



Birmingham Named Chair Of Ways and Means Committee

Sen. Thomas F. Birmingham was named Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means on Monday. The Ways and Means Committee is the most powerful committee in the legislature since its role is to review all bills which have any impact on the finances of the Commonwealth.

Birmingham's appointment to head the committee is exceptional since he is beginning only his second term in the legislature. In recent history, no legislator has assumed a position of such authority in so short a time.

Birmingham commented: "I am honored and excited



SEN. THOMAS BIRMINGHAM

by the new challenges I will

be facing. My top priorities will be to achieve a balanced budget, ensure that our district receives its fair share from the state and to prepare Massachusetts for the 21st century. I believe that we must invest in our future if we are to retain our standard of living and quality of life. This will be achieved through an enhanced commitment to education and a rededication of our resources to the rebuilding of our infrastructure."

Birmingham succeeds Patricia M. McGovern who held the position of Ways and Means Chair for eight years until her retirement at the end of the 1992 term.

Halvorson Company Selected To Design City Square Park in Charlestown

The Department of Environmental Management (DEM) has selected the Halvorson Company Inc. of Cambridge as the landscape architect/designer for City Square Park in Charlestown. This significant new open space, associated with the CANA and Central Artery projects, is located at the junction of Rutherford Avenue, Chelsea Street, Main Street and City Square, and acts as the gateway to Charlestown.

This announcement is being made jointly by Secretary Susan F. Tierney of the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs, Secretary James Kerasiotes of the Executive Office of Transportation, Commissioner Peter Webber of DEM, Commissioner Laurinda

Bedingfield of the Massachusetts Highway Department (MHD), Rep. Richard A. Voke and Sen. Thomas F. Birmingham.

DEM, which is responsible for managing the design of this project, is working in cooperation with the MHD, which will be responsible for the construction of the park. The Halvorson Company has entered into a three-year contract with the DEM. They will be responsible for designing the park and will remain under contract through the construction phase to oversee the completion of the project. Construction of the park is slated to be substantially completed by the fall of 1994.

The residents of Charlestown will have an oppor-

tunity to meet with representatives of the design firm tonight Thursday, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St., Charlestown. This will be the first of eight community meetings in which residents will have an opportunity to give their input into the design process.

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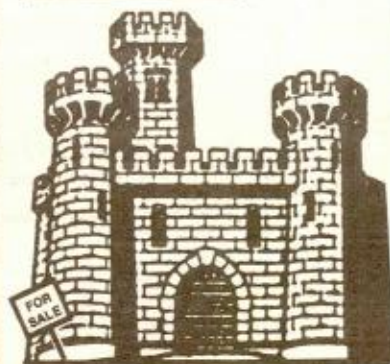
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Birmingham Office Hours Jan. 20

Sen. Thomas F. Birmingham will hold community office hours in Charlestown on Wednesday Jan. 20, from 5 to 7 p.m. in the first-floor conference room at One Thompson Square.

The public is invited.

It's A Boy . . .

Mark Borgal and Cathy Murphy of 96 Dunstable St., Charlestown announce

the birth of their first child, a son, Colin Keith Borgal, on Dec. 10 at Winchester Hospital.

The maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy of 5 Tibbetts Town Way, Charlestown.

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Thursday, Jan. 14

- 3:30 p.m. — Let's Discover . . . Winter, a program of stories, games, songs and crafts for children 5 to 10, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 6 to 8 p.m. — Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy Office Hours, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.
- 7 p.m. — Tufts Street Ladies Club Meeting, St. Catherine Lower Rectory, 49 Vine St.
- 7 p.m. — City Square Park Meeting, sponsored by the Department of Environmental Management, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.

Friday, Jan. 15

- 10 a.m. — Adult Discussion Group meeting and Preschool Story Hour, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 8 p.m. — Dance to benefit the Charlestown Youth Hockey Association, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Saturday, Jan. 16

- 7 p.m. — Family Feud, St. Catherine's Hall, Tufts Street

Sunday, Jan. 17

- 10 a.m. — Breakfast Get-Together, American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.

Monday, Jan. 18

- 7:30 p.m. — Bunker Hill Post No. 26, The American Legion Meeting, Post Quarters, 23 Adams St.

Tuesday, Jan. 19

Curbside Newspaper Recycling Week — Put your newspapers out on your regular trash pick-up day, rain or shine, in paper bags or bundled in string and a separate truck will pick up the newspapers. For information, call 635-4959.

- 9:30 to 11 a.m. — Woman's Recovery Group Meeting, Old Kent School, 23A Moulton St.
- 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. — Children's Films, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- noon to 1 p.m. — Ironsides Toastmasters Meeting, Mass. General Hospital East, 7th floor auditorium, Building 149, 13th Street, Charlestown Navy Yard (use 13th Street entrance)
- 7 p.m. — Community Meeting on the preliminary design for Tremont Street, sponsored by the BRA and Bryant Associates Inc., Kent Community Center Auditorium, 50 Bunker Hill St.
- 7 to 9 p.m. — Line Dancing with Frank "Zip" Campbell, Kent Community Center, 50 Bunker Hill St.

Wednesday, Jan. 20

- noon — Lunch Time Films featuring "Guilty by Reason of Race," Visitor Center, Building 5, National Historical Park section of the Charlestown Navy Yard
- 3:30 p.m. — Creative Dramatics for children 6 to 12, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 5 to 7 p.m. — Sen. Thomas Birmingham Office Hours, first floor conference area, One Thompson Square
- 6 to 7 p.m. — Rep. Richard A. Voke Office Hours, Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square (use Monument Avenue entrance)
- 7 p.m. — Family Film Series featuring "Captains Courageous," USS Constitution Museum, Charlestown Navy Yard
- 7 p.m. — Charlestown Neighborhood Council Informational Meeting on a plan by Domino's Pizza to locate at 142 Main St., Charlestown District Court, 3 City Square

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Upcoming Events

Thursday, Jan. 21

- 12:15 p.m. — Charlestown Kiwanis Club Meeting, Barrett's on Boston Harbour restaurant
- 6:30 p.m. — Parents workshop "Talking To Your Teens About Alcohol and Drugs," sponsored by CHAD, Boys & Girls Club Library, 15 Green St.
- 7 p.m. — Tufts Street Ladies Club Meeting, St. Catherine Lower Rectory, 49 Vine St.
- 7 p.m. — Townie Santa Committee Meeting, Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St.
- 7:30 p.m. — A one-woman show, "A Woman, Ain't I," about Sojourner Truth as recreated by Kathryn Woods, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

Friday, Jan. 22

- 10 a.m. — Adult Discussion Group meeting and Preschool Story Hour, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 8 p.m. — School Benefit Karaoke Dance, Bishop Lawton Hall, St. Francis de Sales Church, 313 Bunker Hill St.

Saturday, Jan. 23

- 7 p.m. — Fifth Annual Old Charlestown Boys' Club Reunion, Charlestown Boys & Girls Club, High Street Building
- 8 p.m. — Cunha Family Fire Fund Benefit, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Sunday, Jan. 24

- 6:30 p.m. — CH.A.M.P.: Charlestown After Murder Program Meeting, St. Catherine Rectory, 49 Vine St.

Monday, Jan. 25

- 6 to 7:30 p.m. — Mothers Support Group, sponsored by CHAAR Against Drugs, Kennedy Center, 27 Winthrop St.

Tuesday, Jan. 26

- 9:15 a.m. to noon — Vision Screening Program for Senior Citizens, Golden Age Center, 382 Main St.
- 9:30 to 11 a.m. — Woman's Recovery Group Meeting, Old Kent School, 23A Moulton St.
- 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. — Children's Films, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 7 to 9 p.m. — Line Dancing with Frank "Zip" Campbell, Kent Community Center, 50 Bunker Hill St.
- 7 p.m. — Community Meeting on the preliminary design for Winthrop Street, sponsored by the BRA and Bryant Associates Inc., St. Mary's Parish Hall, 48 Winthrop St.

Wednesday, Jan. 27

- noon — Lunch Time Films featuring "Let There Be Light," Visitor Center, Building 5, National Historical Park section of the Charlestown Navy Yard
- 3:30 p.m. — Creative Dramatics for children 6 to 12, Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.
- 6 to 7 p.m. — Rep. Richard A. Voke Office Hours, Bunker Hill Museum, 43 Monument Square (use Monument Avenue entrance)
- 7 p.m. — Family Film Series featuring "Moby Dick," USS Constitution Museum, Charlestown Navy Yard

Plan Ahead

Friday, Jan. 29

- 7:30 p.m. — Life Focus Center 15th Anniversary Banquet, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Saturday, Jan. 30

- 8 p.m. — World-Famous Hypnotist Frank Santos performance, to benefit The Teen Connection, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Friday, March 5

- 8 p.m. — Dance to benefit the Charlestown Youth Hockey Association, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Saturday, March 6

- 7:30 p.m. — Gladys Corned Beef Dinner, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Friday, March 26

- 7 p.m. — Community Appreciation Awards Banquet, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

Saturday, March 27

- 6:15 p.m. — 24th annual Michael P. Quinn Scholarship Dinner-Dance, K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

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Flynn Hosts Community Forum

Community leaders from Charlestown joined more than 100 others from across the city last week at a cable-televized open forum with Mayor Raymond L. Flynn at the JFK Library. The 90-minute event had Flynn answering questions from the audience and came one day after the mayor's State of the City Address.

The forum, televised this

week on Boston cable, focused on a six-point agenda for 1993 laid out by Flynn during his State of the City Address. From education reform to the impact of state local aid cuts, the forum addressed a wide range of issues.

"Our plan for 1993 focuses on creating stable neighborhoods through jobs and economic opportunities,

providing quality services by securing Boston's fiscal independence and reducing fear through neighborhood policing," the mayor said. "We also seek to protect the environment through recycling and enforcement, expanding access to quality health care for children and challenging the entire city to join the fight for school reform."

Charlestown residents Mary MacInnes, Peter Looney, Bob Wallace, Elaine McCarthy, Jim Mansfield, Mel Stillman and Judy Evers were among those in the audience. While Flynn and a number of city officials outlined specifics on how to achieve these goals, the JFK forum was dominated by questions about the city's current budget situation.

"Fifty-one percent of all Boston's property is tax-exempt — hospitals, universi-

ties, state-owned property, some hotels — and if it's fair to ask the elderly woman from Charlestown to pay property taxes on her house, isn't it fair to ask these institutions to pay their fair share?" the mayor asked.

