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Jim Collyer, above, has become Dorchester's custodian of all things baseball, a coach and mentor for ADSL in Fields Corner. Above (inset) young Jim Collyer as pitcher for the McCormack Club circa 1956.

Photo by Ed Forry

DOT'S MR. BASEBALL

Sports league to honor 'Gentleman Jim' Collyer

BY BILL FORRY
MANAGING EDITOR

It was still in the early innings of a Saturday morning baseball game at Town Field when Jim Collyer – Dorchester's answer to Johnny Pesky – went over to the first base line and opened up his fold-up chair. Soon after, one of the players, a five-year-old T-baller, came over to Collyer

and said, "You got old. How come you got old?"

The question drew a laugh from the 84-year-old Collyer, who has been playing or prowling the coach's circle in this Fields Corner yard for more than six decades. He has seen and heard a lot.

"It made me feel good," he said, "because I'm thinking, 'Hey, I was old last year too!'"

But I guess I didn't look old then. Kids have such wisdom at that age."

Collyer, who was diagnosed with emphysema last year and is hooked up to a portable oxygen tank for five hours a day, laughs a lot and when he's not laughing, he's at least smiling. It's a disposition that's served him well,

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Polls give Warren edge vs. Brown; candidates stop in Dot, Mattapan

BY GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
NEWS EDITOR

US Sen. Scott Brown and his Democratic challenger, Elizabeth Warren, held dueling events on Monday in Dorches-

ter and Mattapan. Brown, a Wrentham Republican, swung by Blue Hill Avenue's Auto Service and Tire and provided coffee and doughnuts. Nearly two miles away and minutes

later, Warren, a Cambridge Democrat, launched "Small Businesses for Elizabeth" at Cedar Grove Gardens on Adams Street.

Both events came as three polls showed Warren leading Brown after they had previously shown her trailing Brown in the tight race.

The candidates have frequented Dorchester, with Warren dropping in at Savin Hill's Harp and Bard to briefly talk to supporters, with a small media horde in tow, and Brown holding a small get-together with supporters at a construction and excavation firm in Fields Corner. He later attended a veterans' leadership dinner at the IBEW 103 offices around the corner.

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Senate hopeful Elizabeth Warren chats with Cedar Grove Gardens owner Richard O'Mara on Monday. Ed Forry photo

School assignment options get airing at Monday session

BY GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
NEWS EDITOR

Boston Public Schools officials plan to roll out several proposals to refit the school assignment policy next Monday by presenting options to a mayorally appointed advisory committee at the Frederick Pilot Middle School on Columbia Road at 6 p.m.

"They're going to lay out three or four plans, I believe, that will be discussed," Mayor Thomas Menino told the Reporter this week. "And after they get back the feedback on that and maybe some adjustments, they'll go to a plan that the school committee will eventually approve."

The current system divides the city into three zones for elementary and middle schools: North, East, and West, with Dorchester and Mattapan largely in the East Zone. Students are assigned to schools based on the zones

and a random lottery. The plans, which seek to improve on a system that is a frequent source of frustration among parents, will keep high schools citywide and will be phased in over time. According to BPS, they will tweak and update the proposals in October and November, after the 27-member advisory committee weighs in and the public offers input at community meetings.

The timeline has Superintendent Carol Johnson proposing a final plan to the School Committee in December. The School Committee, which is also mayorally appointed, plans public hearings on the proposal and a final vote during early next year.

In talking with the Reporter, Menino, who promised to overhaul the student assignment process in his State of the City address earlier this year, said, "I think what we're

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OUI charge lodged in bicyclist's death

BY BILL FORRY
MANAGING EDITOR

Michael Ahern, 46, of Dorchester, was arraigned on Monday on multiple charges, including vehicular homicide and operating under the influence, resulting from the death of a bicyclist on Morrissey Boulevard early last Friday morning.

Doan Bui, 63, also of Dorchester, was pronounced dead at the scene following the 12:30 a.m. crash near Malibu Beach. Bui, also of Dorchester, was riding home from a fishing trip when he was struck from behind, allegedly by Ahern's pick-up truck, near the Beades drawbridge that

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Matt McKee Photography

Actors Damian Norfleet and Tia DeShazor star in Fiddlehead Theatre Company's Ragtime, which opens next week at the Strand Theatre.

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Reporter's Notebook

Forget this November; '13 poll is talk of the Hall

BY GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
NEWS EDITOR

In the cavernous Room 241, the city's Elections Department is preparing for the 2012 election, which will feature races for the White House and one of the Bay State's two US Senate seats.

But a few floors up, all eyes are trained on 2013.

Word trickled out last week that somebody had put a poll in the field asking voters questions about **Mayor Thomas Menino**, **City Councillors At-Large John Connolly and Ayanna Pressley**, and entrepreneur **Greg Selkoe**. If, in fact, the poll is an internal one – and not a temperature-taking by one of the city's two cash-strapped daily newspapers – the expenditure is likely to show up in campaign finance reports at some point.

But the poll had tongues wagging last week, and a blogger and political analyst for *Boston* magazine summarized what the pollster asked. "She first asked an open-ended question (no prompts) about the biggest issue facing the city of Boston," **Steve Poftak**, the blogger, wrote. "Then she asked a question about points of view on Mayor Menino's health (in the context of it being a potential obstacle to re-election). Then, she ran through a series of positive and negative statements about Menino, asking for the respondent to rate the validity of each."

