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Jarasitis And McGonagle Admitted To Massachusetts Bar



RECENTLY sworn in as members of the Massachusetts Bar were Allison Jarasitis (left) and Patrick McGonagle (right), both of Charlestown. The ceremony was conducted by the Honorable Allen J. Jarasitis, associate justice of the Charlestown District Court.

Allison Jarasitis and Patrick McGonagle of Charlestown were recently sworn in as members of the Massachusetts Bar at the Charlestown District Court. The oath of admittance was conducted by Jarasitis's father, the Honorable Allen

J. Jarasitis, associate justice of the Charlestown District Court.

Witnessing the oath were judges Conrad J. Bletzer, presiding justice of the Newton District Court; Peter W. Agnes, presiding justice of the Charlestown

District Court; Michael J. Stella, associate justice of the Lawrence District Court; and family members.

Jarasitis and McGonagle both graduated from the Mass. School of Law in June and are to be married Sept. 7, 1996. She is a graduate of Stonehill College and currently is an associate attorney at a general practice law firm. McGonagle is a graduate of the University of Mass. at Amherst.

They will live in Charlestown after their marriage, and both intend to practice law in Boston.

Massport, Developer And Community In Disagreement Over Nancy Sales Building

by Lynn Peters

While Massport argues that it is exercising its right as an abutter to Charlestown's old Nancy Sales Building, counsel for the latest developers says there is nothing to talk about.

"Massport is trying to rely on a lack of communication, but discussions would've led nowhere," said Attorney Pat Sweeney, representing Medford Suffolk Realty Properties.

"We have been open to anyone who wanted to talk to us and had constructive comments," Sweeney said, "but we're not about to listen to anyone who says 'Don't do the project.'"

Development plans call for 124 700- to 1,000-square-foot rentals for area artists to live and work in the same space. Parking would be provided for 112 vehicles, and landscaping would resemble the Thomas Graves residences near the Cambridgeside Galleria. The multimillion-dollar redevelopment also calls for 100 percent union labor.

Sweeney and Dorothy Steele from Massport's Office of Government and Community Affairs and Charlestown liaison, have

not spoken to each other since a Charlestown Neighborhood Council letter to Massport Executive Director Stephen Tocco was carbon-copied to the *Boston*

Globe with portions of the letter printed on Jan. 13.

The Jan. 12 letter urges Massport to withdraw its motion in Suffolk Superior Court. (continued on page 12)

Carey To Take A Shot At Scholarship Money

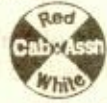


MICHAEL CAREY of Charlestown is one of five students chosen by Mayor Thomas M. Menino to take a shot at goal during half-time of the Coca-Cola NHL All-Star Weekend Heroes of Hockey game on Jan. 19 at the FleetCenter. If Carey makes the goal, Coca-Cola will award him \$10,000 in college scholarship money. Carey, 11, is a sixth-grade student at Charlestown Catholic Elementary School. His favorite school subject is math, and he enjoys hockey and snowboarding. He is the son of Susan and Phil Carey. Shown (l. to r.) with Carey are Phil Emma, vice president, marketing, the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. of N.E.; Frank Supovitz, vice president, special events, National Hockey League; and Mayor Menino.

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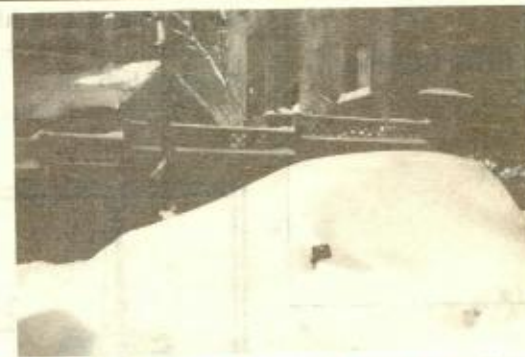
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First And Third Sundays

• **6:30 p.m.** - CHarlestown After Murder Program (CHAMP) meeting, St. Catherine's Rectory, 49 Vine St.

Mondays

• **2 to 5 p.m.** - Mayor's Office Hours with Judy Evers, regional coordinator, Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Tuesdays

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

Wednesdays

• **3 to 4:30 p.m.** - Al-Anon meeting for friends and families of alcoholics, Kennedy Center Head Start, 23 Moulton St. (babysitting is available)

• **5:45 to 6:45 p.m.** - Free Smoking Cessation course, second floor conference room, Bunker Hill Health Center, 73 High St.

