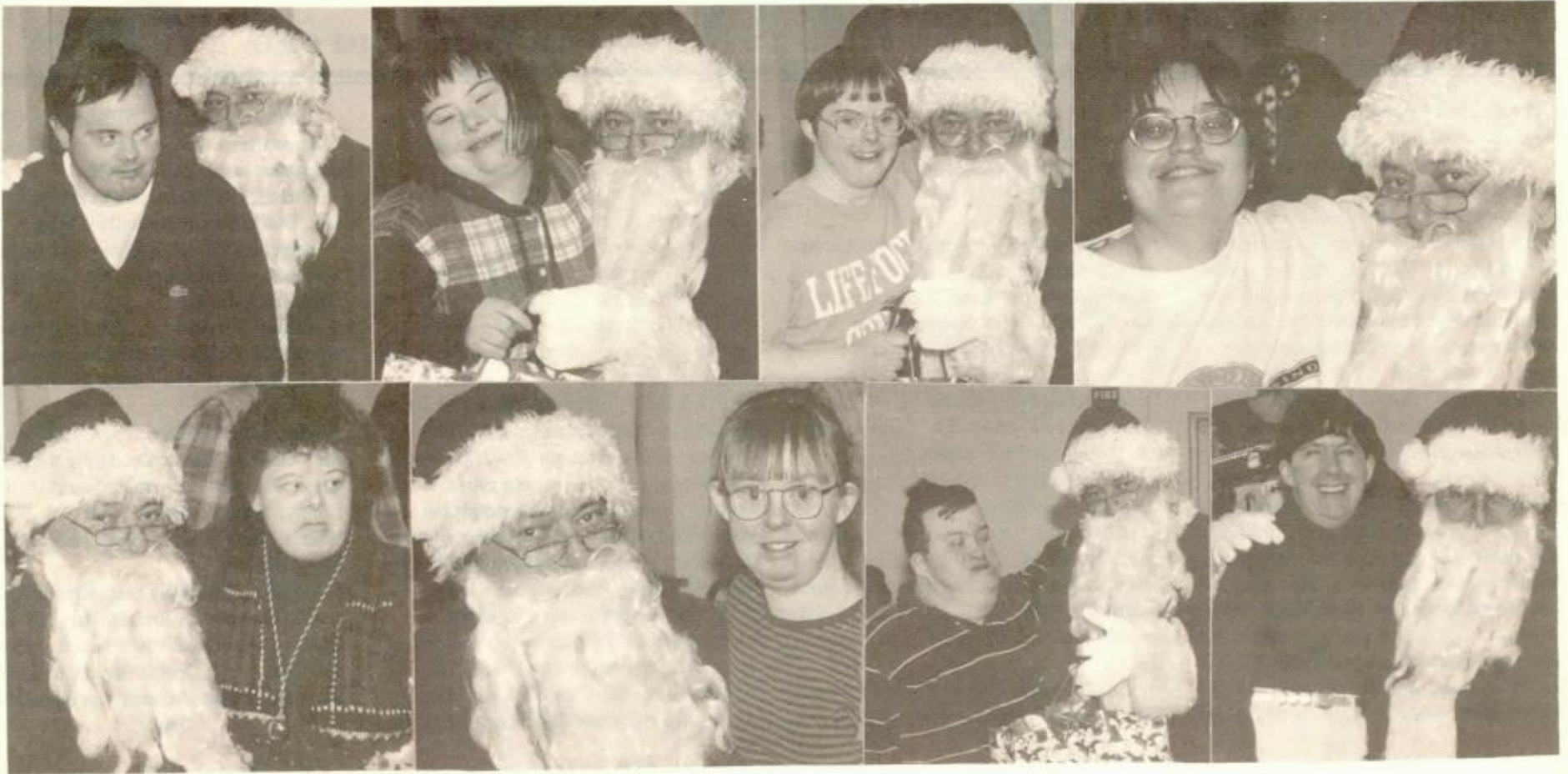
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Mr. and Mrs. Al Carrier of Oak Street, Charlestown are proud to announce the birth of their son, Ronan Andrew, on Jan. 10 at the Melrose-Wakefield Hospital. He weighed in at 10 pounds 3 ounces.

The maternal grandparents are Marty and Catherine O'Brien of Charlestown.

The paternal grandparents are Alfred Carrier

and Frances Carrier, both of South Boston.

The paternal great-grandmother is Phyllis Edwards of South Boston.

Ronan, who is the 21st grandchild of the O'Briens, was welcomed home by his big brothers and sisters, Riordan, age 9 1/2, Caitlee, age 5, Nolan, age 3, and Aislinn, age 1.

Mrs. Carrier is the former Pauline O'Brien.

St. Catherine's Color Guard News

St. Catherine's Color Guards competed in its first show of the 1998 season on Jan. 10. This Eastern Mass. show was at BC High and was sponsored by St. Ann's of Neponset.

Every color guard in each level of Eastern Mass. competed in this show. The Cadet Guard is comprised of many new young members. They performed exceptionally well through-

out thunderous applause.