City Hall insiders say signs point to either the Menino camp or Connolly, if he is seriously weighing a 2013 bid, commissioning an expensive poll of registered voters. Selkoe, who says he had "no involvement" with the poll, has launched a nonprofit called Future Boston Alliance and he has compared Menino to Russia's iron-fisted Vladimir Putin.

Asked by the *Reporter* about running for public office in the future, Selkoe said he would "never shut the door completely" on the prospect. But, he added, "I can say for this one, I'm not running this time."

So that leaves Menino or Connolly, who has been a steady and aggressive critic of the mayor on education issues.

Menino supporters gritted their teeth in the 2011 City Council At-Large race when Connolly was running for re-election, and focused on making sure that **Michael Flaherty** would be unsuccessful in an attempt to regain his old seat.

It's no secret that Connolly is Menino's least favorite councillor, and Connolly's call for Superintendent **Carol Johnson's** resignation after she did not discipline a headmaster who was arrested on charges of as-

saulting his wife, provoked a ferocious response from the Menino camp.

And Connolly broke with his colleagues last week, expressing disappointment with a Boston teachers' contract that he said didn't go far enough, while most of the others said they were relieved the tense negotiations were finally over.

Add into all this steady chatter about the health of the mayor's political machinery: His people supported **John O'Toole** in the District 3 race last year, and **Frank Baker** won. He was on a mailer touting support for District 1 Councillor **Sal LaMattina's** unsuccessful campaign for Suffolk County Register of Probate.

But that says more about the mayor's coattails than anything else. Menino won in 2009 with 57 percent of the vote, and he remains popular in the neighborhoods. The conventional wisdom within City Hall is that the mayor will run for another term.

On Tuesday afternoon, Menino was exercising one of his many mayoral duties: Issuing a proclamation, in this case declaring Sept. 19 "Knuckleball Day." Outside of City Hall, he was joined by former Red Sox pitcher **Tim Wakefield**, who spent 19 years in major league baseball; retired Atlanta Braves pitcher **Phil Niekro**, who put in 23 years; and all-stars **Charlie Hough and Wilbur Wood**, who spent 24 years and 17 years as knuckleball pitchers, respectively.

The mayor, who has been in office since 1993, noted that in baseball, there is "something to be said about longevity" in the profession. "I believe in longevity," he added.

Quote of Note: Tim Buckley, spokesman for the state GOP

"Public meeting" is a simple term and self-explanatory. But the Mass GOP's spokesman apparently has trouble processing such straightforward words. When the plucky party held a public meeting last week, focusing on whether to adopt the national party's platform, a *Boston Globe* reporter was locked out. "It was tabled. That's all I got," Buckley told the *Globe*, after barring its reporter from covering the meeting.

Buckley did not elaborate on the reasons behind his move – an act of outright silliness – in a follow-up article in the *Globe* on Friday.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Check out updates to Boston's political scene at *The Lit Drop*, located at dotnews.com/litdrop. Email us at newseditor@dotnews.com and follow us on Twitter: @LitDrop and @gintautasd.

Brown distances himself from Romney's "47 percent" remarks

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U.S. Sen. Scott Brown distanced himself on Tuesday from remarks Mitt Romney made at a private fundraiser where he said 47 percent of the country is "dependent upon government" and believe they are "victims."

"That's not the way I view the world. As someone who grew up in tough circumstances, I know that being on public assistance is not a spot that anyone wants to be in," Brown said in a statement.

Meanwhile, Brown's opponent, Democrat Elizabeth Warren directly criticized Romney's remarks.

"Romney just wrote off half the people in Massachusetts and half the people in America as deadbeats,"

Warren told the Washington Post in an interview circulated by her campaign. "This is a separate category of contempt for half of our fellow citizens."

The Republican presidential candidate's remarks were criticized by people throughout the political spectrum after Mother Jones magazine published a video of Romney speaking, which had been taken surreptitiously.

Romney was recorded telling donors, "So my job is not to worry about those people. I'll never convince them they should take personal responsibility and care for their lives." On Monday night Romney said he could have made his point more "elegantly."

On The Record Gentlemen, don your aprons



In preparation for next Thursday's event, Ben Johnson, Blarney Stone, and Jonathan Elias, Anchor TV38, serve up food to Millie Clements, Men of Boston Host Committee Member, and Sandra Cotterell, CEO Codman Square Health Center. *Scotland Huber photo*

Men of Boston Cook for Women's Health returns to the Codman Square Health Center for its 15th anniversary event next Thursday (Sept. 27) at 6 p.m. Men of Boston, as it is affectionately known, is one of the largest annual fundraisers in Dorchester and was recently named one of the top ten food and wine events in Boston by BizBash.

Each year critical funds are raised for women's health programs at the center and for its 15th anniversary this year, Men of Boston will return to the gala tent in Codman Square, attracting some of the Boston area's finest restaurants and a host of renowned celebrities.

Tickets are still available online and will be available at the door. Visit menofboston.com for more information and to purchase your tickets.

Slain teen will be memorialized on Tuesday

Family and friends of 16-year-old Jaivon Blake, who was shot to death on Geneva Avenue last September, will hold a candlelight vigil in his memory on the anniversary of his death – Tues., Sept. 25 from 7 to 10 p.m.