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CHARLESTOWN COMMUNITY CALENDAR

this week at a glance

Thursday, Jan. 18

• **3:30 p.m.** - Creative dramatics, improvisation and imaginative games, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• **4 p.m.** - "Let's Talk Trash," children 4 to 12 years old are invited to join the zany Dr. Trashman and learn how to keep our planet clean, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• **5:30 to 7 p.m.** - Friends of City Square Park meeting, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

• **7:30 p.m.** - "The Last Marathon": a Video Documentary, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• **7:30 p.m.** - Congressional Town Meeting with Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Friday, Jan. 19

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

• **11:30 a.m.** - Toddler Storytime, stories and songs for children 12 to 36 months old accompanied by an adult, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Saturday, Jan. 20

• **7 p.m.** - Annual Boys Club Reunion, Charlestown Boys & Girls Club, High Street Building

Monday, Jan. 22

• **6 p.m.** - Kennedy Center Annual Meeting, 27 Winthrop St.

• **7 p.m.** - "Mayor of Charlestown" Race applications available, sponsored by the Charlestown-To-Charlestown Committee, American

Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

Tuesday, Jan. 23

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

noon - Hypothermia and Carbon Monoxide presentation by the city's Commission on Elderly Affairs, 100 Ferrin St.

• **noon** - Brown Bag Bookies Adult Book Discussion meeting featuring **The War of 1812: A Forgotten Conflict** by Donald R. Hickey, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• **7 p.m.** - Meeting on the Draft Development Guidelines for the CANA Parcels in City Square, presented by CBT, Mass. Highway Department and Mass. Division of Capital Planning and Operations, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

upcoming events

Thursday, Jan. 25

• **10:30 a.m. to noon** - Women's Recovery Group session, Kennedy Center, Old Kent School, 23A Moulton St.

• **12:15 p.m.** - Charlestown Kiwanis Club meeting, Barrett's on Boston Harbour restaurant, Constitution Plaza

• **3:30 p.m.** - Creative dramatics, improvisation and imaginative games, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• **4 p.m.** - "Having Fun with Fossils and Dinosaurs," for children 5-12, followed by a RIF book giveaway, Charlestown Branch Library,

179 Main St.

Friday, Jan. 26

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

• **11:30 a.m.** - Toddler Storytime, stories and songs for children 12 to 36 months old accompanied by an adult, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

• **7 p.m.** - Life Focus Center (LFC) "Man of The Year" Award Banquet honoring Sen. Thomas F. Birmingham, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Saturday, Jan. 27

• **8 p.m.** - Charlestown Youth Hockey Association Dance, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Tuesday, Jan. 30

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

• **7 p.m.** - Charlestown Neighborhood Council Environmental Committee meeting on MWRA Combined Sewer Overflow project, Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

Wednesday, Jan. 31

• **6 p.m.** - Charlestown Pop Warner Board meeting, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

plan ahead

Friday, Feb. 9

• **8 p.m.** - Valentine Dance, Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

Saturday, Feb. 10

• **8:15 p.m.** - "Impostor Bostonians," K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Saturday, Feb. 17

• **noon** - Meat Raffle to benefit the Dennis McLaughlin House, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Sunday, Feb. 18

• **7 p.m.** - "'50s Nite," spon-

sored by the Daughters of Isabella No. 1, K. of C. Lower Hall, 75 West School St.

Friday, Feb. 23

• **7 p.m.** - Charlestown Catholic Elementary School \$5,000 Dinner and Drawing, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Saturday, March 2

• **7:30 p.m.** - Annual Corned Beef Dinner, sponsored by the Daughters of Isabella No. 1, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Friday, March 8

• **7:30 p.m.** - Paddy Reilly in Concert to benefit the Bunker Hill Day Parade, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Saturday, March 30

• **6 p.m.** - Annual Michael P. Quinn Scholarship Dinner Dance, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Saturday, April 27

• **7 p.m.** - Community Appreciation Awards Night, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.



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Lions Club Announces Poster Contest Winners

The Charlestown Lions Club Annual Peace Poster Contest winners were announced by the Award Selection Committee at the Clarence R. Edwards Middle and Charlestown Catholic Elementary schools. The 1995 International Lions Peace Poster theme was "Peace Will Set Us Free."

Theresa McLaughlin and Kitty Donovan, Charlestown Lions Club Peace Poster co-chairs, awarded the winners \$25 checks. Winners and all runners-up received certificates for participation.

First place at Charlestown Catholic Elementary School was awarded to Joseph Marchesi, 13, an eighth-grader.

First place at the Clarence R. Edwards Middle School was Sophia Ng, 13, also an eighth-grade student.

The winner of the International Competition will be announced in May of 1996 and awarded an all-expenses-paid trip for three to the United Nations in October at Lions International Day at the UN and \$1,500.

There were more than 40 entries in the contest, each a great example of the students' artistic and interpretive talents.