Flynn said he is willing to fight for what he called "fiscal independence," but said the residents of the city must join the battle.

Flynn reminded the audience that state local aid to Boston has been cut by \$80 million over three years, leaving the city unable to hire any new police officers or firefighters in 22 months. Boston has cut 1,739 jobs in four years, he said, and still faces a \$40 million budget gap.

"Together, we have to send a message to Beacon Hill that Boston deserves its fair share," Flynn said. "Nobody can do it alone."

Woods Is Sojourner Truth In One-Woman Show

The Friends of the Charlestown Branch Library cordially invites the public to attend its next program, "A Woman, Ain't I," a one-woman show about Sojourner Truth as recreated by Kathryn Woods. It will be held on Thursday, Jan. 21 at 7:30 p.m., at the library, 179 Main St.

early days as a slave and shares poignant stories of her years as champion of her people. Woods uses Sojourner's own words and the spiritual music she may have sung to recreate this inspiring woman.

Woods has acted in Boston for 17 years. Her credits include performances with



KATHRYN WOODS is Sojourner Truth in a one-woman show, "A Woman, Ain't I," to be presented by the Friends of the Charlestown Branch Library on Thursday, Jan. 21.

A slave for 29 years, Sojourner Truth (1797-1883) developed a close relationship with God which enabled her, in 1843, to walk away from slavery and join the Abolitionists. She became a powerful speaker against slavery and for the rights of women and black people.

The program joins Sojourner Truth at the end of her life as she recalls her

Theatreworks and People's Theatre, among many others. Woods has also performed in the Edinburgh Arts Festival.

This program is sponsored by the library as part of its February Black History Month schedule of events. Older children may find this presentation of interest, and are invited to attend.

There will be a reception following the program.

Basic Pet Care For Children

The Charlestown Branch Library will sponsor a lecture on Basic Pet Care For Children on Thursday, Jan. 28 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the library 179 Main St.

Emily March, a teacher from the American Humane Education Society, will speak, show slides, present a puppet show and answer questions about ba-

sic pet care for children.

Suggested good books to read in connection with the lecture include **Arthur's Pet Business** by Marc Tolon Brown, **King Emmett the Second** by Mary Stolz, **Pet Safety** by Joseph M. McCoy, **Petcetera: The Pet Riddle Book** by Meyer Seltzer and **Your World of Pets** by Susan McGrath.



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Safety On The M.B.T.A. Lecture At The Charlestown Branch Library

Detective Fran Mulhern, community service officer for the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority Police, will present an illustrated lecture on "Safety on the M.B.T.A." at the Charlestown Branch Library's weekly Adult Discussion Group on Friday, Jan. 15, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the library, 179 Main St.

Mulhern will draw on his more than 19 years of anti-crime experience with the "T" to illustrate its Victim Awareness Program. Although the program is aimed specifically at problems people might experience while riding public transportation, it also deals with a number of other situations such as crowded malls and shopping centers.

"We hope to make people more 'street wise' and show them ways they can make themselves less vulnerable in public by changing some of their bad habits into good habits," Mulhern said.

The program is free and is open to the public. For more information, please contact the library at 242-1248.

On Friday, Jan. 22 at 10 a.m., the discussion group will begin a two-part series on Home Decorating with free-lance interior designer Lillian MacAlpine. All are welcome.

PRAYER TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN

(never known to fail)
O most beautiful flower of Mount Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of Heaven, Blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in my necessity. O Star of the Sea, help me and show me here you are my mother. O Holy Mary, Mother Of God, Queen of Heaven and Earth, I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to secure me in my necessity (make request). There are none that can withstand your power. O Mary conceived without sin pray for us who have recourced to thee (3 times). Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hands (3 times). Say this prayer for 3 consecutive days and then you must publish it and it will be granted to you.
M.B.

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Married Recently



MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM NUGENT

Christine Chiappa and William Nugent were married recently at St. Catherine of Siena Church in Charlestown. The Rev. Ronald Coyne officiated. The bride is the daughter of Mary and Richard Chiappa of Charlestown. The groom is the son of Janice Nugent of Winthrop.

Kathleen Boyden, a friend of the bride, was maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Kerry Donovan, Kelly O'Neil and Kimberly Fitzpatrick, all of Charlestown, and Kimberly Allen of Watertown.

Gene Santin, a friend of the groom, was the best man. Groomsmen were Steve Chiappa of Charlestown, William Johns of Winthrop, Mike Walker of Revere, and William Rogers and John Cimino, both of East Boston.

Mrs. Nugent graduated from Charlestown High School and attended Fisher Junior College. She is employed by the Marriott Corporation.

Mr. Nugent graduated from Winthrop High School and attended Bunker Hill Community College. He is employed by John Hancock.

After a wedding trip to the Bahamas, Mr. and Mrs. Nugent are residing in Winthrop.

CHAD To Sponsor A Parent Workshop

CHARlestown Against Drugs (CHAD) will be sponsoring a parents workshop entitled "Talking to

Your Teens About Alcohol & Drugs" at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 21. The presenter will be Maud Hurd from The Prevention Center, and it promises to be both an interesting and informative evening. All parents are invited.

The workshop will be held in the Boys & Girls Club Library, 15 Green St. Please join us as we look for ways to help our young people deal with a difficult issue in their lives and in our community.

Happy Birthday To Our Two Favorite Girls . . .



1-18-72



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Love . . . Uncle Dennis, Uncle Brendan, Grandpa & "Gram Cookie"

Happy 6th Birthday

CHARLEEN MARIE

Jan. 20th

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Happy 1st Birthday

MEGHAN

on Jan. 17th

Love . . .

Mommie & Daddy



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



• **Congratulations . . .** to Charlestown's state senator Tom Birmingham on his appointment as chairman of the prestigious Senate Committee on Ways and Means. Birmingham receives this appointment as he begins his second term as state senator which is a tribute to the mark he has made in the Senate in a relatively short period of time . . . Birmingham, along with Charlestown's state representative Richard A. Voke, who serves as Majority Leader of the House of Representatives, would lead us to conclude that the community is in good hands on Beadon Hill!

• **In Another Political Arena . . .** the lines are forming with candidates seeking the District One Boston City Council seat now held by newly sworn in state senator Robert Travaglini. The district, which includes Charlestown, the West End, East Boston, North End and the waterfront area, could possibly see this community as the deciding factor in the race. Among the prospective candidates, rumored in the cafes and coffee shops, are Carol Aloisi, Democratic State Committeewoman . . . former District One Boston School Committee member Bob Cappucci . . . East Boston journalist Frank Conte . . . Attorney Jim Costello . . . former city council candidate and East Boston businesswoman Maria DiLiberio . . . state public safety official and North End resident Bill Ferullo . . . East Boston resident and Central Artery coordinator for the city Sal Lamattina . . . Diane Modica, commissioner of Consumer Affairs & Licensing for the city and former city council candidate . . . Domenic Pisco of the North End, a federal emergency planner . . . former city council candidate Tom Pizzi . . . JoAnne Prevost, North End realtor . . . and Fran Riley, a youth program supervisor. Three Charlestown residents . . . Jim Walsh, Steve Owens and Matt O'Neil . . . who were mentioned as possible contenders early on, have been very, very quiet . . . Needless to say, it will be a politically hot summer in the district!

• **The Race For Mayor Of Charlestown . . .** is very quiet at the moment as not a single candidate has tossed his or her chapeau into the contest. Anyone seeking information on the race or ballots, should contact Charlestown-To-Charlestown Committee Chairman Arthur Hurley at 242-2724.

• **Want A Night Of Laughs? . . .** Then take a stroll down to St. Catherine's Hall this Saturday, Jan. 16 at 7 p.m. for the second annual Family Feud. Some 16 teams will face off, including last year's champs "Glo's Babies," who will be defending their title. It promises to be a lot of fun!

• **Birthdays, Birthdays, Birthdays . . .** are being celebrated this week . . . today, Jan. 14, is the big day for Nicole DeRoeve who will turn "Sweet Sixteen" and for Bob Urquhart whose friends are asking the question "How old are you now?" . . . on Jan. 15, Helen Conway marks her 88th birthday, Tom Cunha will turn 39 once again and Kathleen Eddlem will be celebrating . . . and John Lynch will mark his 29th on Jan. 19 while reading this in Chicago . . . Best wishes to one and all!

• **Belated Birthday Wishes . . .** go out to Edie Fawcett whose birthday was celebrated on Jan. 11!

• **For A Break . . .** in the midst of this upcoming long holiday weekend, how about breakfast on Sunday, Jan. 17 at the American Legion Hall, 23 Adams St.? . . . Starting at 10 a.m., the chef will prepare an outstanding breakfast feast at a very nominal cost. So, gather up the family and come on down!

• **A Note To Patriot Letter Writers . . .** as is stated at the top of each "Letters To The Editor" column, a letter **must** be signed in order to be published. If the author so requests, the name will not be printed but it must be on the letter . . . A lot of very thought-provoking letters get placed on hold because they are not signed . . . If you care enough to write, be sure to sign your name.

• **Giving A Helping Hand . . .** were the parishioners of St. Francis de Sales who donated a total of 447 cans of food during the recent "Hungry Sunday" appeal which were, in turn, donated to the Charlestown Ecumenical Food Pantry.

• **The Winner . . .** of a sewing basket, handcrafted by Bernie Donahue to benefit St. Francis de Sales School, was Ruth McLaughlin. Congratulations!

• **Martin Luther King Jr. Day . . .** will be celebrated on Monday, Jan. 18 . . . state and municipal offices will be closed, as will libraries, schools and the post office . . . Trash and newspaper pickup will be a day late . . . the "T" will operate on a Saturday schedule . . . but retail stores, supermarkets, liquor stores and taverns will be open . . . the Patriot office will be closed . . . and the deadline for news and advertising will be extended until noon on Tuesday, Jan. 19.

• **Charlestown On "Chronicle" . . .** will be shown at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 19 on Channel 5.

Jackson Joins Mayor's Office Staff

Charlestown native Joe Jackson has been named to serve as Mayor Raymond L. Flynn's liaison to South Boston. He joins Charlestown liaison Judy Evers in the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services.

"Mayor Flynn and I are confident that Joe will do a terrific job in his new position," said Ann Maguire, director of the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services.

Jackson, who was born and raised in Charlestown and whose family still resides here, comes to work for Neighborhood Services after serving with the city's Community Centers Department.

partment.