Shameka Blake, Jaivon's cousin, said that the family hopes the event will be a reminder of the good things about Jaivon, a teen who loved basketball and the rapper Meek Mill. "We don't want this to be just a sad event. We want to have good memories of Jaivon. He was a very good person and he was more than my cousin – he was like a brother to me," Ms. Blake said, noting that the vigil is being held in coordination with Boston Police and will be held at the site of the shooting.

The teenager was gunned down outside 253 Geneva Ave., two doors away from his house. A second teen, age 14, was also wounded in the broad-daylight attack. Two 18-year-old suspects – Nyasani Watt and Sheldon Mattis, were later arrested and charged with murder and weapons charges. Both men are awaiting trials in the case.

Monday meeting focus: prostitution on Dot Ave.

The presence of prostitutes on Dorchester Avenue will be the focus of a Monday night meeting at Saint Mark's church hall. The neighborhood-wide meeting, set for next Monday, Sept. 24, at 7 p.m., is being put together by District 3 Councillor Frank Baker's office.

"In response to numerous constituent calls I have received regarding this matter, I feel as though it is necessary to get the whole community together in an effort to find out what is being done to curtail this major problem," Baker wrote in a letter to constituents. Boston Police Department officials will attend, he added.

Referring to the role of civic groups in teaming up recently to knock down a proposal for a billboard by the Expressway Motors business on Morrissey Boulevard, Baker called the groups to likewise rally over the prostitution problem.

"I was very impressed at the way our civic groups came together to prohibit the installation of future billboard along our stretch of highway, and I think it is time that we come together in the same manner to show our displeasure with the number of prostitutes on Dorchester Avenue," the councillor wrote.

Police in District C-11 have frequently tackled the issue. One particularly memorable incident occurred last year in the Savin Hill Avenue area, according to a police report that noted: "The female told officers that they were not engaged in a sex for fee arrangement but instead that the male suspect was her boyfriend whom she had been dating for about seven or eight minutes."

But some officials have acknowledged the problem can be mitigated, but not wiped out. In 2008, after attempting to address the issue through "Operation Squeeze" and multiple arrests, one police captain told the *Reporter*: "They don't call it the world's oldest profession for nothing."

– REPORTER STAFF

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Dot man charged in cyclist's death

(Continued from page 1) spans Dorchester Bay.

According to Suffolk District Attorney Dan Conley's office, Ahern was arrested at his Adams Corner home on Sunday following a State Police investigation into Bui's death. Ahern had called 911 from the scene of the Morrissey Boulevard crash on Friday morning and had remained there until police and EMTs arrived and he was transported to Boston Medical Center and treated for cuts and bruises.

On Monday, prosecutors formally charged Ahern with motor vehicle homicide, operating under the influence of alcohol, operating to endanger, and speeding. Judge James W. Coffey set his bail at \$25,000 and ordered that Ahern's license to drive be suspended pending the outcome of the case. Ahern pleaded not guilty to the charges.

Ahern is a well-known building contractor who — along with his wife — recently opened a new restaurant, The Sweet Life, in Lower Mills. He also been a key partner in another popular Lower Mills eatery, The Ledge, and co-owns Slate Bar

and Grill in Boston. The Sweet Life was closed on Monday, but re-opened for business on Tuesday.

Prosecutors say that Ahern had been drinking at Slate before the fatal crash. State Police who observed him at the scene said he was "unsteady on his feet, incoherent, and smelled of alcohol," according to Conley's office. Prosecutors said that Ahern refused a blood test at the hospital.

Assistant District Attorney Patrick Devlin told Judge Coffey that Ahern has an "atrocious" driving record. State Police estimate that Ahern was traveling at 50 miles per hour in a 30 miles per hour zone when he hit Bui. "The only correct decision he made all night was calling 911," Devlin said in court.

Ahern's attorney, Stephen K. Clifford, described the case against Ahern as "relatively weak," according to a report in the Boston Globe.

The *Globe* also referenced a 1989 arson conviction on Ahern's criminal record. It is not clear if Ahern served any prison time for the offense and files on the case were not immediately available from the District Attorney's office.



Sen. Jack Hart, left, and Rep. Marty Walsh are shown during a site visit to the intersection of Morrissey and Bianculli boulevards last Thursday. Photo courtesy Sen. Hart's office

Officials huddle to talk about troubled intersection on Morrissey

Mounting concerns about pedestrian safety on Morrissey Boulevard prompted a roadside huddle last Thursday afternoon featuring elected officials, State Police and state transportation officials, who promised to "immediately make improvements" at the intersection of Morrissey and Bianculli Boulevard.

Senator Jack Hart, Rep. Marty Walsh and City Councillor Frank Baker met on site with

senior officials from the Dept. of Conservation and Recreation, UMass Boston officials and State Police.

In a press release, Walsh's office said DCR "committed to immediately make improvements to the pedestrian signals. Changes will be made to the traffic signals so that all traffic will be stopped while pedestrians safely cross from one side of Morrissey Boulevard to the

other."

The problems at the intersection have been highlighted by Savin Hill residents — including a video posted last week — and in stories in the *Dorchester Reporter*.

Walsh said that the elected officials have set up a follow up meeting with the State Police, DCR, and UMass Boston "to discuss a long term, reconfiguration plan for the intersection."

"It is my hope that

this immediate action will alleviate the safety concerns of pedestrians who use this intersection to access the Harbor Walk and the UMass Boston campus," stated Senator Jack Hart.