Charlestown has always had hundreds of reasons to



WINNERS OF THE CHARLESTOWN LIONS CLUB annual Peace Poster contest receive their awards. At the top (l. to r.) are: Theresa McLaughlin, Charlestown Lions Club Poster co-chair; Joseph Marchesi, first-place winner for Charlestown Catholic Elementary School; Sister Mary Ellen O'Connell, Charlestown Catholic Elementary principal; and Kitty Donovan, Charlestown Lions Club Poster co-chair. Shown in bottom photo (l. to r.) are: McLaughlin; Denise Purcell, Clarence Edwards Middle School teacher; Sophia Ng, first-place winner for the Edwards; Donovan; and John Dennehy, Edwards Middle School assistant principal.



be proud of its young students, the efforts they put into this contest and the good example they introduce to Lions throughout the state and the world as

representatives of Charlestown.

The members of the Charlestown Lions Club congratulate all the entrants, the winners, their

families and their schools. They are wished well in the final contest and will be rooted for as they represent our neighborhood in New York in October at the UN.

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Attorney J. Douglas Cummings of Charlestown, a former attorney who is now retired, has been named a life fellow of the Mass. Bar Foundation. Cummings received a plaque in recognition from foundation president Marg-

aret D. Xifaras. Invitation to the Fellows program is extended to select Mass. lawyers whose professional, public and private careers have demonstrated outstanding contributions to their communities. Fellows achieve

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Mass For Anointing

The annual Mass for the Anointing will be held on Sunday, Feb. 11

at 12:30 p.m. in the Bishop Lawton Hall 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 colation and party will follow this special Mass.

Seniors' Valentine Party

All the senior citizens of the parish are cordially invited to a parish Valentine Party on Sunday, Feb. 11 in the Bishop Lawton Hall from 2 to 4 p.m. The afternoon will consist of lunch, entertainment and dancing. If you would like to be a St. Francis de Sales Valentine, kindly sign your name at the usher's table at Mass or

contact the rectory at 242-0147. We have to have an accurate count, so please sign up only for yourself.

Gift Certificates For Beano

Gift certificates are available year round for birthdays, Valentine's Day, etc. Please contact Joan Rae at the rectory or at the Saturday night Beano.

Upcoming Events

Friday, March 8 - The 30th annual Irish Night Dinner Dance.

Sunday, March 24 - The annual St. Francis de Sales Holy Name Society Family Communion Breakfast after the 9 a.m. Mass with guest speaker, Charlestown's own, Father Pat Healy.

Book Presented In Honor Of Rev. Sears



THE FIRST CHURCH in Charlestown recently presented a copy of "A Short History of the Baptist Church in Charlestown," printed in 1852, to the Charlestown Historical Society. The presentation was made in honor of the Rev. Isaiah Sears, retired pastor of the First Baptist Church in Charlestown, who is presently recuperating at the Youville Hospital in Cambridge. The book was presented to Historical Society Past President Arthur Hurley by First Church pastor Rev. Victor Ford. (File photo of Rev. Sears shown above.)

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To Our Nana
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Happy 83rd Birthday
PAPETE RIZZO
on January 24th!
Love . . . Mark and Nicholas

Happy 1st Birthday
STEVEN CONNOLLY JR.
on January 20th!
Love ... Mommy, Daddy & Kristin

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- **And The Winners . . .** of the pre-holiday raffle to benefit the Bob Sweeney family (son Ryan is battling leukemia) were: \$100, Jonalyn Agri; \$50 in scratch tickets, Amy Chardavoigne; and \$50, Bella Harrington. The Sweeney family says "Thanks!"
- **A New Bakery & Cafe . . .** is gracing Charlestown's waterfront . . . Biga Breads is a familiar name, and now a cafe goes with it at Flagship Wharf, 197 Eighth St., in the Charlestown Navy Yard . . . Clip the coupon on page 3 of this week's Patriot and take home a free loaf of bread with your purchase of breakfast or lunch!
- **The Race For Mayor Of Charlestown . . .** is off . . . with Chris Rizzo the first to declare. There is still room for more candidates. Meet at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 22 at the American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St. to sign up and receive your "ballots." For more info, give a call to Charlestown-To-Charlestown Committee Chairman Arthur Hurley at 242-2724.
- **Birthdays, Birthdays, Birthdays . . .** John Lynch will mark his 32nd birthday on Jan. 19th . . . Bob Powers will celebrate on Jan. 20th . . . Jan. 22nd is shared by Susie Roche and Moe Gillen . . . Joe Foley will party for sure on Jan. 23rd . . . and Jan. 24th is shared by Fran McGonagle and Pete Rizzo, and Pete is marking his 83rd birthday . . . Best of birthday wishes to you all!
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- **Does Frank Avruch . . .** have competition here in Charlestown? Seems Jim Kent is in charge of Movie Night at The Warren Tavern each Monday night at 9 p.m. . . . Drop down to the Tavern at 2 Pleasant St. and see what Jim has in store for you - it's bound to be good for a laugh or two!
- **Get Well Wishes . . .** go out to Bob Scalli who is recuperating after a short stay at Mass. General Hospital . . . Hope you are up and about soon!
- **Women: Need Some Support? . . .** The Women's Recovery Group gets underway next Thursday, Jan. 25th, at 10:30 a.m. at the Kennedy Center, Old Kent School, 23A Moulton St. Child care is provided. Give Sheila Dell'Orfano a call at 241-8866 for more info.
- **One Shot In Goal = \$10,000 . . .** We'll all be rooting for you, Michael Carey, tomorrow night as you take to the ice at the FleetCenter to shoot that puck in goal for \$10,000 in scholarship money provided by Coca-Cola . . . do good!
- **Thought For The Week . . .** Patience unlocks the door to achievement. - Anonymous



around the town

by Gloria S. Conway

★ **Neighborhood Council Meetings . . .**

Environmental Committee

Chairman Judy Brennan announces that the Environmental Committee will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 30 at Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