The A Guard entered the gymnasium floor for competition and the place was rocking! Their performance was brought to a new level. The girls won first place in their division. The expression of excitement on their faces was worth all those practice hours they endured. Great job!

- Dan Awbrey

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At The Charlestown Branch Library

Judge Peter Agnes, first justice of the Charlestown District Court, will be the guest speaker at the weekly adult discussion group meeting at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St., at 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 23.

He will explain how a

judge goes about deciding what sentence to impose. He will also address the issue of electronic monitoring as an alternative to jail.

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♣ **The Littlest Coyote** . . . Usually when Phoenix comes to town, Keith Tkachuk is the star, but this year would be very different. Keith didn't have a point and the Phoenix Coyotes were solidly defeated by our Boston Bruins. But this year, a Tkachuk did shine - Matthew Tkachuk - the first son of Mr. and Mrs. Keith Tkachuk made his first appearance at the FleetCenter. I've watched Keith score goals, win Beanpots, play in the Olympics and NHL All-Star game, and help lead Team USA to a World Cup, but seeing Dad Keith and his new son is the highlight of all highlights. This is what it is really all about.

♣ **A Walk With History** . . . Sunday, Jan. 11 marked the Bicentennial of the Bullfinch State House. A very impressive ceremony was held retracing the route from the Old State House to the new State House. Preserving our past is one way to preserve the future, and Sunday's event certainly proved this. If we stop every now and then to really think about what we have in this state,

and in this city, we would really be in awe. On Sunday I was in awe. Take a real tour of the State House and you will understand why it will always be the Beacon on the Hill.

♣ **College Board** . . . A high school junior recently mentioned that he wanted to attend the University of Maine, and play hockey. "Great," I said, "what are your grades?" His grades and his goals are miles apart.

The NCAA Guide for the College-Bound Athlete is available by calling the NCAA at 1-800-638-3731. Athletic directors should also have copies.

It is important to set goals, but you have to do what is needed to achieve them. This guide will let you know the Academic Eligibility Rules. Don't wait till you are a junior in high school to know the requirements. The guide should be on every high school freshman's summer required reading list.

Round 3 of the Boston College - Boston University hockey epic took place at BC on

Friday, and it lived up to its advance billing. The Eagles came from behind to win this one 4-2, and even the season record to 1-1-1. Pee Wee Coach Paul Wrenn and I hooked up and his team were my guests through my Andy Puopolo Club College Club Project. They found out what Division One College Hockey is all about. My thanks to Paul and his coaches for getting the team to the game. These kids are already thinking about college.

♣ **Pro Line** . . . Congratulations to Keith Tkachuk who was named to the 1998 NHL All-Star Team. The game will be played this Sunday, Jan. 18, in Vancouver, and it will be televised on Fox 25 beginning at 4 p.m. Keith set his goals, and did everything right from the start to achieve them. This will be Keith's second All-Star Game.

♣ **High School Prep Notebook** . . . Grandma Collins should be proud of two of her grandkids - Andrew and Nick. They are members of the Boston Latin Hockey Team. We know that dad Jimmy Collins is,

Jimmy Kane, Joe Wilkins and Shane Coleman lead the Townie Varsity Hockey delegation at Malden Catholic.

Russell Grogett is back in action for the Don Bosco Varsity Basketball Team.

Kevin Morris, Paul Flynn and Anthony Sorrentino are members of the Charlestown High Track Team.

♣ **Junior Terriers** . . . Skating between periods of the BC-BU hockey game was Mike Morancy, who skates for the Junior Bruins.

♣ **Mini One-On-One** . . . Check out the Mini One-On-One action during the Bruins game, and you will catch Squirt A Stars Danny Buhay, Danny McGoff, John Woods, Harry Sullivan, Mark Hanscom and John Grzeleyk.

♣ **Tidbits** . . . Birthday best to Jennifer Ray and Jill Doherty . . . Joe Mahoney has some UMass-Boston basketball tickets - Check the date! . . . Debbie Brennan, Debbie Brennan, Debbie Brennan - for all her fans!
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ST. CATHERINE'S NEWS

★ **CYO Ski Weekend Important Meeting** - A meeting for the CYO Ski Trip Weekend will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 27 at 6 p.m. in the church meeting room (Corney Street entrance). All ski trip participants are required to attend unless they have made prior arrangements with Father Di-Perri. The purpose of the meeting is to review the Jan. 30 through Feb. 1 weekend. Parents are welcomed at the meeting.

★ **Thank You Father Reilly And St. Mary's Parish in Foxboro** - Father Thomas J. Reilly is remembered fondly as having

served as pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Parish. He is currently pastor of St. Mary's Parish in Foxboro. He and his parishioners have adopted St. Catherine's Parish in a sacrificial giving program. A donation to the church is sent each month and also on special occasions.

Their monthly donation is greatly appreciated. It helps our parish to support operational expenses and improvement projects. Many thanks to Father Reilly and the people of Foxboro for remembering St. Catherine's Parish.