For more than a year, Jackson worked at Community Centers as a Program Manager for the Winner's Circle Program — a collaborative with Boston Public Schools that seeks to help at-risk middle school students through after-school recreation and education.

He is best known in Charlestown for his work at the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club, where he was director of teen programs.

Now a South Boston resident, Jackson graduated from Christopher Columbus High School in 1982 and holds a degree in management from Westfield State College.

The Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services facilitates the delivery of services to the city's residents and encourages the active participation of residents in local decision making and other activities to improve the quality of life in the neighborhoods. For more information on the office, call 635-3485.

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Kidney Boat Campaign Gains Strength

The Kidney Foundation of Massachusetts and Rhode Island recently initiated a Donate-A-Boat campaign which has met with great success. Motorboats, cruisers and sailboats have been donated to the Kidney Foundation, sustaining programs of kidney disease research and patient services, while the donors have received valuable tax credits.

Due to the current conditions of the economy, these luxury crafts are often worth more to the owners as donations than salable vehicles. The seaworthy vessels donated include a 22-foot luxury cruiser and a lightning fast catamaran

sailboat, which were picked up free of charge to be sold by, and thereby benefit, the National Kidney Foundation.

Aside from the obvious tax advantage that the donors enjoy, the program also hugely benefits the some 15 million Americans afflicted by kidney related disorders; last year alone, the Kidney Foundation awarded over \$200,000 to Massachusetts researchers studying kidney and urological disease.

For information on donating a seaworthy sailboat, motorboat or yacht, call the Kidney Foundation at 1-800-542-4001.

Birmingham Honored For Efforts On Behalf Of Children



SEN. THOMAS F. BIRMINGHAM was honored recently by the Massachusetts Office for Children Statewide Advisory Council for his "outstanding contributions to children's services." U.S. Sen. Edward M. "Ted" Kennedy delivered the keynote remarks at an impressive ceremony held in Doric Hall at the State House. Office for Children Statewide Advisory Council President George Bachrach then lauded Birmingham for his "important and untiring efforts" on behalf of children and families in Massachusetts. Shown at the awards ceremony are (l. to r.): Bachrach, Birmingham and Kennedy.

Put Your Old Eyeglasses To Good Use

The Charlestown Lions Club recycled over 1,000 pairs of used eyeglasses in 1992, making it possible for many who could not afford to buy eyeglasses to obtain them.

If you have any discarded or unneeded eyeglasses or sunglasses and would like to put them to good use, please give them to a local Lions Club member, drop them off at the Patriot office at One Thompson Square, or call Bud Coleman at 242-2063.

Sleepover At St. Catherine's

St. Catherine's second annual sleepover will be held on Sunday, Jan. 17 beginning at 6:30 p.m. for youngsters in grades 2 through 5. (Monday is a holiday!) No child will be

admitted after 7 p.m. unless prior arrangements have been made.

The cost will be \$4 which will include dinner, snacks and activities in St. Catherine's Hall. Permission slips and details on what to bring are available at St. Catherine's Rectory. Permission slips must be returned by Friday, Jan. 15.

Call Mary Featherston at 242-1750 for more information.

Marathon Tours To Take Part In Vacation World At Bayside Expo

Marathon Tours & Travel, a local Carlson Travel Network travel agency, will take part in the second annual Carlson Travel Network/Visa U.S.A. Vacation World at Boston's Bayside Expo Center the weekend of Jan. 15 through 17.

Attendees will be able to travel the world without leaving town and take advantage of the best travel bargains anywhere.

once-in-a-lifetime vacation destination or warm-weather weekend getaway, Kyle said, they can book their trips at fantastic savings right at the show.

Carlson Travel Network/Visa U.S.A. Vacation World show hours are Friday, Jan. 15 from 12:30 to 9 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 16, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Sunday, Jan. 17, from 10

a.m. to 6 p.m. General admission is \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors, \$2 for children 6 to 12 and free for children under 6 accompanied by an adult.

The Bayside Expo Center is easily reached by car from exit 15 off the South-east Expressway (I-93) and by public transportation via the MBTA Red Line's JFK/UMass T stop.

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News From The Charlestown Boys & Girls Club



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• EDUCATION/CULTURAL ENRICHMENT

International Dance — A Big Success

The Peer Advisory Council members — Neil Boyle, Kairsten Burke, Ben Burnett, Michael Carroll, Pat Gould, Katie O'Leary, Michelle McLaughlin, Jacque Neff and Lesley Southern — planned and ran a great dance on Jan. 8. Food was served from many different countries, including the Phillipines, Columbia, Greece and Cuba. The Peer Advisory members also taught international folk dances to the 50 or so club members in attendance. Good job, Peer Advisory!

Upcoming Events

— **A Freedom Celebration** will be held from 2:30 to 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 15 in the club library.

— **An International Forum** will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 15. Come learn about different countries by talking with people from various countries.

— **An Invention Convention** will be held at the club library during the week of Jan. 19-23. Come create something, write a patent and look at all of the other creative inventions that club members will make.

• TEEN EDUCATION / COLLEGE CLUB

The College Club is holding a Financial Aid Workshop for college-bound students, current college students and their parents tonight, Thursday, Jan. 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Teen Center.

Any student who would like individual advice should contact Jenny Atkinson or Jack Sheehan at 242-1775.

• PHYSICAL EDUCATION NEWS

The Boys & Girls Club basketball season opened last week with a very good start.

The girls' 18-and-under team opened up against Roxbury and, with Nicole Matson leading the way, Charlestown ended up with an 11-point win. Christine Locke and Colleen Walsh also had very strong performances.

In boys' action, the 15-and-under team faced South Boston in what turned out to be an easy win for the Charlestown squad. Michael Collins led the way in both scoring and rebounding. Ian Urquhart, David Evers and Steve Linnane also played very well.

The 12-and-under team traveled over to Southie to play a game that went right down to the wire. Despite the strong play, Charlestown was not able to come away with the victory. According to Coach John Killoan, "Although we didn't win, I think the youngsters thoroughly enjoyed themselves." The final score was Southie 54, Townies 48.

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Office Hours By Appointment



Thomas Gilligan of Marathon Tours & Travel, Carlson Travel Network, 108 Main St., Charlestown, will be taking part in the show.

The show will feature great vacation bargains, non-stop live entertainment, fashion shows, international food and more than 300 exhibits of vacation spots, airlines, cruise lines, hotels, resorts and more from around the world. They'll bring the sights and sounds of far away places right inside Bayside, said show director Ray Kyle.

These exhibitors will provide show attendees with the latest travel information, and when they've located that perfect honeymoon location, fantasy cruise,

Neighborhood Involvement Reduces Crime Rate

Mayor Raymond Flynn thanked the residents of Boston's neighborhoods for their efforts and contributions toward the reduction of the city's crime over the past two years. Flynn stated: "Our comprehensive approach to expanding economic development, coordinating law enforcement and fostering community and parental responsibility has built partnerships, solved problems and helped prevent crimes. Working together has helped to improve the quality of life in our neighborhoods."

On Dec. 30, Police Commissioner Francis "Mickey" Roache announced a 34 percent decrease in ho-

micides in Boston during 1992, and a 9 percent reduction in serious crime overall — the lowest number of incidents since 1973. In addition, the report showed that the city has the lowest number of car thefts since 1964, and the number of homicides, robberies and assaults involving firearms also dropped.

Marcus DeFlorimonte, deputy director of Safe Neighborhoods, cites the hard work of neighborhood-based organizations such as the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club, which received Youth Fund grants to support life skills and career counseling programs for young people. "This

type of neighborhood-based effort is a critical component of our plan to provide positive alternatives for young people, and to improve the safety in our neighborhoods," he said.

Other Charlestown organizations which have received Safe Neighborhood Youth Fund Grants over the past two years, and have contributed to improving the quality of life for young people in their neighborhood, are: JFK Family Service Center, Navy Yard Rowing Center, Life Focus Center of Charlestown, Edwards Middle School/MSPCC-Family Counseling Center and St. Catherine's Parish.

Academy Programs In Three Boston High Schools

With new timelines recently approved by the Boston School Committee, parents and students are beginning to choose a high school for the fall. Academy Programs are now in place at certain Boston High Schools. They are: The Academy of Public Service at Dorchester High School, The Academy of Travel and Tourism at East Boston High School and The Academy of Finance at Hyde Park High School.

Most high school students graduate with little more than a diploma. An Academy graduate enters the workforce with practical knowledge and solid work

experience. The Academy model, developed by the National Academy Foundation and supported by local businesses and organizations, consists of a rigorous supplemental academic curriculum for 11th and 12th graders that is augmented and reinforced by practical on-the-job experience through paid summer internships. Academy stu-

dents learn the fundamentals in their chosen field and are immersed in the workplace environment to apply their knowledge and function competently.

If your youngster attends middle school and you would like to know more about the Academy Programs, call 423-3577, ext. 229.

EPA Annual Poem And Poster Contest

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announces its 21st annual Elementary Education Ecology Poem and Poster Program. Teachers and students in

kindergarten through grade six are invited to enter the contest and display their environmental awareness and artistic creativity.

The contest requires participating teachers to give at least one lesson on environmental issues and encourage students to create related poems or posters.

Entries must be submitted to the EPA by March 12 and will be judged in late spring. All participating classes will receive a certification of participation. Winners will be invited to an awards ceremony.

To receive a brochure and registration form, contact Laura Salter at 565-9175.

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Life Focus Center To Celebrate 15 Years With Recognition Banquet

The Life Focus Center (LFC) will celebrate 15 years of service to the mentally retarded and physically handicapped of the community at a banquet to be held on Friday evening, Jan. 29 at 7:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 75 West School St.

One of the highlights of the evening will be the honoring of Rep. Richard A. Voke, Majority Leader of

the Massachusetts House of Representatives, as the LFC "Man of the Year." Voke has worked enthusiastically and tirelessly for the clients of LFC, and it is only fitting that he be cited for his efforts during the anniversary celebration.

The event will include a sit-down dinner and danc-

ing to a D.J. following the formal program.

Tickets, which are nominally priced at \$15 per person, are available by calling June Reilly at 242-1827, Charlie Johnson at 242-2795, Jim Conway at 242-6187 or Marge at LFC, 242-3423.