Vinnie Raggucci of the Mass. Water Resources Authority will update the community on its Combined Sewer Overflow project in Charlestown.

Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Neighborhood Council will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 6 at the K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

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

★ **Office Hours . . .** Judy Evers, regional coordinator from the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services, announced that office hours will resume on Monday, Jan. 22 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

★ **CANA Parcels Design Guidelines . . .**

Childs Bertman Tseckares (CBT), the Mass. Highway Department and the Mass. Division of Capital Planning and Operations will present the draft development guidelines for the CANA Parcels in City Square at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 23 at the K. of C. Upper Hall, 75 West School St.

Copies of the proposed design guidelines are available at the Charlestown Patriot Office, One Thompson Square, and at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Please contact Stephen Collins at 951-6066 for further information.

★ **Kennedy Center . . .** The Annual

Meeting of the Kennedy Center will be held at 6 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 22 at 27 Winthrop St. There are open seats to be filled for two-year terms. Interested residents are invited to attend the meeting. For further information, contact Kate McDonough, executive director, at 241-8866.

★ **Friends Of City Square Park . . .**

Friends of City Square Park will meet tonight, Thursday, Jan. 18, at 5:30 p.m. at the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

★ **Congressional Town Meeting . . .**

Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy is hosting a Town Meeting tonight, Thursday, Jan. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at the K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

★ **Navy Yard Neighborhood Association . . .**

The Navy Yard Neighborhood Association will hold a "January Thaw" party from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 24 at Gabriele's on the Waterfront in the Navy Yard to celebrate its second birthday.

Admission is \$12 per person and includes beer or wine, pizza, cake and ice cream. Tickets will be available at the door, but for planning purposes, advance reservations are requested. Call Susan Holaday or Richard Dolby at 242-2217, Karen Colombosian at 242-8589 or Rebecca Coburn at 724-9649.

★ **USS Constitution to Hold Spike Ceremony . . .**

Navy General Counsel Steven S. Honigan will return a steel spike from the USS Constitution to Cmdr. Michael C. Beck, commanding officer USS Constitution, on Friday, Jan. 19 at a public ceremony in the Navy Yard at 10:30 a.m.

The Constitution spike was aboard the space shuttle Atlantis when it last traveled around the earth in 1995, linking the past to the present and future. When USS Constitution was launched in 1797, she was

the most advanced warship of the time. The ship's first circumnavigation of the globe began in 1844 and took two years to complete.

NASA General Counsel Edward Frankel and Dr. William Dudley, director of the Naval Historical Center, will be present as plans are announced for Constitution's restoration, bicentennial celebration and the formation of the USS Constitution Bicentennial Salute Committee.

★ **Skating In Boston Public Garden . . .**

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department and BayBank have announced the return of free ice-skating to the Public Garden Lagoon.

Skating on the Boylston Street side of the lagoon will run until Feb. 25. Hours are Fridays from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. The lagoon will also be open during the Feb. 19 to 23 school vacation break from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Skate rentals will be at the Swan Boat dock at a rate of \$5 for two hours, or \$6 for a full day.

Call the Parks and Recreation Department at 635-4505 for more information.

★ **E-Mail The Mayor . . .** Mayor Thomas M. Menino has unveiled "Cyberhall," the

second on-line service available to Boston residents . . . and beyond. BosNet, the city's 24-hour bulletin board is a free dial-up service offered since 1994.

The latest official web site serves as a resource to city, business and constituent services. The internet address is: www.ci-boston.ma.us.

Remember to sign the guest book, check out what's new and send a note to the mayor.

★ **HomeWorks . . .**

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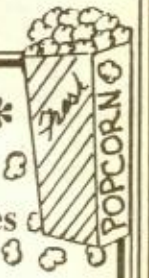
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The Tunnel

by Charlie McGonagle

If the proposed plan for the extension of the High Street building is finally realized, and I believe it not only will be, but must be, the Boys Club, as many of us knew it, will be forever physically changed. Gone will be the building at 15 Green Street. If there is a boy who grew up in the Charlestown community after January 1, 1918 who does not know this address, I would be surprised, indeed.