Charlestown Gym Hockey News

Standings - Jan. 10

W	L	T	Matthew Whalen	
Bunker Hill Florist	12	0	0	Ryan McGoff
Jimmy's On Top	8	3	1	Gerard Rooney
Grant Photo	7	4	1	Jennifer Buckley
Main St. Furniture/Medford	6	3	3	Alexa Hingston
Poolie's Pals	6	5	1	Samantha Morrissey
Dunny's Pals	4	6	2	Shannon Devlin
Bryan's Pals	4	7	1	Kevin Gallagher
Li'l Al's	4	8	0	Matthew Travis
Bunker Hill Insurance	3	8	1	Kerrigan's Courtney Messenheimer
Kerrigan's	2	10	0	Nicholas Castrucci
				D. J. Walsh

Players of the Week - Jan. 10

Bryan's Pals	Nathan McGann	Main St. Furniture, Medford	Patrick McGrath
	John Humphrey	Poolie's Pals	David Zimmerle
Bunker Hill Florist	John Feeney		Daniel Auch
			Sean Kelley

Young Adult Happenings

From The Desk Of Father McCarthy/St. Mary's

If you are a young adult age 20 to 40 and would like to be put on the mailing list, call Father McCarthy at 241-9014.

Discussion & Forum On Issues In The Catholic Church - If you have any questions concerning doctrinal, dogmatic or ethical issues in the Catholic Church, please join us at 7 p.m. tonight, Thursday, Jan. 15 at St. Mary's Rectory. Many Catholics today are not well informed about their faith and this discussion could help resolve issues that young people struggle with today.

Young Adult Mass - will be held Sunday, Jan. 18 at St. Mary's Church at 6 p.m. The theme is: New Resolutions to the Lord. Our resolutions and promises will be our offering at this Mass. Also, I am asking the young adults to bring a donation to help feed the poor at the Long Island Shelter. I also need volunteers to help serve the meal on Saturday, Jan. 24 from 5:25 to 8 p.m.

The total cost of the meal to feed 500 is \$600. Please help us out.

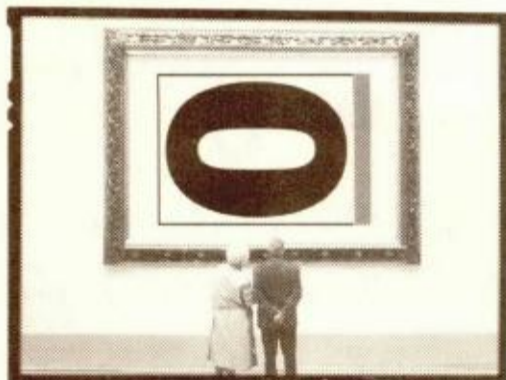
Volleyball - Bob McGann from the Charlestown Community Center is wondering if any young adults might be interested in playing volleyball or, if enough people are interested, in perhaps forming a young adult team. Call Father McCarthy at 241-9014 if you are interested.

Upcoming Events

Young Adult Night At The Movies - On Friday night, Jan. 23, free tickets should be available to see the new box office smash, "Titanic."

Night Out At The Celtics - Come and see the Celtics host the Charlotte Hornets at the FleetCenter on Friday, Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. There are 25 tickets available at a cost of \$10 per ticket. Ticket price includes free soda and hot dog.

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JUDY EVERS, regional coordinator for the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, was honored by Terry Ring's NewTown Christmas Stroll Committee for her continued support of the event. The plaque read, "To a very special lady whose good deeds never go unnoticed." Shown (l. to r.) Mrs. Santa (Ann McCarron), Top Shelf Elf Peter Looney, Judy "I want to be a dentist" Evers, Honey McCreevan and Santa (Marty O'Brien).

Young And Old Alike Capture The Holiday Spirit At Terry Ring's NewTown Christmas Stroll

photos by Kathy Whitehouse





CHARLESTOWN BOYS & GIRLS CLUB NEWS

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★ FIELD TRIPS

Phi Phi the Magician entertained club members on Jan. 9. Kerin Scales, George Scales, Paige Donovan, Jordan Paquette, Alex Gandolfo, Katie Ryan, Taylor O'Neil, Paula Breen, Kerry Loan, Allison McNulty, Mylissa Ortiz, Nina Santana and Ashley Marshall, were all given animal balloons and little toys.

On Jan. 10, 12 members went on a great field trip sponsored by Allied Productions, and saw a preview of "Star-kid," which will be in the theaters soon. They also went to lunch at the Hard Rock Cafe, where members got T-shirts, hats and comic books.

★ PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Swim Team - Just before Christmas, the Boys & Girls Club Swim Team defeated Waltham with a lot of help from the 10 & under team. This Friday, the team will travel to Arlington. Good luck and keep up the good work!

★ GAMES ROOM

Tournament Champions - Congratulations to the latest group of tournament champions: David Grace - Bumper Pool, Brandon Miles - Foosball, and Joey Burke - Table Hockey. Thanks to everyone who participated.

