



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

May 6, 1996

COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
VICE MAYOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: It has come to the attention of the City Council that **Chris Schlesinger**, owner of the East Coast Grill, Jake and Earl's Barbeque and the Blue Room, was named the best chef in the Northeast by the James Beard Foundation on April 29, 1996; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record congratulating **Chris Schlesinger**, the best chef in the Northeast, on having been so acknowledged by the James Beard Foundation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to prepare a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution for presentation to **Chris Schlesinger** on behalf of the entire City Council.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

ATTEST:-

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

C. Sullivan

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"On (tomorrow's) show, the video comes out and it's a big hit with everyone, except me — who's insecure about his masculinity or something," Spider said.

Powerman — who will perform their song, "Strike The Match," on the video — said they got the gig because 'Jason Priestley is a big fan."

"He's been trying to get us on the show for a while so we figured we'd go down for a goof," Spider said.

"It's definitely not the highlight of our career but the pay's a lot better than playing at the **Middle East** and the Peach Pit doesn't smell like vomit and beer."

Well, it is Beverly Hills!

SIDE TRACKS

Stop the presses!

● Fifteen-year-old **Patrick Renna**, formerly of the North End, will guest star on tonight's "Home Improvement." Renna, who appeared in the movies "The Sandlot" and "Big Green," will play a friend of **Tim Allen's** on-screen son, **Jonathan Taylor Thomas**, in an episode titled "Mr. Wilson's Opus."

● **Chris Schlesinger** of the **East Coast Grill** was

named the best chef in the Northeast by the **James Beard Foundation** yesterday. **Biba** kitchen queen **Lydia Shire**, who was one of five finalists for best-chef-in-the-nation honors lost out to **Jeremiah Tower** of **Stars** in San Francisco. But as they say at the Oscars, it's an honor just to be nominated. ...

● The **Back Bay Restaurant Group** announced yesterday

that **Charles Sarkis Jr.** — son of CEO **Charles Sarkis Sr.** — is leaving the company.

Back Bay's flacks swear that the parting is amicable and that the younger Sarkis, who was vice president of operations for the **Paparazzi** restaurants, "just wants to try something different." He'll be replaced by Chief Operating Officer **Mark Hartzfeld**.

● And finally, from the Oooops File: Comedienne **Patty Ross'** mom, **Pat**, came in second but that was close enough to win her a seat on the city credit union's board of directors.



SCHLESINGER

6-alarm blaze gutted 2 Back Bay buildings

By DAVID WEBER

A six-alarm fire in the Back Bay inflicted more than \$1.6 million in damage when it gutted two vacant Beacon Street buildings and sent residents of neighboring buildings scrambling to the street to escape the roaring inferno early yesterday morning.

"A passer-by stopped his car after seeing the flames and started ringing buzzers," said a man who was visiting his girlfriend on the second floor of 149 Beacon St.

"We ran outside and saw flames coming out all the windows of the building next to us, on the front and back," he said.

No residents were injured in the fire. Two firefighters were treated for minor injuries.

The extreme damage from the blaze left building inspectors worried about the possibility that parts or all of the burned buildings could collapse at the busy corner of Beacon and Berkeley streets.

The fire began in a building under renovation at 151-153 Beacon St.

around 3:45 a.m. and gutted several floors and the roof to the basement.

It spread to 149 Beacon St., gutting away the roof and fifth floor, and forcing Fire Department crews to demolish the MacDonald.

The cause of the fire is still being determined yesterday. Questions about the building's fire safety integrity kept arson investigators busy on the scene.

The buildings at 151-153 Beacon St. were purchased in October by an estate trust controlled by the law firm of New York City lawyer Henry J. Quincy. Renovations began in January. Several fire-fighting units were on the scene.

City building inspectors are expected to decide today whether the buildings should be rebuilt or must be razed.

In the meantime, Beacon Street will be closed between Berkeley and Storrow Drive. The intersection of Berkeley Street, between Beacon and Berkeley streets, will be closed. Parking will be restricted.



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Consent Order #9
Russell, Rooney

Councillor Sullivan re: *Triantafyllou*
Congratulations to Chris Schlesinger,
owner of the East Coast Grill, Jake and
Earl's Barbeque and the Blue Room on
being named the best chef in the Northeast
by the James Beard Foundation on April
29, 1996.

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Order Adopted.