Already gone is the long, wooden desk that first greeted a member as he entered the club, and gone, too, is the picket fence in the old game room which carried the sign, "Midgetville." The downstairs intermediate-senior room long ago said "good-bye," as did the Tuesday night dances held in that room. The old coat room and the offices that lined one half of the main lobby have been replaced with "Little Patriots," and the vocational classes which once filled the second floor are a thing of the past.

The third floor, which once housed the main offices of the Boys Clubs of Boston, is now, for all intents and purposes, empty, and the Cooking Class, which used the kitchen at one end of that same level lives, today, only in the memories of those who once baked brownies with "Ma" Holmes and "Ma" Phillips.

Mr. Campbell's printing class and the laundry room on the lower level vanished quite some time ago along with the old locker room and swim cage.

Yes, the old Green Street building has

met with many changes over the years, and now it is on the doorstep of extinction.

And with the demise of the Green Street building, the final chapter in the "Tunnel" will be written.

In 1926, when the club annexed the old Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church (the High Street building), the "Tunnel" was constructed to connect the Green Street structure with the club's latest acquisition.

The exact reason for a tunnel rather than a walkway, or a brief jaunt to the next block is unclear in this mind. However, it seems reasonable enough to assume that it was done so that the boys could travel from the gymnasium in one building to the swimming pool in the other without changing their clothing. Or, if the truth be known, without the aid of clothing.

Yes, as difficult as it may seem in this day and age, the "Tunnel" was traversed by the populace in the NUDE. Naked as a jaybird. Sans clothing. Or, as we were wont to say, **BOLICKY BARE** _____!

Why? Well, there was very good reason. Bathing suits were not allowed in the pool. Why? Who the hell knows! They used to say it was because of Hygiene, but none of us ever knew him. For years we wondered, and for years we cursed him. I mean how much weight did this Hygiene carry to be able to dictate nude swimming to an entire membership?

Well, let's get back to the "Tunnel." There were (are) a total of three flights of stairs - one at the swimming pool end, one

in the middle, and one at the gymnasium end. The floor was (is) concrete and cold, and where there were (are) plenty of pipes and radiators lining the walls, there were (are) no windows.

It did not take the wise guys long to learn that the lights, operated with a punch key, could be turned on and off with a paper clip. (Now how would I know that?) And it was not unusual for one of them to wait until the "Tunnel" was filled with naked midgets and juniors before putting that trusty old paper clip to work.

Once the lights went out, with the complete absence of windows, total darkness ruled the "Tunnel." Screaming, unclad midgets and juniors would start to run first in one direction and then the other before realizing that they were fighting a battle which could only be won with the return of light.

The wise guys would then slip into the bowels of the "Tunnel" and begin to laugh a hideous laugh, and the screams from the bare bottomed midgets and juniors would rise a decibel or ten. Only when the screaming began to be replaced with sobbing, would the wise guys relent and return light to the "Tunnel."

When the heat came on, (it was sent from one building to the other through the "Tunnel" along a maze of pipes) the noise was almost intolerable, and it made the screams coming from the midgets and juniors even more frightening.

Today that would be deemed cruel, and perhaps it was, but many years ago,

screaming and running naked in the cold, dark boys club "Tunnel" was truly one of this town's steps in a boy's coming of age.


Soon, when the new proposal reaches fruition, the boys club's (okay, okay, the Boys & Girls Club - old habits are hard to break) Green Street building along with the "Tunnel" and its great mystique will become another part of Charlestown's ever-growing folklore, but there will be a few of us left around to keep a memory alive, and maybe, just maybe, with a hint of exaggeration on our part, the "Tunnel" can become legendary in the eyes of the future young people of the Charlestown community.

On Saturday evening, January 20, members of the Old Charlestown Boys Club Alumni Reunion Committee will be holding the eighth annual reunion. As usual, there will be a cash bar, a sandwich buffet, entertainment, commemorative "T" shirts, and the renewal of old friendships.

At this reunion, a short 15 to 20-minute presentation will be made to the gathered alumni. This will involve a capsulized picture of the present proposal for expansion and it is being done so that all of us will fully understand the nature of the proposal and not be faced with uncertain rumors of what might be going on at the club.

A letter has gone out to many of the alumni, but if somehow you have been missed, drop by the High Street building on Saturday evening, January 20. Admission is only ten dollars. It has been a great evening, and it will be a great evening.

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We are also adding a new class this winter, "Dancing Through the Decades." Taught by "Annie!" choreographer Laurie Marchese, this class will focus on dancing styles especially designed for theatrical presentation. Classes will range in styles from the 1920s through the 1990s. This class is open for ages 7 and up, will be held on Saturdays and is a great introduction to theatrical dance techniques.

"Dancing Through the Decades" will have a non-refundable class fee of \$25 per student for each six-week session. We will have a family cap of \$75 for each six-week session (i.e. if any family has more than three children enrolled), this fee will be directly recycled into the dance class itself (materials and teacher fee). Scholarships will be available.