As The Snow Falls . . . Some Scenes Of 'Chowda'fest



J. BILDNER'S of Charlestown was one of the restaurants that participated in the 10th annual Horizons For Youth "Chowda"fest held this past fall in the Charlestown Navy

Yard. Representing Bildner's at the event were (l. to r.) Michael Fielding, Danny Wong, Andrea Sheeler and Grace Lamothe. (photo by Betsey Ball)

Let's Discover Winter

Children ages 5 to 10 are invited to discover winter with stories, games, songs, crafts and surprises . . . all with a winter theme. The program will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 14 at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St.

PRAYER TO ST. JUDE

To be said when problems arise or when one seems to be deprived of all visible help, or for cases almost despaired of.

Most holy apostle, St. Jude, faithful servant and friend of Jesus, the Church honors and invokes you universally, as the patron of hopeless cases, of things most despaired of. Pray for me, I am so helpless and alone. Make use I implore you, of that particular privilege given to you, to bring visible and speedy help where help is almost despaired of. Come to my assistance in this great need that I may receive the consolation and help of heaven in all my necessities, tribulations, and sufferings, particularly — (Here make your request) and that I may praise God with you and all the elect forever. I promise, O blessed St. Jude, to be ever mindful of this great favor, to always honor you as my special and powerful patron, and to gratefully encourage devotion to you. Amen. W.M.

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AT CHOWDAFEST: Carl McKay (left) serves some of the Captain Courageous prize-winning chowder to Bud distributor Gary Bostwick of Charlestown at the annual Chowdafest held by Horizons for Youth at the Charlestown Navy Yard. (photo by Sam Greenwald)

Some 'Jazzy' Young Dancers . . .

around the town



by Gloria S. Conway

★ Neighborhood Council Meetings . . .
Meeting On Domino's Pizza

The Neighborhood Council will sponsor an informational meeting on a plan by Domino's Pizza to open at 142 Main St. in Charlestown, adjacent to Store 24. Pat Romano will represent the company at the meeting.

The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 20 at the Charlestown District Court, 3 City Square.

Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Neighborhood Council will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 2 at 7 p.m. at the K. of C. Hall, 75 West School St.

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

★ Tremont Street . . . Residents of Tremont Street and other interested persons are invited to attend a meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 7 p.m. at the Kent Community Center, 50 Bunker Hill St.

The Boston Redevelopment Authority and its consultant, Bryant Associates Inc., will outline the preliminary design plans for reconstruction of the street.

★ City Square Park . . . The Department of Environmental Management, the lead state agency responsible for final design guidelines for City Square Park, will be hosting a meeting on the park tonight, Thursday, Jan. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St. All are welcome.

★ Consumer Alert . . . According to an advisory issued by the Massachusetts Chimney Sweep Guild, disreputable chimney sweep companies are starting to work their way into Mass. after allegedly defrauding unsuspecting N.J. and Conn. homeowners of thousands of dollars.

In order to protect yourself, the Guild recommends that the homeowner ask for the following credentials before doing business with any chimney sweep:

- Certification with the Chimney Safety Institute of America or the National Chimney Sweep Guild;
- Membership in the Mass. Chimney Sweep Guild;
- Mass. State Contractor or Home Improvement Contractor license; and
- Liability insurance.

★ CANA Tunnel Protection . . . The Central Artery/North Area (CANA) tunnel is now being protected from the hazards of vehicular fires and explosions by state-of-the-art fire detection and control systems from Alison Control Inc. of Fairfield, N.J. Due to open in the spring of 1993, the half-mile tunnel passes through Charlestown beneath City Square.

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★ Post Offices Closed On Monday . . . Charlestown residents are advised that all post offices will be closed and there will be no regular mail delivery on Monday, Jan. 18 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Special Delivery and Express Mail will be delivered on the holiday. Collections will be made at 1 p.m. to target businesses open on the holiday in addition to the regular 5 p.m. collection.

★ Street Reconstruction Update . . . Susi expected to be installing gas light heads this week, but the promised delivery from the manufacturer never occurred. According to the manufacturer, the first 30 heads will arrive at Susi's yard this Thursday, whereupon they will be inspected and, if they pass, will be installed next week, weather permitting.

Susi has several more roof drain connections to install, and is purchasing matching materials for them.

The Middlesex Corp. is installing the electric street lights on the side slope alongside the Mead Street Stairs (40 Flights). A conduit repair is required for one of the six lights. Railings are still scheduled to be installed in February.

Questions, concerns and complaints are being handled by Community Liaison Peter Looney at 722-4300 ext. 5674.

The "Three Streets" Design Contract for Tremont, Winthrop and Union streets is progressing and separate community meetings are being scheduled for each neighborhood to present the preliminary designs. Input from the neighbors is invited. Watch for the advertisements elsewhere in the Patriot.

Scholarship Dance Program

The Jeannette Neill Dance Studio will hold auditions for its teen scholarship program on Saturday, Jan. 23 at 3 p.m. at 9 Belvidere St., Boston. The

program is open to adolescents between the ages of 11 and 18 and is intended for those who are serious about pursuing a career in dance or a related field. Recipi-

ents will receive training in jazz, ballet, modern and tap.

For more information, contact Jim Viera at 262-4307.



MEMBERS of the Jazz Dance Class at Theatreskol America Dance Studio pose during a recent class at St. Catherine's School Hall. Shown (l. to r.) Amanda Schmidt, Jennifer Bohn, Meaghan Byrd, Stephanie Boyd, Caitlin Greco, Genevieve Hayes and Marisa Theroux-Jones. (photo by Jeanne Davis)

Catholic Adult Organization
Ski Trip Planned for Feb. 26-28

The Charlestown Catholic Adult Organization from St. Mary's Parish is sponsoring a ski trip to Sugarbush Resort, Vt. on the weekend of Feb. 26-28. Lodging in a condo unit, a two-day ski lift ticket at Sugarbush and round trip transportation is only \$202. There are over 20 people already signed up!

For more information, call Father Casey at 242-4664 or pick up a flyer at St. Mary's Rectory, One Monument Square. A \$50 deposit is due by Jan. 18.

The next meeting of the

Charlestown Catholic Adult Group will be Sunday, Feb. 7 from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. at St. Mary's Rectory.

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TREMONT STREET PRELIMINARY DESIGN

— **SECOND & FINAL NOTIFICATION** —

The Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) and its Consultant, Bryant Associates Inc., will present the Preliminary Design for Tremont Street, one street of the BRA Three Streets Design Contract. Community input and comments are invited for Tremont Street.

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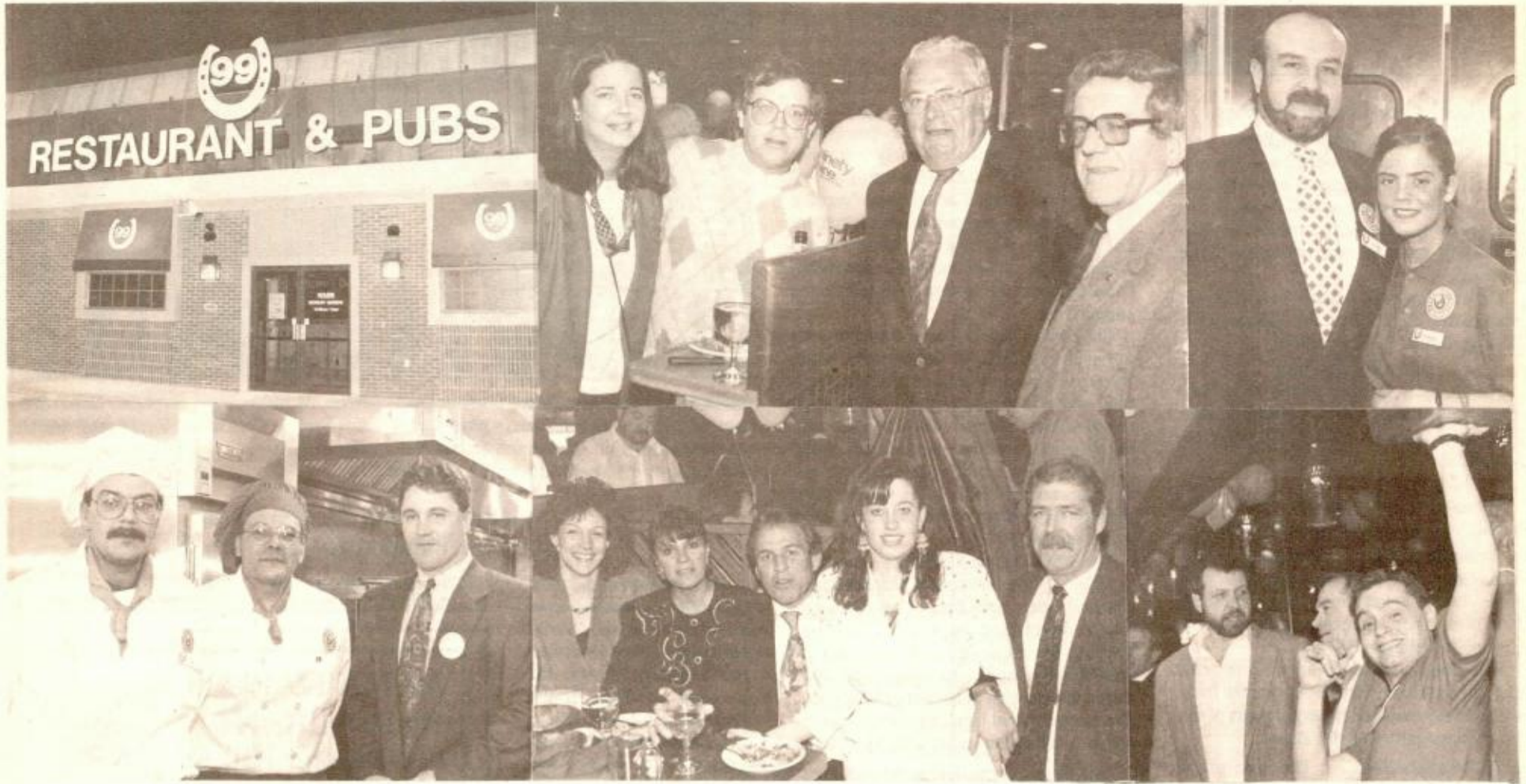
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The 99 Restaurant Opens In The Bunker Hill Mall



A GALA PARTY on Jan. 9 marked the grand opening of the newest in the chain of 99 restaurants at the Bunker Hill Mall in Charlestown. TOP ROW: At the left is the facade of the newly renovated restaurant . . . In the center (l. to r.) are Paula Lyons, Attorney Peter Lyons, 99 restaurant owner Charlie Doe and Charlestown resident Jim Conway at the opening celebration . . . On the right is

Wayne Gibbs, general manager of the Charlestown 99 restaurant, with Charlestown Rose Shannon Kiely, a member of the restaurant's waitstaff. BOTTOM ROW: On the left (l. to r.) is George Tagarelis, executive chef of the 99 restaurants; Joseph Spinale, kitchen manager of the Charlestown 99 restaurant; and Chad Doe, president of

the 99 Corporation . . . In the center (fourth from the left) is Jennifer Greene of the 99 Marketing Department and her co-workers . . . At the left is Charlestown resident Danny MacInnes, a member of the restaurant's waitstaff, handling a tray during the crowded open house. The restaurant was opened to the public on Jan. 11.