Rep. Walsh told the Reporter last week that he has asked the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association to form a subcommittee to focus on a redesign of the intersection.

-Bill Forry

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Forry's Breakfast Series lauds 'renaissance' in Mattapan

BY TAYLA HOLMAN
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER
State and city officials, community leaders and residents gathered at the Mattapan branch of the Boston Public Library for the fifth in a series of Mattapan Breakfast Series meetings on Tuesday morning. Hosted by state Rep. Linda Forry, the meeting focused on the recent rejuvenation of one of the city's most misunderstood neighborhoods.

"We hear all of this stuff about Mattapan, that it's this or it's that," said Jackie Jenkins-Scott, president of Wheelock College, one of the featured speakers. "But I will say that Mattapan is a community with fantastic people who care deeply about the neighborhood."

Jenkins-Scott was speaking from personal experience. When the city of Boston closed a

dozen community centers in 2010, Wheelock was asked if it wanted to collaborate with one of the centers to keep it open. After looking at all 12 centers, the college chose the Mattahunt on Hebron Street in Mattapan.

"We felt that the Mattahunt Community Center was a very, very special place," Jenkins-Scott said. "It's just a jewel, a gem." She also said Wheelock never planned to come in and take things over, but that the community knew better than the college what it needed, and the two worked best when they worked together.

Wheelock spent eight months working with the community in a joint assessment of what was needed from the Mattahunt. Feedback included making the building and the outdoor area more welcoming,

and reopening the pool that had been closed for several years.

Before Wheelock and the Mattahunt's partnership, the center was only being used by 50 children a day. Since it reopened in 2011, that number has tripled. The college will remain a partner until 2014, after which it hopes the city will step up and take some responsibility for the center. Councillor Charles Yancey applauded Wheelock's collaboration with the community center.

"I think it's fantastic that we can have a college express this type of interest in our community," he said. "It sets a fine example for other academic institutions in our city, that they should be doing more."

The renovation and reopening of the Mattahunt is just one part of efforts being made to



Nancy Rousseau, chair of Mattapan Main Streets, Rep. Linda Forry, Milly Arbaje-Thomas, director of ABCD Mattapan Family Service Center and City Councillor Charles Yancey are shown at Tuesday morning's meeting at the Mattapan BPL.
Photo courtesy Rep. Forry's office

revamp Mattapan. The new Mattapan Community Health Center, which held its grand opening last Monday, created 600 construction jobs and its fellow tenants, Citizens Bank and CVS, will also create new jobs.

"Never again shall we say that nobody cares about Mattapan," Dr. Azzie Young, president of the health center, said.

Referencing the Mattahunt and Mattapan Community Health Center, Rep. Forry said, "By having amazing facilities really shows people that you want to come here... That makes a difference because that makes us see the future potential and makes us demand

more of our government, whether it's city or state, saying that we are going to settle for nothing less."

Rep. Forry is married to Reporter managing editor Bill Forry.

Councillor Ayanna Pressley added new details about funding for the Mattapan ABCD Family Service Center. In June, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education cut all of the funding to Mattapan ABCD for adult-based education and ESOL (English for speakers of other languages) classes. Just three months later, Pressley said, "We stood up, united, and made sure it got that funding back."

Milly Arbaje-Thomas,

director of ABCD Mattapan Family Service Center, said not only did the center get its funding back, but it got a \$175,000 grant that is renewable every year for five years.

Councillor Pressley emphasized the importance of recognizing the positive changes happening in Mattapan.

"As someone who represents the entire city, I am often in rooms where people are referencing the renaissance that is happening in Dudley," she said. "And I have to remind people that there is one happening in Mattapan as well. So let's make sure that story is being told."


Dot Speakers forum set for Friday at All Saints Church

The Dorchester Speakers Forum presents Lawrence Lessig, Director of the Edmond J. Safra Foundation Center for Ethics at Harvard University, and a Professor

of Law at Harvard Law School, at a free forum on Fri., Sept. 21 at 7:30 p.m. The forum is at Peabody Hall at All Saints Church, 209 Ashmont St. Doors open at 7. There

is ample free parking in the church parking lot. For more information, or to be added to the email list, write to dsf@ashmontmedia.com.

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City Council: One more time on redistricting

By GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
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City councillors this week are revisiting the complex task of redrawing Boston's political boundaries with the Committee on Census and Redistricting, chaired by District 2 Councillor Bill Linehan, due to meet at 1 p.m. today at City Hall.

The meeting comes days after redistricting activists held their own gathering in Roxbury's Hibernian Hall.

"They do want to hear what we have to offer," said Cheryl Crawford, who is part of the voting rights group MassVOTE and a member of the Coalition of Color. The coalition is pushing its own plans to redraw the boundaries and threatening a lawsuit if a map approved by City Hall is passed in violation of federal voting laws.

The council is charged

with redrawing the boundaries every ten years, after Census figures are released, to account for population shifts.

Mayor Thomas Menino earlier this month vetoed a plan that narrowly passed the council, 7-6. Pointing to District 4, which includes Dorchester and Mattapan, Menino said "the plan concentrates our many citizens of color into too few districts, and in doing so may limit their equal opportunity to elect candidates of their choice."