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

CYO & ST. CATHERINE'S NEWS

BY FATHER RON COYNE

▲ **CYO Basketball** - This week's schedule is as follows: Sunday, Jan. 21 - Bantam Girls vs. St. Gregory at noon at the club; Cadet Boys vs. St. William at 3 p.m. at the club; Junior Boys vs. St. Ambrose at 4 p.m. at the club; Bantam Boys vs. St. William at 4 p.m. at the Marr Club; and Cadet Girls vs. St. Margaret at 6:10 p.m. at U-Mass.

Monday, Jan. 22 - Cadet Boys vs. St. Brigid at 7:15 p.m. at St. Brigid.

Thursday, Jan. 25 - Bantam Boys vs. St. Agatha at 6 p.m. at St. Agatha.

Saturday, Jan. 27 - Cadet Boys vs. St. William at 6 p.m. at the Marr Club; Junior Boys vs. St. Matthew at 3 p.m. at the Lee.

▲ **Winter Wonderland For Kids** - St. Catherine's is busy making arrangements for three wonderful winter excursions for our young people to help us enjoy the presence of snow.

The **first trip** will be to Wachusett Mountain to spend an evening night skiing. Wachusett is one of the few mountains that is lit for night skiing. This will take place on a weekday afternoon. The bus will leave at 3 p.m. and return

around 10 p.m. The cost of the lift ticket and the rental of skis will be \$17, a lesson will be \$7. The CYO will pay for the bus. This is a great deal for beginners or experienced skiers.

The **second trip** will be to the Amesbury Sports Center which features tube sledding with lifts that pull you up the hills. This date has not yet been determined but the cost will be no more than \$10 each for a full day of sledding. The Sports Center has a lodge with refreshments.

The **third trip** will be a full day of skiing with the Youth Enrichment Services (YES) on Sunday, Feb. 18. The cost is \$35 each which includes ski rental, all day lift ticket, lesson and transportation.

All dates will be finalized by next week and we will let you know how to sign up for these events and what age groups are eligible.

▲ **St. Catherine's Color Guards** - Last weekend, our "Townies" and "Little Townies" competed at B.C. High. Our "Townies" finished in fourth place out of six in Class B and our "Little Townies" finished in sixth place out of seven in Class C. Our next shows will be on Saturday, Jan. 20

beginning at 5 p.m. at Waltham High School and the W.G.I. Regionals will be on Saturday, Feb. 3.

▲ **Union Apprenticeship Program Open To High School Graduates** - Any male or female who has graduated from high school or has a GED and may be interested in becoming a Union Apprentice must apply during this month (January). This is an opportunity of a lifetime for a young person interested in learning a skill that will benefit him/her throughout life.

The candidate must call the following numbers to arrange an interview: Plumbers Local Union #12 Apprenticeship Program, John Fandel, training coordinator, 288-1010; Sheet Metal Workers Local Union #17 Apprenticeship Program, Ed Marks, coordinator, 298-0850; Pipefitters & Refrigeration Mechanics Joint Apprenticeship Local 537, Bill Gallagher, training coordinator, 825-3777; Boston Painters Apprenticeship & Training Program, Joseph Calci, apprentice coordinator, 524-0248; Hoisting & Portable Engineers Local #4, James Granda, coordinator, 821-0306; or Ironworkers Local 7, J.A.C., Robert Banks, 254-7686.

Pop Warner Corner

The first Pop Warner board meeting of the year will take place on Wednesday, Jan. 31 at 6 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus hall, 75 West School St.

If you signed up to be on the board of

directors, a board member or a coach, you must attend this meeting.

Any other persons interested in joining the Pop Warner organization are encouraged to attend.

Charlestown Gym Hockey Update

The Charlestown Gym Hockey League standings as of Jan. 13 are:

	W	L	T
B. H. Florist	11	1	1
Dunny's Pals	10	1	1
Bryan's Pals	9	3	0
The Horseshoe	8	4	0
B. H. Insurance	6	4	2
Kerrigan's	5	6	1
Jimmy's On Top	4	8	0
Main St. Furniture	2	6	4
L'il Al's	2	6	3
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Keith Russell

Patrick DeRosa

Ashley Foley

Ryan Foley

Michael Chaisson

Tommy Gompert

A Message To The Parents

We would like to remind you that when you registered your child for gym hockey, you made a commitment to a team of 18 young children. We've had quite a few games that were forfeited and there are a few teams on the verge of folding due to the lack of players. Please make every effort possible to get your child to his/her games. Thank you.

The Charlestown Gym Hockey Board

Players of the Week - Jan. 13

Bryan's Pals	Jennifer Doherty
	Katy Locke
Bunker Hill Florist	Brogan O'Hara
	Leisa Lawton
Bunker Hill Insurance	P.J. Mugford
	Jack Doherty
Dunny's Pals	Alexa Hingston
	Jennifer Buckley

Rocket Scientists Before Blastoff!