Old Boys Club Thoughts

In Anticipation Of The Fifth Annual Alumni Reunion

by Charlie McGonagle

For some who spent many hours at the old Charlestown Boys Club, thoughts often drift back to a certain basketball team or swimming team, and deservedly so. Basketball and swimming were popular winter sports at the club, and wintertime was when most youngsters frequented the club on a regular basis. It was natural, therefore, to pursue those activities which were then in season.

However, let it not be forgotten that there was, and is today, a whole lot more to do at the club than to head for the pool or the gym.

For instance, there was a library. For many years, Miss Ethel Kimball overlooked the activities in the club's library and because so many of us from the time remember her well, she must have been doing something very positive. On the one hand, I can remember her constantly telling us to be quiet, while on the other hand I can remember her sitting patiently while listening to us read from a school book.

In later years, a beautiful and wonderful woman, Mrs. Rose DeSimone, became the librarian and where I had visited the library quite regularly as a member when Miss Kimball attended to the duties, I came to know Mrs. DeSimone as a co-worker. I

am sorry to say that I do not know just how long the library existed under the tutelage of these two remarkable women, but I would venture to guess that their patience and understanding with Boys Club members spanned several decades.

When I think back to the club's library, the faces of Miss Kimball and Mrs. DeSimone are the first impressions that come to mind, but I also recall the scale model of the Duxbury Stockade. The model was encased in glass, and was an exact reproduction of the real thing. It is easy now to think back to when this piece of Boys Club history was taken for granted by we who frequented the library, and it is just as easy now as an adult to recognize just how beautiful it was in both detail and artistry. I have often wondered whatever became of that model.

Activities at the library included, among other things, reading, homework, and my personal favorite, states and their capitals. Think back for a moment to the Boys Club library. Remember, if you would, the green cards (probably three by five in size), each picturing one of the then 48 states (Alaska and Hawaii had yet to be admitted to the Union). The cards would be divided equally between the two playing the game and, in turn, each would hold a



THE FIRST GROUP of Bunker Hillbillies from the Boys Club began their training on various instruments such as

card for the other to view. The youngster holding the card could look at the back which contained the state's name and its capital. His opponent would attempt to identify the state in question and then, if successful with that identification, would continue on to the state's capital. If correct on both counts, he would go on to the next card. If not, the roles were reversed. The key to this game was to study, very carefully, those you identified incorrectly and store that knowledge for future games.

After playing the game often enough, we as 8 and 9 year olds could easily identify the outlines of some of the more familiar

states. The easiest was Massachusetts, of course, along with Florida, California, Texas and Maine. As one continued to play, he would learn to associate the capitals with the state.

The true champions of the state game were those who could identify the "square" states of Wyoming, Colorado and Kansas simply by looking at the outline and then, without a moment's hesitation, name the capital of each.

From that game came questions such as, "Name five state capitals that begin with the letter A". "How many state capitals are named after presidents?" ...

the guitar and kazoo, under the direction of Bob Mundstedt, and started performing during 1941.

"How many states border the Atlantic Ocean?" ... and "Which state is farther the Atlantic Ocean?" ... (continued on page 10)

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The Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) and its Consultant, Bryant Associates Inc., will present the Preliminary Design for Winthrop Street, one street of the BRA Three Streets Design Contract. Community input and comments are invited for Winthrop Street.

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In Anticipation Of The Fifth Annual Alumni Reunion

(continued from page 9)

west, Ohio or Florida?"

We learned, also, to type under the direction of Mr.

Hyde using old Royal manual typewriters, to play the kazoo, wash board and guitar under Bob Mundstedt,



A YOUNG CHEF, attired in a white uniform with a Chef's Club hat, mounted a wooden tomato box to reach the work bench as he learned culinary arts at the Boys Club.



THE BUNKER HILLBILLIES visited Washington, D.C. in 1964 and were welcomed by Sen. Edward Kennedy.

to play the violin or bass fiddle under Henry Bernard, to send and receive Morse Code under Mr. Walsh, to cook under Mrs. Holmes and Mrs. Philips, to box under Bill Duffy and Honey Melody, to play pool and ping pong under Stan Sokol, Arthur Geller and so many others, to take and develop photos under "Buzz" Kearns, to mind our P's and Q's under Freddy Sullivan, to have our numbers circled under Jack

McKertrick, and I could go on and on.

Yes, I was a member of the swimming team for several years, and I did try (those who were there to bear witness, please note that I did say try) to play basketball, but the Boys Club gave me a whole lot more than the pool and the gym.

On Saturday evening, Jan. 23 at 7 p.m., I will be at the fifth annual Charlestown Boys Club reunion to

meet with many of the men who helped make my early days at the club so memorable and so enjoyable. I hope to see you there.

Ticket, moderately priced at \$10 per person, can be purchased at the club by calling Jerry Steimel at 242-1775, or by contacting any one of the following Alumni Committee members: Denny Borden at 242-2914, Jimmy Connors at 241-8181, Charlie McGonagle at 665-9445, Kevin

O'Halloran at 279-0547, Paul Collins at 242-1935, Dan McGoff at 242-0819, Dennis Collins at 242-2839 or Pat Sweeney at 773-7110.

Of course, those former members who contributed \$25 or more to the annual Alumni Mailing Drive will be admitted to the reunion free of charge as promised in the letter which accompanied the mailing.

Additionally, former members who contributed \$50 to the drive will be admitted to the reunion free of charge and will receive a T-shirt commemorating the event.

Those who contributed \$100 or more will be admitted free of charge, will receive a T-shirt and will be presented with a beautiful pewter piece depicting the Green street facade of the Boys Club as it appeared before the renovations of the 1960s. The pewter piece will be oval in shape and will be mounted on a plaque of wood. Inscribed beneath the building's facade will be the now-famous "Enter, within is opportunity . . ." quote.

Former members who may not have been reached as part of our annual Alumni Mailing Drive and who may be interested in contributing, may do so by dropping by to see Jerry Steimel at the club, or by sending a check made payable to the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club.

Please be assured that all funds generated through the efforts of the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club Executive Board, including those raised through the Annual Alumni Mailing Drive, go solely toward benefitting programs at the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club.

CH.A.M.P.

The meeting of the Charlestown After Murder Program (CH.A.M.P) for Sunday, Jan. 17 has been cancelled.

Meetings will resume at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 24 at St. Catherine's Rectory, 49 Vine St.

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CHAD Junior Bowling League

by John Dillon

The CHarlestown Against Drugs (CHAD) Junior Bowling League ended its first half with the John Nucci team taking first place with 58 wins and 14 losses. Members of the Nucci team are Sean Reilly, Gina Lee Gerald, Jimmy Kissane and Matthew Paley.

The American Legion team finished second with 46 wins and 26 losses. Team members are Keith Ryan, Jean Wall, Kathleen Lynch and Michael Crowley.

In third place was the Bob Cappucci team with 42 wins and 30 losses. Members of the team are Michael Smith, Russell Gerald, Brendon Reardon and Taylor Halley.

Sean Reilly, who captains the Nucci team, is having a wonderful year, pushing a 90 average. Matthew Paley has also added to the team's wins with his steady bowling.

Other bowlers of note in the last game of the first half include Mark Dillon, who is really knocking the pins down and bowled 20 pins over his average; Tammy Biggins, who continues to bowl a great 80 average; and Amy Copithorn gets

better every week.

Also, Keith Ryan, who keeps improving every week, bowled 25 pins over his average; Philip O'Neil has had a great half, as have Andrea Webber, Nicole Lane and Kelly Gouthro; and Pat Pinder is dynamite.

The bowler of the week was Tom DeRosa who bowled 50 pins over his average. Everybody prays for a day like Tom had.

Final Standings First Half

	W - L
Nucci	58 14
American Legion	46 26
Cappucci	42 30
Erins	38 34
Crickets	34 38
B&B Oil	36 36
Chas'n. Patriot	40 32
Kennedy Center	28 44
B.H. Real Estate	28 44
Lori-Ann's	24 48

The league wishes to thank its president, Dorothy Harris. Without her help, the league couldn't continue. She gets the van from the Boys & Girls Club, collects the money, keeps the averages and totals the scores.

The second half of the season gets underway this Saturday, Jan. 16.

CYO Gym Hockey

Standings

	W	L	T
B.H. Florist	11	0	1
Ironside Grille	9	3	0
Peg & Al's	9	3	0
Village Market	7	3	2
BFI	7	5	0
Bryan's Pals	5	6	1
A.A. Radiators	5	6	1
Kerrigan's	4	8	0
The Blow Up	2	10	0
T.J.'s Kids	0	11	1

★ Players Of The Week ★

- Bunker Hill Florist - Neil Mahoney and Phil Carr
- Ironside Grille - Andrew Brennan and Patrick White
- Village Market - Michael Reid and Justine Yandle
- Peg & Al's - Brendan Vraibel and Steven Awbrey

- BFI - Patrick Rose and Corey Cedorchuk
- Bryan's Pals - Brendan Ryan and Robert Collier
- A.A. Radiators - Jarrett Herdt and Gregory Zani
- Kerrigan's - Greg Collins and Riordan Cannata
- The Blow Up - Corey Brennan and Patrick Kelly
- T.J.'s Kids - Neil O'Brien and Shaun Suprey

The CYO Ball Hockey League would like to thank the Bunker Hill Associates for its generous contribution, and thank Anne Conside for the hockey comic books she donated to each one of the children.

Coverage of Boston High School Sports On Cablevision

Cablevision of Boston, in conjunction with the city of Boston, will cover Boston high school hockey and boys and girls basketball for the 1993 season. Cablevision will work with the Boston Public Schools to present key games throughout the season.

The games will be cablecast throughout January and February on Cablevision Channel 23 in Boston. Cablevision's winter announcing teams will include Brian Wallace on play-by-play with Allen Platt on color for basketball, and Rich Levine on play-by-play with Jack Piatelli on color for hockey.