In a letter dated Sept. 12 and aimed at responding to Menino's veto, Linehan defended the vetoed map, but said his committee would schedule a meeting to move ahead with a new plan. Members of the Coalition of Color and the city's corporation counsel would be invited

to attend, Linehan wrote.

More meetings may be held in neighborhoods that have not hosted previous committee meetings, he added.

Linehan said he is aiming for approval of a new plan by Nov. 1, adding that he will "enthusiastically work with members of your administration" to create the map while at the same time noting that the vetoed map the redistricting committee had spent 16 months crafting was a "good and fair plan for all of Boston."

"Many of the concerns you outlined in your veto response were investigated and vetted in public forums," Linehan wrote. "Although the vote of approval from the Council was close, it is in no way indicative of a lack of cooperation and participation by all members. In the end, we each voted our

conscience, influenced by our political beliefs."

Linehan wrote that the vetoed plan needs to be analyzed, adding that "extensive work was done that included a review of Voting Rights Act." But "we will aggressively pursue further due diligence to eliminate any misgivings or interpretations," he added.

Tensions continue to persist between Linehan and the coalition. On Tuesday night, Lydia Lowe, head of the Chinese Progressive Association and a supporter of Linehan's opponent in the last election, told the crowd at Hibernian Hall that Linehan declined to attend their meeting, because his attendance could be a violation of the Open Meeting Law. The reasoning drew audible snorts of derision from the audience of 66 people.

But other councillors attended the meeting,

including City Councillor At-Large Ayanna Pressley, District 4 Councillor Charles Yancey, and District 7 Councillor Tito Jackson.

District 6 Councillor Matt O'Malley also attended, the lone councillor to do so among the seven who voted in favor of the vetoed map.

"We have a month and a week to get this right," O'Malley said, referring to the deadline for the council to wrap up redistricting a full year before the 2013 election. The new district lines must be in place a year before in order to let any potential candidates move into a new district.

At the Roxbury forum, Jackson touted his map, which would move Uphams Corner to District 3, a Dorchester-centered district represented by Councillor Frank Baker.

The committee chair - Linehan - is in control

of what new maps get introduced, but only three votes are needed to pull an already submitted map out of the committee, Jackson noted. To pass the full 13-member council, a map would need seven votes; nine votes to make it be veto-proof.

The two maps supported by the coalition remain long shots, particularly since both slice and dice Dorchester and Mattapan. But activists noted that both of their maps avoid forcing incumbents into the same district while largely attempting to keep most neighborhoods whole.

Michael Curry, president of the Boston NAACP, urged the activists gathered at Hibernian Hall to attend the redistricting committee's Thursday meeting. "Thursday, at one o'clock, we need your faces," he said.

Dot man, infected with West Nile Virus, treated, released

The Boston Public Health Commission said Tuesday that a Dorchester man had contracted West Nile Virus—the second confirmed human case in a Boston resident this year. The man in his 40s was hospitalized, but has been released. It is unclear at this time where he contracted the infection, which is

carried by mosquitoes, according to city officials.

Most people who get the virus will never know it—as symptoms do not always manifest themselves in humans. However, in some cases people can become acutely sick.

"Just because fall is in the air doesn't mean that we can stop worrying

about mosquitoes yet," said Dr. Anita Barry, director of the Infectious Disease Bureau at the Boston Public Health Commission. "Mosquitoes will continue to be an issue until the first hard frost, but fortunately, there are easy steps people can take to avoid getting bitten."

Boston public health officials continue to remind residents to take simple precautions to reduce their risk of exposure to mosquitoes. These steps include using insect repellent when outdoors, especially from dusk to dawn when mosquitoes are more likely to be biting and, when possible,

wearing clothing that includes long sleeves and pants. People can prevent mosquitoes from entering their homes by making sure that window and door screens are in good repair.

To help prevent mosquitoes from breeding, BPHC advises limiting places around the home where standing

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Woman tells of dog pack attack at Victory Rd. park

One of our readers from Savin Hill— Erin McNamara— wants the public to know what happened to her and her nine-year-old border collie, Delilah, last Wednesday afternoon in Victory Road Park, an old landfill near the landmark gas tank that has been converted into a lovely, passive waterfront setting that is maintained by the state's Dept. of Conservation and Recreation.

The park is a popular place for dog-walkers, although Ms. McNamara had never ventured there until last week. As she and Delilah entered the large open field in the park, she observed a group of 20 or so dogs— all off their leashes— running and playing as two women stood nearby. One of the dogs, a "pit-bull mix" that McNamara said was named "Bailey," quickly accosted McNamara's dog and— as other dogs joined in— began biting at Delilah's fur.

McNamara, who is eight months pregnant with her first child, first watched in horror as the "pack attack" unfolded:

"At this point I realized that she was about to be disemboweled and I had to do something. I started kicking the dogs as hard as I could and the dog "Bailey" looked up and grabbed my right pant leg. He shook it momentarily and at that point it occurred to me that if I were to fall to the ground my dog, my unborn baby, and myself would be killed."

According to McNamara, after the initial attack ended and she began caring for her wounded animal, other park-goers helped her shoo away "Bailey," who continued to harass and nip at her and Delilah.

McNamara has filed a complaint with police and intends to pursue charges because, McNamara claims, one of the women unleashed the principal aggressor— "Bailey"— when she later approached her seeking contact information.

McNamara claims that the dog-walker told her, "It's an off-leash park, what did you expect?"