★ TORCH CLUB

The Torch Club has changed their meeting time to 7 p.m. every Thursday.

★ GOODBYES

Goodbye to Jason O'Hare who has been the art teacher at the club for the past three years. We'll miss you!

And farewell to Jethro Rice, the photography teacher this year. Good luck in New York City!

★ NEWTOWNE NEWS

The Boys & Girls Club and the Newtowne community have continued their collaboration in the youth program funded by HUD. Well over 100 children and teens have participated in recreational, cultural and educational programs, both at the club and on various trips. The objectives of the program are to provide youngsters with knowledge of alternative activities, new experiences and a deeper understanding of their community outside of Charlestown.

Recreational activities and events have included New Patriots games, a skating trip to Roller World, a Haunted Hayride, and mountain bike and skiing trips to Loon Mountain. The ski trip was very popular and another one



THREE SKIERS, Steve Awbrey, John Allen and Ryan Allan, are shown chillin' in the van after a long day on the slopes. is scheduled for this weekend.

Some 25 youngsters found matches in their energy levels watching the "Blue Man Group." This popular form of alternative entertainment has been showing to sell-out audiences across the country for four years. This show has piqued the youngsters' interest in other kinds of entertainment and plans are being made to see other shows in Boston.

Youngsters have also found that education can be fun. We visited the Computer Clubhouse on the Waterfront near the Children's Museum. They created art and music using computer technology. A group of youngsters are registering to be regular members of the club.

Over 30 youngsters recently enjoyed an overnight at the Museum of Science. This program - Science Odyssey - linked thousands of kids from across the country in 14 cities through a satellite hook up. Youngsters will also enjoy a special program exhibit at the Museum of Fine Arts after the next ski trip.

CHAD Junior Bowling League News



by John Dillon

The second half of the season in the CHARlestown Against Drugs (CHAD) Junior Bowling League got underway last Saturday with some very interesting scores to report.

Diane Modica's team got off to a real good start by blasting Jenny's team in an 8-0 shutout. Top bowler for Modica's team was Chris Boutwell with 251. Eric Lynch was runner-up with 243. Top bowler for Jenny's team was Mike Shackford with 254. Runner-up was Tim Hickey with 204.

The Shamrocks bumped off the Bunker Hill Real Estate team in a 7-1 match. Jeff Lynch was the top bowler for the Shamrocks with 248, and Steven Awbrey was runner-up with

229. Chris Chiampa was the top bowler for BHRE with 244, and Sean Cronk was runner-up with 228.

There was a 4-4 split between the Charlestown Patriot and the Red Store. Top bowler for the Patriot was Quinn Evers with 207. Runner-up was Nicole Chiampa with 196. Top bowler for the Red Store was Sheilann Williams with 223. Runner-up was Brendan Grace with 190.

The Kennedy Center croaked the American Legion in a 6-2 match. John Harrington, who bowls for the Kennedy Center, broke his own records of high single and high triple. He bowled a single string of 128, and a triple of 328, and is now closing in on the high average. John is bowling great. Runner-up for

the Kennedy Center was Nick Celata with 205. Top bowler for the American Legion was Jon Paul Awbrey with 219. Runner-up was Shawn Burke with 206.

In the final match of the day, the McCarthy Brothers team banded up Cricket's team in a 6-2 match. Jessica Grace was the top bowler for McCarthy Brothers with 229, and Tim Venezia was runner-up with 225. Matt Paley was the top bowler for Cricket's team with 274, and Kevin Scadding was runner-up with 191.

Bowlers of the week are John Harrington 328, Matt Paley 274, Mike Shackford 254, Chris Boutwell 251, Jeff Lynch 248, Chris Chiampa 244, Eric Lynch 243, Steven Awbrey 229, Jessica Grace 229 and Sean

Cronk 228.

Bowlers trying the hardest were Kevin Celata 152, Kevin Lavallee 158, Joe Awbrey 160, Ladonna Phipps 168, David Grace 181, Brendan Brassil 188, Michelle Williams 188, Casey Durham 190, Mark Dillon 203, Matt Hickey 203 and Leesia Lawton 205.

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

Standings

	W	L
Diane Modica	8	0
Shamrocks	7	1
McCarthy Bros.	6	2
Kennedy Center	6	2
Chas'n. Patriot	4	4
Red Store	4	4
Cricket's	2	6
American Legion	2	6
B.H. Real Estate	1	7
Jenny's Pizza	0	8

Children's Film Program

The Film Program for Children will be presented at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St. on Tuesday, Jan. 20 at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Several animal families find a home in a lost mitten in "Grandfather's Mitten" . . . After picturing himself as a variety of objects, an imaginative boy realizes he prefers being a child in "Just One Me" . . . and "Walter the Lazy

Mouse" tells the story of how Walter's laziness causes some troubling consequences.

Arnie learns a valuable lesson from his Uncle Elephant during his parents' disappearance in "Uncle Elephant," which will be shown only at 3:30 p.m.