Cablevision's basketball and hockey coverage is part of the expanded coverage of Boston school sports which included the entire 1992 fall season of Boston-area high school football games.

The basketball schedule is: Jan. 28 - Boston English vs. O'Bryant at 9 p.m.; Jan. 31 - Dorchester vs. O'Bryant (girls) at 8 p.m.; Feb. 4 - Boston English vs. Jeremiah E. Burke (girls) at 9 p.m.; Feb. 6 - Madison Park vs. Latin Academy (girls) at noon; and Feb. 10 - Madison Park vs. Charlestown at 7 p.m.

The hockey schedule is: Jan. 14 - West Roxbury vs. Charlestown and Latin Academy vs. South Boston at 9 p.m. and Jan. 20 - South Boston vs. East Boston and Latin Academy vs. Charlestown at 7 p.m.

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ADVICE FOR THE WALKER

When good weather returns, many individuals will look forward to the pleasures of walking out of doors as exercise. However, according to a survey conducted by the American Academy of Podiatric Sports Medicine, there has been a 70 percent increase in walking injuries over the past year. As walking grows in popularity amongst young and old alike, podiatrists throughout the country are treating more and more lower extremity and foot injuries.

Many podiatrists responding to a national survey indicated that the most frequent injury resulting from walking was related to the rear portion of the foot. The most often mentioned specific condition was heel pain or "heel spur syndrome."

A walking shoe is considered extremely important by the nation's sports medicine podiatrists. A good shoe is the key to successful exercise walking. Although most jogging shoes are acceptable for walking, many shoe companies now have excellent walking shoes which are designed specifically for this activity.

In most instances, a good walking (or jogging) shoe may be adequate to prevent injury, but some individuals may require custom foot supports (orthoses) to prevent and/or treat foot symptoms.

If you are considering walking as an activity for both fitness and exercise, a visit to your podiatrist may be in order. This is especially true if you have had foot or leg complaints in the past, difficulty fitting shoes or are just embarking on walking as a new activity. Remember, the key to good foot health is prevention, rather than treatment after injury develops. To schedule an appointment with us, please call 242-5725.

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BOB D'S BEAT

by
Bob DeCristoforo

■ **Pro Line . . .** The Providence Bruins were defeated in an AHL game by the visiting Adirondack Red Wings 7-3. The loss dropped the P-Bruins into second place in the North Division, two points behind Capital District with a 22-19-2 record. Jimmy Vesey added another point to his total. Our pro-Townie is closing in on the 50-point mark.

■ **ADSL . . .** Happy to announce that "Charlestown Pride" will be participating in the 17-and-under division of the All Dorchester Sports League (ADSL) Girls Conference. This is another first for a Charlestown girls' team. All games will be played at the Tynan School in South Boston where the league is held. Games are scheduled for Wednesday evenings. The league fee was made possible by an MWRA grant to Charlestown Pride.

■ **High School Notebook . . .** Snowden (2-2-1) snapped a two-game scoreless streak, thanks to two goals by Jamie Carroll as Snowden battled West Roxbury (2-2-1) to a tie. Carroll is a Boston South scoring leader with seven goals and three assists.

Charlestown High (4-0-1) remained undefeated in City League play. The Townies had no trouble with O'Bryant (0-5-0) and Townie Ming Ngan.

Four different scorers — Josh Smith, Pat Owens, Jimmy Gillen and Jason Ezekiel — had goals in the Charlestown-East Boston (3-1-1) tie. Gillen is a Boston North scoring leader with six goals and 17 assists.

Members of the Charlestown High Hockey team are: Greg Staples, Dan Dollosa, Keith Wallace, Jamie Hutchins, Jason Messina, Pat Owens, Jim Yandle, Jason Ezekiel, Tommy Donovan, Josh Smith, Steve Linnane, Jimmy Gillen, Billy Lynch, John Martin, Pedro Vasquez and Greg McNeil. The team manager is Ed Greatorex.

In Catholic Conference hockey action, Don Bosco (5-2-1) split the week's activity defeating Xaverian (3-6-0) 4-1 and losing a non-leaguer to Springfield Cathedral 7-1. Freshman Danny O'Brien reminds us that BC High (3-3-1) knocked Catholic Memorial (6-1-0) from the undefeated ranks in a 4-3 gem at UMass-Boston. O'Brien's freshman team also nipped the Knights 2-1 in the pre-varsity match-up, (sorry Father Coyne). BC High did drop one earlier in the week to Malden Catholic (5-2-1).

In the Commonwealth Conference, Shawsheen (3-2-0) defeated Pope John (2-3-1) 4-2 and in Dual County action, Boston Latin (3-3-1) defeated Newton-South (3-3-0) 7-1.

Local hoopsters had a busy week. In the Catholic Suburban Girls League, St. Clement (1-3) was defeated by North Cambridge Catholic 50-46. Shannon McLaughlin is a member of St. Clement's team. In the Catholic Central Girls League, Corey Gallagher continued her torrid offense with 27 points, but Matignon (4-3) was defeated by Marian (3-3) 58-46. Corey is averaging 22 points per game and is one of the state's top scorers. City League girls' action saw Burke (4-0) defeat Charlestown (1-2) 77-32.

On the boys' front, Everett defeated Jonathan Owens' Somerville team 68-51. Weston (9-0) tipped Boston Latin (4-4) 89-87. Jamie Smith is averaging 20 points for Latin and is one of the Dual County top scorers. Adam Olsson and Nick Smith are also members of the Boston Latin basketball program.

Malden Catholic defeated Don Bosco 66-55. The Bears are still looking for win number two of the season, despite their competitive play. Matignon sophomore Chris Walsh tells us that the Warriors are 4-4. Cathedral defeated Matignon on Friday 58-50.

■ **College Board . . .** Northeastern could only salvage one point in the weekend series with Boston College. The Huskies let a Friday win vanish in the last seven seconds of regulation time and had to settle for a 2-2 tie in the Sunday afternoon matinee. Boston College won 4-1. Goaltender Todd Fisher hopes to see some action this weekend for the Huskies.

■ **College Trip . . .** Thanks to the Boys & Girls Club, 14 Townies were able to attend Friday's BC-Northeastern hockey game. Among those attending were: Brian Houlihan, Steve Livingston, Joe Scadding, Jimmy White, Ben Burnett, Ricky Evers, Mike Christopher, Joe Tallent, Steve Linnane and Matt Divide.

■ Tidbits . . .

— Mark Feb. 12 on your calendar for the Boys & Girls Club Teen Dance. Rumor has it that "Cupid" will be at this Valentine event.

— First "Gio Gem" of the year: Where was Kenny when he said, "You have to be 21 to participate in the Mayor's Race?"

— Leo Wright is starting to sprout the "Chia Plant" look, but TJ is still number one.

— Trade rumors: Steve Linnane to O'Bryant for a player to be "found" later.

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ACTIVITIES

- **Quilting** — Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., contact Jean Reilly.
- **Arts & Crafts** — Wednesday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., contact Jean Reilly.
- **Flower Arrangements** — Thursday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., contact Jean Reilly.
- **Ceramics** — Monday and Thursday from noon to 3 p.m., contact Pat Venezia.
- **Beano** — Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 12:30 p.m., contact Sheila Walsh.
- **Lunch** — Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at noon, contact Sheila Walsh.
- **Knit & Crochet** — Friday from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., contact Jean Reilly.
- **Liquid Embroidery** — Monday from 10 a.m. to noon, contact Reed White.

UPCOMING EVENTS

See Sheila Walsh on the following events ...

- Movie and lunch on Thursday, Jan. 21
- Irish Bash at the Nashua Tara Hotel, March 21 to 23. The cost is \$265, which includes a concert with the Clancy Brothers, six shows and seven meals.

BUS TO STOP & SHOP

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

HOUSING, EDUCATION AND INFORMATION SERVICE

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

For more information, contact Beverly Gibbons at 635-5176 or 635-5175.



KIT CLARK SENIOR LUNCH PROGRAM

Senior Center, 114 Rutherford Ave.
Golden Age Center, 382 Main St.
Senior Lounge, 55 Bunker Hill St.

January 15 - 21

Friday — Vegetarian lasagne, green beans, dark rye bread, orange

Monday — Martin Luther King Day - All sites closed

Tuesday — Turkey stew, baked potato, bran bread, chilled fruit

Wednesday — Spanish beef and rice, Scandinavian-blend vegetables, marble rye bread, birthday cake

Thursday — Mushroom barley soup, baked chicken breast with chicken gravy, squash casserole, French roll, fresh fruit

Margarine and milk served with all meals.

IRS Looking For Tax Volunteers

The IRS is looking for a lot of good people to help lower income, handicapped and elderly people file their 1992 federal tax returns during the approaching tax filing season.

The IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program recruits and trains community volunteers in the preparation of basic tax returns. These volunteers will also help non-English speaking, and other persons with special needs with their taxes free of charge during the Jan. 1 to Apr. 15 tax filing season. "IRS trained volunteers

prepare tax returns, answer tax questions, organize and coordinate the VITA assistance hours," said Gerard R. Esposito, Boston IRS district director. "The VITA sites are usually at schools, churches, libraries and other neighborhood locations convenient to taxpayers."

Last year, over 524 VITA volunteers assisted over 5,303 taxpayers at 119 sites in communities throughout Massachusetts.

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact the Taxpayer Education Coordinator at 1-800-829-1040.

Free Vision Screening For Seniors

Boston's Commission on the Affairs of the Elderly is offering free health screenings to Charlestown residents 60 years and older.

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★ EVENTS OF THE WEEK ★

Friday, Jan. 15

10 a.m. - Arts & Crafts and Seniorobics, Senior Lounge

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

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

Monday, Jan. 18

Lounge Closed — Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday, Jan. 19

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

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

1:30 p.m. - Podiatrist, Senior Lounge

Wednesday, Jan. 20

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

10 a.m. - Rug Hooking and Arts & Crafts, Senior Lounge

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

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

Thursday, Jan. 21

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

10 a.m. - Crochet, Senior Lounge

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

★ AT THE SENIOR LOUNGE ★

- Podiatrist — Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 1:30 p.m.
- Valentine Ice Cream Social and Nickel Auction — Thursday, Feb. 11 at 1 p.m. The cost is \$2. Sign up with Phyllis or Bobbie at the lounge.