Unfortunately, says McNamar, State Police— who have jurisdiction at the park— did not respond to her 911 call from the scene that day. And she got conflicting information from them about whether or not the park was an "off-leash" zone.

The *Reporter* checked with the DCR, which owns and manages the park, and was told by agency spokesperson S.J. Port that Victory Road Park is definitely not an "off-leash" park.

"The only official off-leash dog park DCR has is the Sheeps Fold Area at the Middlesex Fells. Dogs are allowed at most other DCR facilities as long as they are on leash and no one person can have more than three dogs with them at a time," Port said.

State Rep. Marty Walsh told the *Reporter* this week that he has also heard complaints about the park being misused by professional dog walkers before— and he wants to see a crackdown.

For her part, McNamara would like an apology from the dog-walker and compensation for the \$185.05 in vet bills (so far) that have resulted from last week's attack. Delilah will be okay, she says, but the harrowing attack left her with deep wounds that require constant attention. Unfortunately, the dog walker in question has been nothing but dismissive so far in McNamara's attempts to seek a settlement, so this case is likely headed for Dorchester court.

In the meantime, McNamara wants her neighbors to know that— at least until the state starts better enforcement at Victory Road— it's unsafe for dogs and their owners. That's too bad, because the park is an important part of our waterfront. It's critical that the state take steps to enforce its rules here and ensure that everyone can enjoy the park without fear. People who observe scofflaws misusing the park should call the State Police.

— Bill Forry

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ASSESSING THE SCHOOL CONTRACT Mayor Menino: City gets 'reform'

By Mayor Thomas M. Menino

Today, here in Boston and nationally there is a lot of conversation about teachers unions and contract negotiations— from political posturing to a strike in Chicago. I can imagine how difficult it is to separate the substance from the noise.

I believe it becomes clear when you ask a parent and student how they feel about their school, how they feel about their teacher and how they feel about the quality of the education they are receiving. For the first time, under contract terms agreed to by the negotiating teams for the Boston Teachers Union and the Boston Public Schools, our teacher evaluation process will do just that.

Some on the extremes will say the contract doesn't give us much, we didn't fight hard enough and we didn't take it to the streets. I say this contract has cleared the road blocks we once had to evaluating out poor performing teachers, rid us of the bureaucracies that stifled principals from hiring the right teacher for the job and freed our system from the constraints of having to give further pay increases to those teachers who have been found to be unsatisfactory. This contract does give us reform.

And this contract removes old baggage without breaking the bank for the taxpayers. Negotiating a contract is not like starting with a blank slate. There are decades of past deals and obtuse language that is outdated and in need of change. Getting these changes to the contract at a cost we can afford allows us to continue to invest in the other educational needs of students like technology and arts, sports and music.

I am proud of the contract we settled, and I anticipate its ratification by the union and its approval by the School Committee, but that doesn't mean I am satisfied. This deal is not the end of reforming our schools, rather it is another step in reforming our entire educational system.

I am committed to continuing to fight for reforms benefitting our students in the State Legislature and in Congress. We still need more time and the flexibility to keep students in the classroom longer without it costing taxpayers a premium— and we will get it.



Mayor Menino presided over a press conference about the teacher contract last Wednesday at Boston City Hall.

I will continue to fight for our students in Washington. We still need funding for more innovation in our classrooms— we can make that happen.

I will advocate for our students in our neighborhoods and among our many city partners. We still need more after schools opportunities that are tightly tailored to the school curriculum and tightly linked with classroom teachers— we can do that together.

I will work with our students and their parents and their families. We still need more parents to be more involved in their children's education— if we support them properly, they can do that.

We must have more flexibility. We must have equality in our system, making all schools places where progress and change can happen. This we can accomplish through a package of reform, not just through one track or the other. That's why the education reform law that passed in the legislature in 2010 was so important. That's why our district-charter work is so crucial. That's why more change in our own student assignment process will be essential. And that's why I am not done pushing for new rules, new flexibilities, and new ways.

In Boston, we realize that we have more in common as a society because public education is a bond we all share regardless of race, religion or culture, and that we all expect the very best of what it can and should provide. I remain confident in our fight.

Connolly: A missed opportunity

By City Councillor John Connolly

Two transformative opportunities for the Boston Public Schools hung in the balance as students began the new school year. First, students desperately needed a longer school day and a system that kept good teachers in the classroom. Unfortunately, this opportunity came and went, as the Boston Public Schools' leadership and the Boston Teachers Union agreed to a status quo teachers contract.

City and union leaders touted the hollow accomplishment as groundbreaking school reform, but parents and teachers were left with a sense of resignation knowing that when it comes to the Boston Public Schools, help rarely comes from those in power.

With just over 56,000 students, 74 percent of whom live in poverty, our schools face a daunting achievement gap while hemorrhaging middle-class families from their ranks. It would strike many as common sense that combining a longer school day with a steadfast commitment to high quality teaching would go a long way toward closing the achievement gap and winning back those who opt out through METCO, charter schools, private and parochial schools, and of course, for sale signs.

Instead, the teachers contract failed to add a single additional minute of learning time to a school day which rates as one of the shortest in the nation. Adding insult to injury, new hiring freedoms for principals will remain until after the annual "bumping" process in which beloved teachers lose their positions due to a lack of seniority. This is the same awful process that "bumped" the 2011 Massachusetts Teacher of the Year out of his classroom.