Suggested good books to read are **Uncle Elephant** by Arnold Lobel and **Walter the Lazy Mouse** by Marjorie Flack.

Achieves Academic Honors

Raymond Ortiz of Charlestown received honors recently for the first quarter at Belmont Hill School. Honors were granted to Ortiz who had a B average in his course program.

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The Greater Boston Golf Show, which will be staged annually at the World Trade Center in Boston, is a three-day public exposition featuring a wide array of exhibits, stage presentations and ball-striking activities, designed to educate and entertain the golf enthusiast.

Over 150 exhibitors are expected to attend, ranging from area golf courses and resorts from around the country to retailers, equipment makers and associations. They will offer for sale the very best in golf equipment, apparel, travel

packages, training aids, real estate, golf memorabilia and much more.

Local golf professionals will headline the main stage, giving free advice and instruction to golfers of all skill levels.

In addition, the show gives golfers the opportunity to put a club in their hands for a variety of interactive features, some of which include two Giant Manufacturers Demo Ranges, a giant Indoor Driving Range and the IZZO Long Drive Championship.

The hours of the Greater Boston Golf Show are Friday, Jan. 23 from 4 to 9 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 24 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, Jan. 25, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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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.



**Jesus Is The Reason
For The Season**

Thank you Father Jim DiPerri and staff for the beautiful celebration of the Mass on Christmas Eve. The singing by the children's choir was a very special joy. May the Blessings of the New Year, 1998, be yours.

Sincerely,
Rosemary Houghton

No One Is Entitled To Private Parking Space(s) On Our Streets

Dear Gloria,

I would like to share with everyone an incident that occurred on Jan. 8.

My son and I were on our way to a wake on Bunker Hill Street on that wet, cold Thursday afternoon. The funeral home's parking lot was filled and there was quite a bit of traffic, and not a parking space to be found on any of the surrounding streets.

After driving around for 10 minutes, I found one on Elm Street. (Evidently, someone had just left it). I pulled into the space, and as I put the car in reverse and looked behind me, a woman was standing in back of my car, yelling that I could not park there. I got out of the car and asked her what the problem was. She stated that she just came out of her house to park her car in that same spot. (She already had a parking space but claimed she just wanted to move her car up).

I am surmising that she wanted to park in the middle of the two spaces to reserve one for a guest that she was expecting. Both my son and I politely explained to her that we were just going across the street and wouldn't be any more than 10 minutes. She arrogantly said that she didn't care how long we were going to be, we couldn't park there, and asked us where we lived! I have a resident parking sticker on my car (that doesn't mean anything outside of Precinct 1), and the only way you can obtain one is if your car is reg-

istered from Charlestown, and pay outrageous insurance rates!

Needless to say, one word led to another and the politeness left me altogether. I then told her to get out of the way so I could pull out and she refused to move. She actually stood in the cold, pouring rain (without a coat) for five minutes at the rear bumper of my car! She refused to move and I couldn't go anywhere, so my son and I sat in the warmth of the car.

While sitting there, I noticed a friend (who just happened to be a neighbor of this woman), and called to her. As soon as I called to my friend, this woman bolted into her house across the street! Why, I don't know. I was then able to park my car and go about my business.

Who are these people that run out and tell you that you cannot park in their space? Where do they come from? Are they told if they purchase property in Charlestown that a parking space comes with it? Or do they just think that they are entitled to one or two? Well, I'm a homeowner in Charlestown too, and a lifelong resident, and it just doesn't work that way. Like most people, I park where I can find a space.

There is definitely a need for resident parking throughout Charlestown, not just certain precincts!

A Lifelong Resident

Thank You

Hi there, Townie Santa,

I must give you a whopping, big thank you for my Christmas box.

Don't believe it when people talk about the lost, good old days! Things can and do get better.

You tempted my medical restrictions - I had to share. I did cheat a little; but what the hay, I've outlived a few of my doctors.

I didn't go overboard, I still have a few scruples left. I did share some of my handmade "stuff" with the Boys Club and Boys Town.

My Irish-Catholic grandmother told me, it's better to give than to receive (and you always get back more than you give).

Nana

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- **February 2** - Employers must furnish W-2 statements to employees. 1099 information statements must be furnished to payees by banks, brokers, and other payors.
- **February 2** - Employers must file 1997 federal unemployment tax returns and pay any tax due.
- **March 2** - Payors must file information returns (such as 1099s) with the IRS; employers must send W-2 copies to the Social Security Administration.
- **March 2** - Farmers and fishermen who did not make 1997 estimated tax payments must file 1997 tax returns and pay taxes in full.
- **March 16** - 1997 calendar-year corporation income tax returns are due.
- **April 15** - Individual income tax returns for 1997 are due unless you file for an automatic extension.
- **April 15** - 1997 partnership information returns are due.
- **April 15** - 1997 annual gift tax returns are due.
- **April 15** - Deadline for making your 1997 IRA contribution.
- **April 15** - First installment of 1998 individual estimated tax is due.
- **June 15** - Second installment of 1998 individual estimated tax is due.
- **August 17** - Deadline for filing your 1997 tax return if you filed for an extension of the April 15th deadline.
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For more information regarding arrested individuals, contact Community Service Officer Bill Smith, 343-4627

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

Monday, Dec. 29

A Charlestown woman stated that between 9 p.m. on Dec. 28 and 6 a.m. on this date, the convertible roof of her car was cut while it was parked on Baldwin Street.