THE ROCKET CLUB MEMBERS at the Boys & Girls Club were out launching their rockets a few weeks ago and seven out of eight launches were successful! Kneeling (l. to r.) Billy Burrill and Raphael Andujar. Standing (l. to r.) Joe Gonzalez, Joewy Gonzalez, Jerry Steimel (instructor and resident rocket scientist), Jonathan Gonzalez, Elvis Santos, and Pedro Santana. Not shown, but also in the Rocket Club, are Samuel Ruiz, Xaymara Saez and Alexis Familia. (photo courtesy of the Boys & Girls Club Photography Club)

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◆ **Charlestown High-Lights** . . . If you like offense, the Charlestown High School-East Boston hockey game was the place to be on a holiday Monday afternoon. The Jets almost grounded the never-quitting hockey "Townies," but Steve Linnane got the final equalizer in the 8-8 shootout with 1:54 to go in the contest. Ricky Evers led the scoring parade with three goals and two assists. Timmy Warren had a pair of goals, and Paul Hennessey and Jamsie Grea-torex had single tallies.

In a non-league battle, Charlestown defeated Newton South 9-8. Evers had three goals, including the game winner, with just 31 seconds to go in the contest. Marc Russell had three goals, Joe Tallent added a pair and Willie Hutchins had a single red lamp lighter.

Snow once again did in the City League basketball schedule.

◆ **Think Spring** . . . The Charlestown Pride baseball team is looking for players for the 1996 season. Interested players are asked to make their intentions known to Coach Rob McIntosh or myself, Bob D. It's very important that we have commitments, because we have to submit a prelimi-

nary plan to League officials in early February to secure our spot for the '96 season. Charlestown Pride participates in the Yawkey League.

◆ **Andy Puopolo Basketball** . . . In ADSL action, the Andy Puopolo 17-and-under team defeated St. Brendan's 62-51. Shane Fisher played an outstanding game, doing all the little, but most important things right. The Andy Puopolo Club goes into the bye week at 1-1. The next game will be on Jan. 28 versus St. Gregory's. Game time is 2 p.m. at the Dan Marr Boys & Girls Club.

◆ **College Board** . . . Mark Chardavoyne and his Bowdoin squad defeated U-Conn 2-1 and they topped AIC 8-2. The Polar Bears are now 6-2-1.

◆ **Proline** . . . Is Keith Tkachuk a little upset about not being selected for the all-star game? The Winnipeg Jet had a pair of goals this week against Detroit, Buffalo and Anaheim, and his totals have reached 50 points - 25 goals and 25 assists.

Tommy Fitzgerald had his 10th goal of the season as the Florida Panthers picked up a "W," defeating San Jose 5-2, and he had an assist in a 4-4 tie with Colorado.

◆ **High School Notebook** . . . In the basketball "Game of the Week," Andrew Ray's Cape Cod Tech team defeated Avon to take over the top spot in the Mayflower Small Conference. Ray had 10 points in the big game.

Liam Lynch is a member of the Don Bosco freshman hockey team, and Vinnie Donovan is playing some ice hockey for Madison Park.

◆ **Tip Of The Cap** . . . If you see Kenny Giordano, tell him "Thank You!" Kenny is leaving his post as Teen Director at the Boys & Girls Club where he has been a big plus for our young people. Kenny is a great person, a hard worker and his special attributes will be missed in the Teen Room

at the club. May he be as successful in helping young people grow and achieve.

◆ **Bunker Hill Cup** . . . Plans are being finalized for the Bunker Hill Ball Hockey Tournament. Newtowne claims they are the team to beat, Greg McNeil and his old boys say they have something left, Main Street might make it interesting if they can find their way to the club, and we know the home teams from the club have trouble winning anywhere! Should be an interesting week of games!

◆ **Success For Our Children** . . . A parent forum on making the most of out-of-school time will take place at the Dan Marr Boys & Girls Club from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 20. Call Parents United for Child Care at 426-8288 for further information.

◆ **Fire Fighter Exam** . . . The application deadline for the fire fighter's exam is Jan. 26. You must be at least 19 years old by Jan. 26 to apply. Applications are available by calling 727-3777 ext. 246 or 1-800-392-6178.

- ◆ **Tidbits** . . .
- Birthday best to Jill Doherty and Monique Matarazzo.
 - Number 22 from Newton South - say "Hello" to Willie Hutchins.
 - If you see Marc Russell, be sure to call him Bulldog!
 - Stephen Linnane, please work on your post-goal dance.
 - Brendan Jackson has a secret admirer.
 - Tommy McGrath - please don't sit on anymore goal-tenders.
 - Twinkies are on sale at Johnnie's.
 - Watch out, Canada, Jason Ezekiel will be landing soon!
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by John Dillon

It's the first week into the second half of the CHAD Junior Bowling League season, and the McCarthy Brothers team is at it again, shutting out the Crickets team 8-0. Jon Paul Awbrey was top bowler for McCarthy Brothers with 233 and Sheilann Williams was runner up with 223. Casey Durham also had a great day, bowling 202. Top bowler for Crickets was Matt Paley with 236 and runner up was Padraic Locke with 191.