★ UPCOMING TRIP ★

- **Sunday, Feb. 14** — A trip to the Colonial Country Club in Wakefield is planned for Sunday, Feb. 14. The bus will leave the Senior Lounge at 11:15 a.m., and will return at 5 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$35, and includes transportation, dinner with a choice of baked schrod or chicken chardonnay, and entertainment by comedian Paul O'Donnell and singer Ruth Harcovitz.

If you need complimentary rides to and from the Senior Lounge for activities, please make arrangements in advance by calling Phyllis Bryant or Fran Nardone.

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C.Y.O. & St. Catherine's NEWS

by Father Ron Coyne

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNITY AWARDS RECIPIENTS

The Charlestown Community Appreciation Awards Committee, sponsored by the Charlestown Neighborhood Council, will hold its third annual Community Appreciation Awards Banquet on Friday, March 26 at the Knights of Columbus hall. After a very successful event last year, the committee is hoping that the community will once again respond to a call for nominations in the seven award categories.

The purpose of the awards ceremony is to recognize those who have helped enrich the quality of life in Charlestown, but have done so in such an unassuming manner that their deeds have gone unheralded and, in most cases, unknown to the general population. Seven award categories have been established to encompass all aspects of the community. Residents, non-residents, businesspersons and employees are urged to take the time to nominate a person, business or organization deserving of recognition.

Persons, businesses and organizations that have previously received recognition for their deeds and members of the committee and the Neighborhood Council are not eligible to receive an award.

Award recipients will be chosen by the committee from nominations received from the community. Persons who sent nominations in the past are requested to resubmit their choices for these awards. If potential recipients would be eligible for consideration in more than one category, submit an entry for each award. The number of entries received does not make that candidate more eligible for consideration. Rather, the quality and description of the good deeds performed, enhances chances of being selected.

AWARD CATEGORIES

- **Youth** — A Charlestown resident who is 18 years of age or younger as of Jan. 1, 1993 whose deeds have gone unheralded.
- **Elderly** — A Charlestown resident who is 55 years of age or older by Jan. 1, 1993 whose deeds have gone unheralded.
- **Organization** — An incorporated non-profit, Charlestown-based group that primarily serves Charlestown and whose goals are geared toward the betterment of the community.
- **Business** — A Charlestown-based business that supports and enhances the quality of life in the Charlestown community.
- **Public Servant** — A person who performs service within his/her job capacity, but goes beyond that job description in service to the betterment of the Charlestown community. (Example: an employee of the federal, state, county, city or an authority/government agency or community agency who may or may not be a resident of Charlestown.)
- **New Resident** — A person who has taken up residency in Charlestown within the last 10 years and whose deeds have contributed to the quality of Charlestown life.
- **Unsung Hero** — A Charlestown resident whose deed/deeds were performed within the community and have gone publicly unheralded. These deeds cannot be performed as part of his/her job performance. There is no age restriction for this recipient. The deed/deeds would result in the enhancement of the quality of life in Charlestown.

All nominations should be sent to:

Community Appreciation Awards Committee
P.O. Box 316
Charlestown, Mass. 02129

Deadline for the submission of nominations is **Friday, Feb. 5 at 5 p.m.** All nominations must be signed and include a telephone number for confirmation purposes.

COMMUNITY APPRECIATION AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

Award Category: _____

Nominee

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Length of Residency (if applicable): _____

Place of Business/Employment (if applicable): _____

Reason for Nomination: _____

Use separate piece of paper if necessary

Name of Nominator: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

• **Adult Confirmation** — Adult Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop John Boles at St. Catherine's Church at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 16. There will be 30 adults confirming their faith. We are very pleased to offer classes for adults who have never received the sacrament, and the program will be offered again in the future.

• **Eighth-Grade Boys Olympics** — On Wednesday, Feb. 17, St. Catherine's will enter the CYO Junior Olympics to be held at West Roxbury High School. This annual event will feature 15 parishes competing from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. in volleyball, basketball, gym hockey, water basketball, relays, etc. We invite all eighth-grade boys from Charlestown, including those in public as well as those in parochial schools, to join us. The past two years, we had enough boys to enter two Charlestown teams, and both years we captured the first-place trophy.

St. Catherine's sponsors this annual event and so we also need high school students from our community to referee, scorekeep and timekeep throughout the day.

The bus will leave St. Catherine's Church at 8:30 a.m.

Any eighth-grade boy interested in competing or high school student willing to referee, etc. is asked to please call Father Coyne at 242-1750.

The Eighth-Grade Girls Olympics will be held in April.

• **First Penance Parents Meeting** — There will be a meeting in the lower church at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 25 for parents of all children who will be receiving the Sacrament of Penance (First Confession) for the first time on Feb. 6. This meeting is intended to help parents as they prepare their children for this wonderful peace-filled moment. The church has changed much since we were children, and we are trying to help our parents understand what their children are being taught. Parents of both parochial and public school children are expected to be present.

• **Boys CYO Basketball** — This week, we present our Junior Boys CYO team, with players under 18, coached by Michael Erardi. Our home games are played on Sunday afternoons at 1 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club. Players include Jason Britton, Michael Burns, Mark Collins, Shane Farris, Chris Findley, P.J. Hansen, Jeff Houlihan, Steve Livingston, Tom McDonough, Matt Mehigan, Adam Olsson, Tim O'Shea, Pat Owens, Andrew Ray, Jim Tallent, Vin Tamburello, Matt Warren and Jim Yandle. We thank these young men for their time and talent.

• **CYO Ice Hockey** — Our CYO ice hockey team has a record of zero wins and four losses in the CYO League, yet the team continues to practice faithfully and play competitively against their opponents. We are grateful to the parents who are so generous with their time and offering to transport our team to and from their games.

Our next games will be at noon on Saturday, Jan. 16 vs. St. Theresa of West Roxbury; 11 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 23 vs. St. Joseph's of Needham; and at noon on Saturday, Jan. 30 vs. Sacred Heart of Roslindale. Games are at the MDC Rink in Milton.

• **High School Boys Olympics** — We want to congratulate and thank the 14 boys who represented St. Catherine's at the annual Boys CYO High School Olympics. Our coaches were Don Kelsey, Mike Erardi and Rudy Doenges. We finished in second place out of 12 parishes, behind Gate of Heaven from South Boston.

The players included Jeff Houlihan, Vinnie Tamburello, Jim Gillen, Tom McDonough, Andrew Ray, Shane Farris, Jim Yandle, Jim Tallent, Steve Livingston, Mike Burns, Todd

Townie Santa Update

The Townie Santa Committee gratefully acknowledges the contribution of Rita Pegano.

The Townie Santa Committee will meet at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 21 at the Mary Colbert Apartments, 20 Devens St. All are welcome to attend.

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Sgro, Greg Staples, Brian Wadman and Greg McNeil. Sgro was voted the team MVP.

The boys competed in volleyball, basketball, football, water basketball and relays throughout the day. We thank them for their outstanding sportsmanship.

• **Second Annual Adult Family Feud** — Sixteen teams will compete in the second annual Family Feud to be held at St. Catherine's Hall on Tufts Street on Saturday, Jan. 16, beginning at 7 p.m. All team members are asked to be at the hall by 6:30 p.m. The registration fee is \$10 for a team of five, and prizes will be awarded. Spectators will be asked to pay \$2 at the door.

• **CYO Ski Trip** — There will be around 35 teen-agers from Charlestown going on our annual CYO ski trip to Sunday River in Maine. The bus will leave St. Catherine's Church at 3 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 22 and return around 9 p.m. on Sunday, Jan. 24. The cost is \$185 per person. There are still a few openings. If you are interested, call Father Coyne at 242-1750.

• **St. Catherine's Color Guards** — St. Catherine's "Townies" and "Little Townies" competed last weekend at Everett High School for the first time this season. Neither one placed in the top three in their divisions, which had nine and 11 units respectively.

Our girls are young and are not yet finished with their drill or equipment work. As the weeks go on, we will see them rise in the standings. We are so proud of our girls and grateful to their families for their support.

The C Class will compete on Saturday, Jan. 16 at 5 p.m. at Lowell Regional Vocational High School; the Cadets will compete on Sunday, Jan. 17 at Waltham High School, beginning at 1 p.m.; and there will be a competition at 5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 23 at Woburn High School.

We are sponsoring a contest in Charlestown on Sunday, Feb. 7 at the Charlestown High School. Please keep this date available for a wonderful afternoon of entertainment.

• **Teen-age Trip To Denver** — There will be at least 11 teen-agers from Charlestown traveling to Denver, Colo. from Aug. 11 to 16 to meet with Pope John Paul II. They are expecting hundreds of thousands of young people to visit Denver during that time.

As a community, we want to do all we can to support these teen-agers from Charlestown to achieve their goal. Their parents have formed a committee to help raise funds over the next few months so that this dream may become a reality.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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



Thank You All

I want to thank Townie Santa and all who helped for the nice dinner and gifts that made my Christmas and also thank the people who brought it to me.
May God bless them all.

D.M.

Ill-Advised Decision To Close St. Francis School

Cardinal Bernard Law celebrated a Mass of Thanksgiving with the 1992 graduating class of St. Francis de Sales School in Charlestown last spring, noting the building of the church in 1859 and the 100th anniversary of the school, built in 1891.

The Cardinal spoke eloquently of the sacrifices of the early Catholic immigrants in making possible these buildings to the glory of God. He had the graduates come to the altar where he greeted each one personally and commended the members of the parish in continuing the support of their school which has acquired a reputation in the diocese for scholastic excellence in this day of turmoil in education.

It was a proud day, indeed, for the graduates and the parish family to be with Cardinal Law as he celebrated Mass. It is ironic and tragic that in six months, the Archdiocesan School Office has determined that the parish school will close at the end of the school year.

The Pilot of Dec. 18, 1992 noted that "the principal reason [for closing the school] was due to the layout of the classrooms and not structural deficiencies."

After 100 years of providing a continuing, quality Catholic school education for their children, the action of the Archdiocesan School Office is offensive and totally unacceptable to the parish family of St. Francis de Sales. The parish family calls for full public disclosure of all the considerations by the Archdiocesan School Office which led to the ill-advised decision to close St. Francis de Sales School.