At 7 p.m., officers were called to Monument Square where residents stated they heard glass breaking and found a suspect fleeing from an auto. Neighbors chased two Charlestown teens and stopped them in the alley where it was found they had taken a cellular phone from the car. The two were arrested for breaking and entering.

At the same time, a resident of Chestnut Street reported a window broken in his auto and a Nokia cellular phone was missing.

Tuesday, Dec. 30

At 1:46 p.m., officers responded to 55 Bunker Hill St. on the report of a man shot. The man told the officers that two unknown persons shot at him with what appeared to be a pellet gun. It missed the victim and the suspects fled.

A N.H. woman reported that between 8 a.m. on Dec. 27 and 5 p.m. on this date, her jeep was damaged while it was parked on Winthrop Street.

An East Boston woman told police that her auto ignition was damaged and all the windows of the auto were broken between 8 p.m. on Dec. 28 and 5:30 p.m. on this date while it was parked on Decatur Street.

Wednesday, Dec. 31

A Charlestown woman reported that sometime on this date, an unknown suspect used her credit card number to purchase car speakers and have them delivered to a Commonwealth Avenue address where the person signed for them with the woman's name. The suspect doesn't have the victim's credit card, only

the number.

A Charlestown woman reported that between 10:30 p.m. on Dec. 30 and 2:30 a.m. on this date, her auto was hit and broken into while it was parked on Walford Way. A massage seat and a hubcap were stolen.

Thursday, Jan. 1

At 1:10 a.m., a South Boston man was arrested at Cordis and Warren streets on an East Boston District Court default warrant for possession of a Class D substance.

Friday, Jan. 2

A Charlestown woman reported that between Dec. 30 and this date, her auto had been damaged while it was parked in the vicinity of 310 Bunker Hill St.

An employee of a construction company stated that his company van was damaged while it was parked on Austin Street between noon and 12:45 p.m.

At about 7:15 p.m., officers responded to McNulty Court on the report of threats. The officers brought a suspect to the victim who stated the man pushed her and threatened to put two bullets in her head. She was advised to seek complaints in Charlestown District Court.

A Charlestown woman stated that between 3 p.m. on Dec. 24 and 10 p.m. on this date, someone entered her Monument Square apartment by unknown means and took \$700, a telephone, a clock radio, Bruins beer mugs, Ralph Lauren pillows, liquor and a digital scale.

Saturday, Jan. 3

A home on Dexter Row was broken into through a window on the side of the house. It is not known what was taken.

Sunday, Jan. 4

A Charlestown man stated that at about 5:30 p.m. he heard glass breaking and saw a man break the window of a station wagon belonging to a Quincy woman, which was parked on

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Polk Street.

Tuesday, Jan. 6

At about 1:40 p.m., officers responded to O'Brien Court on the report of a breaking and entering. The victim stated an unknown suspect entered her apartment by way of the kitchen window and took two television sets, one with a VCR, a Technic stereo system, a small Panasonic stereo system and her infant son's clothing.

Thursday, Jan. 8

A Charlestown couple reported that between 8 p.m. on Jan. 7 and 5:30 a.m. on this date, unknown person(s) cut the screen on the rear door of their Baldwin Street home and defaced the front steel door with black marker.

A 20-year-old police cadet, acting in an under-cover capacity, entered the licensed premise at 200 Bunker Hill St. and purchased a six-pack of beer. Complaints will be sought in Boston Municipal Court against an employee for serving alcohol to a minor.

A Malden man stated that at 5:40 p.m. while he was driving on Rutherford Avenue, a blue Dodge Ram school bus van hit the rear of the victim's auto and left the scene without stopping to exchange information.

Friday, Jan. 9

An employee of a construction company working on Warren Street reported that an unknown vehicle had struck a fence at the construction site on Warren Street. An area resident stated that while she was backing up her auto to park, a red pick-up truck went by her on her left side, struck and continued to run over the fence and then fled. Her auto was damaged when the fence struck it.

Saturday, Jan. 10

At 3 a.m., officers responded to a call on a motor vehicle roll over on Samuel Morse Way. The unoccupied auto, belonging to a Roxbury man, was found overturned on its roof. The driver of the auto, the daughter of the owner, said she had parked the auto at the curb and believes the auto was tipped over by a group of young adults and teens who frequent the area. The auto sustained heavy damage and was towed.

A Charlestown woman reported that contractors working for the BHA sealed all of her Walford Way apartment windows on Jan. 9. She said BHA told her someone would come at 9 a.m. on this date to remove the plastic but instead they came at 6:30 a.m. and frightened the residents.