In the next match, the Kennedy Center defeated Diane Modica's team 6-2. Top bowler for the Kennedy Center was Shawn Burke with 216 and Mike Simensen was runner up with 200. Stephen Wall was top bowler for

CHAD Junior Bowling News

Modica's team with 254 and the runner up was Ryan Hickey with 197.

The American Legion team shut out the Charlestown Patriot 8-0. The top bowler for the American Legion was Richie Burns with 236 and Craig Gaudette was runner up with 193. John Harrington was top bowler for the Patriot with 224 and Derek Matarazzo was runner up with 184.

Moving on, the Red Store defeated the Shamrocks 6-2. Top bowler for the Red Store was Jean Wall with 239 and Brendan Grace was runner up with 188. David Grace was top bowler for the Shamrocks with 167.

In the final match of the day, the Bunker Hill Real Estate team defeated the Jenny's team 6-2. Top

bowler for BHRE was Jared Silva with 202 and the runner up was Chris Chianpa with 201. Top bowler for the Jenny's team was Mike Shackford with 244 and runner up was Steven Awbrey with 230. Two substitute bowlers were Chris Boutwell, who bowled 195, and Mark Dillon who bowled 158.

Bowlers of the week are: Stephen Wall 254, Mike Shackford 244, Jean Wall 239, Richie Burns 236, Matt Paley 236, Jon Paul Awbrey 233, Steven Awbrey 230, John Harrington 224, Sheilann Williams 223 and Shawn Burke 216.

Bowlers trying the hardest are: Casey Durham 202, Sean Cronk 194, Joe Awbrey 181, Ryan Stillman 177, Michelle Williams 175, Katy Locke 162, Mark Dillon 158, Alex Gaudette

156, Brent Awbrey 139 and Jessica Grace 117.

I would like to give credit to Dorothy Harris. Dorothy does a lot of work to keep the bowling league going. She has no children in the league so she does it out of love for these children. Without her, the league would not exist. So, thank you, Dorothy, you do a great job!

We bowl at 11:30 a.m. sharp on Saturday.

See you there.

Standings	W	L
McCarthy Bros.	8	0
American Legion	8	0
B.H. Real Estate	6	2
Red Store	6	2
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The book that will be featured this month is *The War of 1812: A Forgotten Conflict* by Donald R. Hickey. In this provocative revisionist work, Hickey strives both to chal-

lenge the prevailing consensus on the necessity of the War of 1812 and to produce a general history of it. Students will enjoy the lively prose. The Jefferson cult will enjoy

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Disagreement Over Nancy Sales Building

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rior Court objecting to the Medford Street's building redevelopment for residential use.

According to Steele, Massport's argument has substance and cites at least two critical issues. The property is part of the state's designated Port Area, which calls for water-dependent industrial use, and the Boston Redevelopment Authority includes the site in its Maritime Enterprise Zone. While some allowances had been made by the city in the 1970s to consider a multizoned office-commercial use, 267-281 Medford Street did not include residential space.

Referring to the *Globe's* quoting of the letter, Steele said Massport is not stepping in at the eleventh hour to stop development. She added that, as of yesterday, her department had not

actually seen the letter.

"Massport is a direct abutter and was not officially notified," said Steele. "We have tried to begin conversations with the Medford-Suffolk Co. so that Massport concerns could be better understood."

Steele said that while she met Sweeney and the principals at the council's public meetings last fall, there has not been communication. When the council accepted its Zoning Committee's proposal to support the project, Steele said she told council Chairman Peter Looney that Massport needed a vehicle to talk with Sweeney.

Of particular concern to Massport is the work it has done with the community over the past several years regarding heavy truck traffic on Medford Street. Residential use of the building is inconsistent and incompatible, she said.

"All the work that we have done and the community pressured us to do," Steele said, "includes finding ways to minimize truck traffic, buffer zoning, plantings in front of the Revere Sugar site and developing a haul road."

Steele said that Massport is still financially committed to the haul road idea, believing that it is the best thing for that area of Charlestown.

"It feels like the rug has been pulled out from under that," Steele said. "We just want to find some common ground with the Medford Street proposal and work with them."

But Sweeney contends that there is not a lot of room to negotiate.

"I don't know what discussions would do," he said yesterday. "My clients want residential, and Massport is dead-set against residential use with no suggested alternative use that is viable."

For Sweeney, lack of

conversations are no issue at all.

"We're not going to negotiate out a settlement there," he said. "My clients still want to go ahead with the project, and they're not about to lay down."



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