Having failed to seize the moment with the teachers contract, there is now a second opportunity to propel real change in the Boston Public Schools as the yearlong effort to reform Boston's student assignment lottery enters its final phase. This second chance will come into clearer focus next week when the school department releases draft reform proposals. A final proposal should emerge in November with a school committee vote scheduled for mid-December.

The task at hand is no easier than delivering a

groundbreaking teachers contract. Many view this issue as the most deeply divisive debate in Boston given the pervasive inequities across our school system and the historical link to Boston's painful school desegregation.

There are two keys to breaking the status quo and forging a consensus around reforming school assignment. First, there is a point of agreement among parents that drives the call for reform. Quite simply, every parent agrees that every child should go to a high quality school. Thus, the school department cannot propose a student assignment reform plan that is merely redrawn lines on a map, like the 5-zone plan proposed in 2009. Instead, student assignment reform must be part of a broader quality school plan that includes hard commitments to ensure principal and teacher excellence, curriculum and programming improvements, facilities upgrades, and additional funding.

Second, if we focus on the need for every school to be a high quality school, we also will recognize that the student assignment lottery, though conceived with good intentions, undermines the very goals it seeks to accomplish by scattering some students and families across Boston while driving others out of the school system entirely. Ultimately, the lottery reinforces a system of winners and losers, removing the impetus to build quality schools citywide.

If the teachers' contract is any indicator, the school department will retreat to the status quo by December and push the school committee to adopt a watered down student assignment plan. Such steps will once again leave city leaders touting a hollow accomplishment as groundbreaking school reform.

Boston parents must step into the debate and demand a plan focused on upgrading the quality of every school while giving children and families the option to go to school close to home.

In so doing, Boston parents can give Mayor Menino and Superintendent Johnson a second chance to seize an opportunity for transformative change in the Boston Public Schools.

John R. Connolly is a Boston City Councillor At-Large and Chair of the Council's Committee on Education.

Off the Bench

Success isn't merited; it occurs within a context

BY JAMES W. DOLAN
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Do those who achieve what we define today as success actually merit it? Are those who attain wealth, power, and status really better than the rest of us? Republicans tend to stress the importance of the individual. Wealth, in particular, becomes the measure of a person's value. Intelligence, imagination, ambition, and perseverance are seen as qualities shared by those who are successful.

That attitude was evident in the uproar by Republicans when President Obama said success in business does not mean you did it on your own. Some believed he diminished individual achievement by suggesting that parents, family resources, education, timing, direct or indirect government assistance, and plain old good luck played a role.

They find those lacking these qualities somehow less respectable and less virtuous, and therefore not entitled to share in the benefits one would normally associate with the good life. If they don't earn it, they don't deserve decent housing, health care, or a good education.

In other words: If you can't make it, it's your

own fault. You get what you deserve and there is no obligation for the successful to "sacrifice" some of what they have achieved to benefit others. The common good does not include the uninitiated – the ignorant, lazy, disabled, sick, or illegal.

Success is not an abstraction; it occurs within a context. You play the hand you are dealt and the fact you get good cards does not make you any more deserving than a bad hand makes you less so.

Does God really love the haves more than the have-nots? Is worldly success a sign of His approval? Many believers seem to think so. I don't!

I no more merit being born healthy, the son of a successful doctor in a loving family with the money to educate and care for me than does someone born to a poor, drug-addicted mother in a dysfunctional family with little hope of the guidance and education so necessary today to achieve even the basics.

As a judge, it became clear to me that many of those who appeared before me had few, if any, opportunities to be other than what they were. Had I been born into the same situation, I could see myself on a similar path.

At least the Democrats recognize our responsibility to provide a safety net to provide basic services to

the less fortunate, including the opportunity to break free of the limitations they encounter, often through no fault of their own.

The belief that you get what you deserve is dangerous. It becomes an excuse not to share with the less fortunate. It undermines the "common good," a fundamental element of a fair and stable society. Of course, it requires the redistribution of wealth. But that doesn't mean there is no more wealth and no poverty. It only means the wealthy are less rich and the poor are less disadvantaged.

Government's role, as I see it, is to find that balance – no easy task. It does require an awareness that merit, when earned, is built on a foundation over which we have no more control than one born into privation.

The notion of "noblesse oblige" – to whom much is given, much is expected – applies as much to sharing wealth as it does to talent. The converse is: To whom little is given, much is owed. How much and in what form is the responsibility of wise leaders.

Wisdom appears to be in short supply these days.

James W. Dolan is a retired Dorchester District Court judge who now practices law.

A look behind the curtain in BPS-teacher talks

BY GINTAUTAS DUMCIUS
NEWS EDITOR

Ross Wilson wears a sense of relief that's currently in fashion inside City Hall and the Boston Teachers Union on Mt. Vernon St.

The 36-year-old assistant superintendent was a member of Superintendent Carol Johnson's negotiation team that worked to hammer out a teachers' contract after more than two years of tense talks. Last Thursday, a day after a resolution was announced, Wilson sat in his office, recalling how it came to fruition.

"Two nights ago, we knew, when we were going into it, we felt we were in a good place," he said. "Because we worked all weekend, this past weekend, and we did all the thinking about it, and we really felt like, 'Geez, we're so close.'"