A Charlestown woman reported that between Jan. 5 and 10 a.m. on this date, a red Nash bike, valued at \$300, and a blue Sterling bike, valued at \$500, were taken from a locked storage room in her Baldwin Street home.

At 1:36 p.m., police were called to Alford Street to assist the Boston Fire Department on a car fire. The owner-operator stated that while driving on Alford Street toward Everett, the car began to emanate smoke from the hood. The car was towed.

At 6 p.m., a 20-year-old police cadet, acting in an under-cover capacity, entered the licensed premise at 31 Cambridge St. and purchased two bottles of beer. Complaints will be sought in Charlestown District Court against an employee for serving alcohol to a minor.

At 6:20 p.m., the 20-year-old police cadet, acting in an under-cover capacity, entered the licensed premise at on First Avenue and purchased a six-pack of beer. Complaints will be sought in Charlestown District Court against an employee for serving alcohol to a minor.

Sunday, Jan. 11

Police responded to Cross Street for a reported of a breaking and entering. A Charlestown woman stated that between 9 p.m. on Jan. 10 and 12:30 p.m. on this date, someone removed approximately \$20 from her kitchen countertop. There was no sign of forced entry.

Legal Notice

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

To the above-named Defendant:

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

You are required to serve upon La Bun Chhin, plaintiff, whose address is 2 Carney Court, Apt. 118, Charlestown, Mass. 02129, your answer on or before March 19, 1998. If you fail to do so, the Court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer in the office of the Register of this Court at Boston.

Witness, Elaine M. Moriarty, Esquire, First Justice of said Court at Boston, this 5th day of January, 1998.

Richard Iannella

Publication: Charlestown Patriot

Register of Probate Court

Charlestown Catholic Sponsors Fourth Annual \$5,000 Drawing

For the fourth year, Charlestown Catholic will be hosting a fund-raising raffle with a top prize of \$5,000.

Past years have proven to be quite a fun night as hundreds of people fill the Knights of Columbus Hall hoping to hear their name called as the lucky winner of one of the prizes!

In addition to the drawing, entrants are treated to a full-course dinner, music

and dancing. Past attendees, both the young and the youthful, have enjoyed the night out with their spouses while others are glad for a friends night out.

Tickets for this year's event, to be held on Saturday, Feb. 28, are \$100 for two people.

To be part of this fun and worthwhile evening, contact the school at 242-0169, or Dodie and Bill Boyle at 242-2391.

Adult Internet Orientation At The Charlestown Branch Library

Librarian Sarah Markell will present an "Internet Orientation" for adult novices at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St., from 7 to 8 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 26.

The hands-on classes are designed to offer adults a brief overview of Internet resources and to provide participants with a basic understanding of the Information Superhighway so they

can begin to investigate its potential on their own.

The presentation will also include a description of the wide range of informational resources and services available through the Boston Public Library's on-line databases.

Class size is limited and preregistration is required. To register, please stop at the front desk or call the library at 242-1248.

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Legal Notice

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
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Suffolk Division Docket No. 97P2901
NOTICE

In the ESTATE OF John P. Doherty a/k/a John Patrick Doherty

To all persons interested in the estate of John P. Doherty a/k/a John Patrick Doherty late of the County of Suffolk, Date of Death December 21, 1997.

A petition has been presented in the above-captioned matter praying that the will be proved and allowed and that Marirose Anne Graham of Charlestown, in the County of Suffolk, be appointed executrix without sureties on her bond.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT Boston Suffolk Probate Court, Old Courthouse, room 120 BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 A.M.) ON January 29, 1998.

Wills only: In addition, you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

Witness Elaine M. Moriarty, Esquire, First Justice of said Court.
Date January 5, 1998

Richard Iannella
Register of Probate

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'Make Sense Of Financial Aid' At Free Instructional Clinic

Students and their parents are invited to attend "Making Sense of Financial Aid," a free instructional clinic and Education Expo to be held on Saturday, Jan. 24 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Boston Public Library's Higher Education Information Center, 666 Boylston St., Copley Square.

Sponsored by the Mass. Association of Student Financial Aid Administrations (MASFAA), the event is the first in a series

of financial aid clinics around the state. Experts will provide answers, advice and individual assistance in filling out the application forms throughout the event. The Boston Public Library program will also feature a special presentation at 11 a.m. as well as representatives from area colleges and education financing organizations.

For more information, call 1-800-442-1171. No preregistration is required.

'Health Eating For The New Year' At The Charlestown Branch Library

Kristine Murphy, a registered dietician at the Charlestown HealthCare Center, will offer tips on "Healthy Eating in the New Year" during the weekly adult discussion group meeting at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St., at 10 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 16.

Meeting the nutritional needs of a diverse family can be a real challenge and the problem of planning healthy meals for everyone. What is needed by a

growing child is not necessarily the best for an adult, and Murphy will discuss the fundamental steps in building a nutrition plan and ways to meet nutritional challenges by offering some sensible and interesting menus for the entire family. A question and answer period will follow her presentation.