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An Open Letter to the Swan Swipers

A few days ago I left my home — only to find that the swan that had adorned the plot outside my door for four years — was gone! Swanee, as he was called, had never been known to flock around. So I surmised he had taken a liking to one of the beautiful swans surrounding this area. Oh well, his swan song, I thought . . . until I received the following in the mail:

Message from the Swannappers:

Tonight we had a mission,
To take without permission.
It happened to be a swan
Which came from Lynch's lawn.
It sat on Tibbetts Town Way
Looking homely we would say,
So being the concerned citizens that we are
We took the parched swan to a bar.
Needless to say the swan refused to pay.
Now we are broke and have one thing to say.
Listen very clearly, money is what we need
We'll give you a couple of clues, but only one lead.
Follow our instructions and no one will get hurt
One wrong move and the swan leaves this earth.
Work it all out by yourself — no police,
We see the heat, we dump your swan and grab your niece.
So stay by the phone, check your mail and don't make a fuss.
My partner and I mean business — we'll be in touch!!

In response:

To take without permission is to steal,
So come on "get real" and let's hear your deal!
Swanee, like his caretakers, is unpretentious in every way,
Non-flamboyant, he was happy perched there
to idle away each day.

Thank You

Thank you to all the girls in my Seniorobics Class for keeping me young. Thank you for the generous Christmas gifts. I love you all.

Bobbie

My Thanks

I would like to thank the good firefighters of Engine 50 and also 911 who came to my aid on Dec. 13. Thanks also to my friends and relatives for all the lovely cards, visits and flowers. I'm really very fortunate to have such wonderful people who care.

Thank you all again,
Dot Stewart

Our Appreciation

Dear Friends and Patrons of St. Catherine School: We, the members of the St. Catherine School Bazaar Committee, would like to express our deep appreciation to you for your recent support and involvement in the Christmas Bazaar. Your donations, time and interest helped to make it a great financial success. People like you help to lessen our burden to provide a quality education for our students.

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I must also inform you that I am deeply in debt!
So relay your instructions and I will listen very hard,
But I do hope that you will accept a Visa card!
I would not bother "our wonderful men in blue"
And waste taxpayers' money on the likes of you!
My nieces, of which there are nine,
All know karate and can handle themselves just fine!
I will wait for you to get in touch.
I must forewarn you that Swanee may "self-destruct."
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Then everyone will know WHO are the run-amoks!
Claire Lynch

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Sandra Bock, PA-C

ABCD Offers College Courses
The Urban College Program of Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD), an accredited collaborative program administered in conjunction with area colleges and universities, is in its 26th year of offering affordable college courses to Boston residents.
On Friday, Jan. 15 from 3 to 7 p.m., the Urban College Program will hold an

Bunker Hill Post To Meet
Bunker Hill Post No. 26, The American Legion will hold its monthly meeting on Monday, Jan. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the post quarters, 23 Adams St.

open house for people who want to learn more about spring classes which will begin on Feb. 1.
As part of its usual wide selection of classes, the Urban College Program is offering credit courses in Administration of Early Childhood Programs, Child Growth and Development, Management II, Principles of Psychology, Oral Communications, Black Studies I and College Writing I and II.
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Monday, Jan. 4

A resident of Sullivan Street reported that while away for a few days, someone pushed in the front door of the apartment and stole various items.

A stolen automobile was recovered in the vicinity of 450 Main St., and another was recovered on Baldwin Street.

At 4:30 p.m., Officers Connolly and Toomey arrested a 39-year-old Monument Street resident on an outstanding warrant.

At 5:25 p.m., a local businessman reported that he was inside his automobile at Main and Austin streets. As he was about to drive away, a dark-colored vehicle pulled along side and the driver pointed a handgun at the man and fired one round into his vehicle and then fled. The bullet entered the vehicle through the side window. A search of the area was conducted, but a suspect was not found.

An automobile parked on Eighth Street was broken into during the evening, and items of clothing were stolen from inside the vehicle.

Tuesday, Jan. 5

At 7:30 a.m., a resident of Allston Street reported that when he entered his apartment, he found that a man had broken in, drank his liquor, became intoxicated and fled the scene. A description of the suspect was obtained. A short time later, Officer McCrevan observed a man fitting the

description, and placed a 47-year-old Boston resident under arrest for breaking and entering.

Wednesday, Jan. 6

At 12:30 a.m., Officers Kelley and Reaney stopped an automobile on Bunker Hill Street for a violation and found that the operator, a 29-year-old Everett resident, was operating under the influence of alcohol. The officers placed him under arrest.

Thursday, Jan. 7

Two automobiles parked on Water Street were broken into during the evening.

Friday, Jan. 8

At 5 a.m., Officers Reaney and Kelley responded to a radio call for a man breaking into automobiles on O'Brien Court. They found a 27-year-old resident who had broken into a parked van, and they placed him under arrest.

At 7 p.m., Officer Whiffen observed a 15-year-old resident exit from an automobile on Decatur Street. The suspect was approached by the officer and found to be carrying a pair of pliers. The vehicle had been stolen, and the teen was placed under arrest.

At 11 p.m., Officers Whiffen and Norton, while on patrol on Fourth Street, were approached by a security guard who had observed three individuals break into a parked automobile. As the officers approached, the suspects attempted to run but were apprehended after a brief foot chase. The three, a 30-year-old and a 17-year old Charlestown resident along with a 16-year-old Everett resident, were placed under arrest.

For additional information regarding arrested individuals, contact Community Service Officer Joe McNulty at 343-4627.

• If you know of any drug activity in your neighborhood, call the Area A Detectives office at 343-4571. It is not necessary to give your name, and all information will be investigated.

• Residents are reminded that if you purchase alcohol from a local liquor store for someone under age, you are subject to arrest.

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As part of the senior year at Don Bosco Technical High School in Boston, every senior must complete 50 hours of volunteer work. This year, the 141 seniors at the Tech will perform a combined total of 7,050 hours.

Charlestown students and their projects are Michael Tibbetts and Francis B. Wallace, both Charlestown Youth Hockey; Patrick J. Woods, helping out with 6 to 9 year olds at the Charlestown Boys & Girls Club and refereeing basketball and hockey games; Daniel P. Wallace, working on CYO events at St. Catherine's Parish; Shawn E. Connolly and Brian B. Abrahamson, Don Bosco school retreats; Christopher T. O'Shea, freshmen orientation, welcoming new students to Don Bosco; Christopher J. Sawyer, providing music for liturgical services; and Paul M. Griffin, Salesian camp counselor. The projects began on Dec. 1 and must be com-

pleted by March. Students can make their own choices as to where they fulfill their requirements. A project must be verified and signed by the project supervisor and a religion education teacher.

The projects go hand-in-hand with the course on Social Justice the students will take this year and will allow them to experience some of the topics discussed in class, specifically, human rights.

The seniors will do two reflection papers based on the theme of how the project is a "Christ experience."

The work outside of the

classroom makes the student more sensitive to the needs of others, brings him into contact with other people and various helping agencies, and helps him form an adult Christian conscience. In addition, it puts Christianity into direct practice and builds his self esteem in working with others.

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Lions Peace Poster Contest School Winners

Tammy Biggins, a grade eight student at St. Catherine's School, and Michael O'Leary, a grade six student at St. Francis de Sales School, were selected as the winners of the Peace Poster

Contest sponsored by the International Lions Clubs and the Charlestown Lions Club.

Each school winner received a check for \$25 from the Charlestown Lions Club

along with International Lions Clubs Achievement Award Certificates. The posters of the two winners have been entered into the statewide Lions Peace Poster Contest.



MICHAEL O'LEARY was selected as the Lions Club Peace Poster Contest winner for St. Francis de Sales School. Shown (l. to r.) Theresa McLaughlin, contest co-chairman and Lions Club member; O'Leary; Rev. John Stagnaro, principal, St. Francis de Sales School; and Catherine Donovan, contest co-chairman and member of the Lions Club.



TAMMY BIGGINS was named winner of the Peace Poster Contest for St. Catherine's School. The contest was sponsored by the Charlestown Lions Club. Shown (l. to r.) Theresa McLaughlin, co-chairman of the poster contest and a member of the Lions Club; Biggins; Sister Lois Lyons, principal of St. Catherine's School; and Catherine Donovan, co-chairman of the poster contest and a member of the Lions Club.

Students Being Accepted For GED Prep Class

The Charlestown Community Center's Adult Education Program is now accepting new students into the GED prep class. The part-time program is free to any adult resident.

The next test for the GED program, which is through the Massachusetts Department of Education, will be given in Charlestown in May. The GED tests are in reading, writing, math, science and social studies. In order to pass, a person must score 225 points.

At the Charlestown Community Center, a student works in small groups, individually and with a teacher at his or her own pace. Some people only need a basic review, while others who dropped out many years ago may need to work on math and reading in order to pass the tests.

There is a morning class that meets on Monday and

Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Many parents with school-age children take advantage of this time spot. An evening class for working adults and parents who can't attend morning classes is also offered. It meets on Tuesday and Thursday from 6 to 9:30 p.m.

Free vocational and educational counseling is offered to students who wish to continue on to job training or higher education.

No matter how long you have been away from school it is never too late to return. If this is something you have been thinking of doing let this be a new year's resolution for you. Call Patty Gould at 635-5169 for an appointment. The class is limited to 10 people, and is filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Call today to reserve your spot.

Halvorson Company Selected To Design City Square Park in Charlestown

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The Halvorson Company is one of Boston's premier landscape architecture firms. Recently, they have been noted for their design

Children's Films

The Film Program for Children will be presented at the Charlestown Branch Library, 179 Main St. on Tuesday, Jan. 19 at 10:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

The features will be "The Alphabet Dragon," the story of a dragon who grants a wish for every letter of the alphabet; a curious fish tries life on land in "Fish is Fish;" and "The Table, the Donkey and the Stick" is the story of three brothers who have terrible misfortunes.

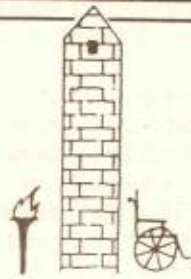
A jaguar attempts survival in the Brazilian rain forest in "Jungle Cats of the Amazon," shown only at 3:30 p.m.

Suggested good books to read are *The Dragon of an Ordinary Family* by Margaret Mahy, *Fish Eyes: A Book You Can Count On* by Lois Ehlert and *Hansel and Gretel*.

of the new park atop the Post Office Square garage in the heart of Boston's Financial District as well as the designs of two new Cambridge parks, Charles Park and Front Park, located near the Lechmere Canal.

In managing the design

for the new City Square Park, DEM will draw upon its expertise in creating the award winning Urban Heritage State Parks throughout Massachusetts. DEM is charged with responsibility for all of the Commonwealth's state forests and parks.



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