The program is free and open to the public.

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

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Friends Of Charlestown Branch Library To Sponsor 'Treasures In Your Attic: Old And Rare Books'

Kenneth Gloss, proprietor of the nationally-known Brattle Book Shop, will speak at a free and open lecture under the sponsorship of the Friends of the Charlestown Branch Library at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 22 at the library, 179 Main St.

Gloss' talk is entitled, "Treasures in Your Attic: Old and Rare Books." New England homes are treasure troves for old and rare books that have increased in value over the years," says Gloss, "and we're inviting those attending to bring any volumes they want to know about to the lecture for a free verbal appraisal."

The Brattle Book Shop is the successor to America's oldest continuously operating antiquarian book store. Kenneth Gloss succeeded his late father, George Gloss, a well-known figure in both Boston and in national antiquarian circles.

Kenneth Gloss had worked in the store since childhood and elected to go into the book business rather than pursue a doctorate in chemistry. He became



KENNETH GLOSS, antiquarian book expert and proprietor of the Brattle Book Shop, sits amid his favorite subject matter. He will bring his expertise to a Friends of the Library meeting on Jan. 22.

the sole proprietor upon his father's death several years ago. "I found that books were in my blood and that I would never be really happy if I abandoned the business."

Gloss is a member and past president of the New England Antiquarian Booksellers Association, mem-

ber of the Antiquarian Booksellers Association of America, the Bostonian Society and the Mass. and R.I. Antiquarian Booksellers. He serves as a member of the advisory board of the USS Constitution Museum and was a member of the advisory committee of the Boston Public Library.

He is a recipient of The Historic Neighborhoods Foundation award for making a definitive contribution to the design and social heritage of Boston and recently was honored by the Brookline Preservation Commission for his donation of the original plans of the famous Lars Anderson estate.

The Brattle Book Shop is also proud to have been a contributor to the WGBH Auction that the station holds annually.

Gloss will bring to the lecture several examples of interesting books, magazines and ephemera from the store's private collection, such as a 1912 World Series scorecard and examples of old *Life* magazines of which he owns a complete set!

Following the lecture and question and answer session, Gloss will give free verbal appraisals of those books and items that people bring with them or will do so at anytime at his 9 West St. emporium in Boston.

For further information, call the Brattle Book Shop at 1-800-447-9595.

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Illegal Sandblasting Of Lead Paint Permanently Enjoined At Renovation Project

Mayor Thomas M. Menino has announced that as a result of a lawsuit filed in Suffolk Superior Court by the city of Boston's Special Prosecutor, the illegal sandblasting of lead paint is being permanently enjoined at a building renovation project in Charlestown.

The contractor for the project, Ahern Painting & Sandblasting Contractors of Melrose, also made restitution for the cost of lead testing at an adjacent children's day care center and paid a \$25,000 environmental fine to the city of Boston.

The lawsuit was filed after the results of tests ordered by the Boston Environmental Strike Team (BEST) revealed evidence of lead contamination. Lead contamination is a known health hazard and is illegal. The site is located across the street from a heavily populated residential neighborhood.

Menino said, "Today's announcement is yet another example of how the combined application of our inspectional and legal resources in a critical situation can result in a much safer and healthier environment for workers and residents alike."

"This is not the first time

that a direct response from BEST and the Special Prosecutor has resulted in quick abatement of a dangerous health hazard in one of our neighborhoods. We will continue to deploy BEST to ensure that the quality of our environment is protected from harm caused by illegal acts of polluters."

In early October, BEST caught construction workers sandblasting lead paint without first erecting a legally required dust containment system around a building that they were renovating at 465 Medford St. in Charlestown. Workers were also sandblasting without wearing legally required breathing apparatus and protective clothing.

According to reports, inspectors saw a plume of dust rising from the site from over one mile away. BEST immediately ordered sandblasting operations stopped, pending the results of tests.

When test results indicated evidence of lead contamination, the Special Prosecutor filed a lawsuit to obtain a court order that would permanently enjoin the illegal sandblasting at the site.

City of Boston Corporation Counsel Merita A. Hopkins, who oversees the

Special Prosecutor, noted that the building's owner, the Flatley Company, participated in resolving this lawsuit by contributing to the cost of cleaning lead dust from the site and testing the out-of-doors play area for the Bright Horizons day care center which is located next door.

Hopkins said, "In this instance, BEST and the Special Prosecutor have acted appropriately to protect our environment. The resolution reached in this case is judicious and it demonstrates that their method continues to be an effective means for resolving complex environmental situations expeditiously within the judicial system."

"Their efforts should not go without notice." Hopkins also indicated that according to data provided by the city of Boston Public Health Commission, the Charlestown community has historically suffered from noticeably high levels of asthma and chronic lung disease.

BEST enforces environmental regulations in the city of Boston and is comprised of inspectors from all city of Boston inspection agencies and the Special Prosecutor in the Corporation Counsel's Office.

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