One constant during the various ups and downs of the negotiations was the lack of food. Wilson said the two camps once had an all-night session at the Parkman House on Beacon Hill, finishing at seven or eight o'clock in the morning. "We're going into this thing, thinking we're hopefully getting something done, it could be a late night, but nobody had provisions," he said of the last negotiating session. "I should have packed Spam and my sleeping bag."

The agreement revamps a performance evaluations system, using language from state regulations instead of the city's proposed regulations, includes a 12 percent salary increase over six years, and calls for lower class sizes and the hiring of support staff such as paraprofessionals.

The contract, retroactive to Aug. 2010, is expected to cost \$160 million over the six

years, largely because of the salary increases.

Wilson, who works in the department of teacher development and advancement, has a special focus: "We have this new performance evaluation system which absolutely does speed up the timelines for ensuring we have the best teacher in every classroom and moving out teachers who are not effective," he said.

The current set-up is a binary system, based on a few observations and deeming a teacher as "meets standards" or "does not meet standards." But it doesn't spell out timelines, Wilson said, and it's wrought with "procedural elements that really has the evaluator focused more on dates and procedures than on giving good valuable feedback to the teachers and supporting growth."

The new system has four different categories: unsatisfactory, needs improvement, proficient, and exemplary. "We can tell who's 'exemplary'; we can tell who is 'needs improvement' and needs support," Wilson said. "So not just wrapping up everybody in these two ratings, but really identifying who our workforce is and how to support them."

The system will also include multiple observations of teachers over the course of the school year. Every educator also self-assesses about how they're doing and sets two goals linked to student learning and professional learning.

While some school districts in other states say students should factor into a significant percentage of a teacher's evaluation, Massachusetts does not have that requirement. Wilson said he supports the Bay State's stance. "I'm much more supportive of what the regulations state, which is that the evaluator has their



Richard Stutman, president of the Boston Teachers Union, spoke during a press conference last Wednesday at City Hall. BPS Superintendent Dr. Carol Johnson is shown at left.

Photo courtesy City of Boston/Isabel Leon

professional judgment and they look at a wide variety of evidence, evidence towards those four standards and two goals," Wilson said. "And student data is involved through the student learning goal, but it does not trump the judgment of the evaluator."

Asked about Johnson's description of some aspects of the state's performance evaluation model as "cumbersome," Wilson said the department believes they have developed enough tools for evaluators and teachers to handle the more procedural elements of the contract language.

"We cannot have long time lines and durations for educators when they're ineffective," Wilson said, noting that he is the parent of three children. "And I think that's a mutual interest for the Boston Teachers Union and BPS."

Seniority rules – about which people get laid off first – remain unchanged, Wilson said, since that is in the purview of State House lawmakers.

The proposed contract has drawn fire from critics, including City

Councillor At-Large John Connolly, chair of the council's education committee. In an opinion piece published in this week's *Reporter*, Connolly called the contract "status quo" and a "hollow accomplishment."

Students needed a longer school day, he wrote, and the contract "failed to add a single additional minute of learning time to a school

day which rates as one of the shortest in the nation."

For his part, Wilson seems happy to have his weeknights and weekends back. "It was like 2:30, 3 in the morning," he said, remembering the last night of negotiations. "And I think we all just shook hands and said congratulations or good work. It was really gratifying. These

are the people we've all known for a long time and you could put us in a room and we all get along with each other. And everyone's doing their job. And so it felt really good to not be sitting right across from one another, in intense bargaining. It felt really good just saying, 'Hey, good work, we're glad we're done.'"

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Arts & Entertainment

Ragtime preps for Strand Theatre with special deals for Dot attendees

BY CHRIS HARDING
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER
Last Saturday at the new Taj Boston Hotel, controversial playwright/librettist Terrence McNally received the Beacon Award from the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Massachusetts.

The festivities will continue next week as "Ragtime," the 1997 Broadway musical for which McNally received a Tony Award for Best Book, opens at Dorchester's Strand Theatre on September 28 and runs through October 7. Producers chose the ethnically diverse Uphams Corner as a particularly fitting neighborhood in which to present this exploration of America's proverbial status as "melting pot" and "land of opportunity."

In a brief speech, McNally accepted the ACLU tribute on behalf of himself and fellow honorees, composer Stephen Flaherty and lyricist Lynn Ahrens, who also won Tonys.

The project was conceived at a recent party when Carol Rose, Execu-



Fiddlehead Theatre Company's RAGTIME at The Strand Producer /Director Meg Fofonoff, Tony-Award Winning Playwright, Terrence McNally and ACLU of Massachusetts Executive Director Carol Rose celebrate at The Taj Saturday night. McNally received the ACLU's Beacon of Liberty Award on behalf of the RAGTIME creative team (Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty). Fiddlehead, the ACLU with special support by Playbill and Mayor Thomas M. Menino, will present Ragtime at The Strand from September 28 - October 7.
Photo by Matt McKee Photography

tive Director of the ACLU of MA, met Meg Fofonoff, Artistic Director of the Dedham-based Fiddlehead Theatre Company, and explained how the ACLU was seeking new ways to raise awareness about its activities via the arts.

Fofonoff, both of whose parents were lifelong ACLU members, suggested the ACLU co-sponsor "Ragtime," Fofonoff's "personal favorite musical of all time" because it addressed many of the issues the ACLU is concerned with. Rose

feels that the musical will help "to keep issues of personal liberty at the forefront of people's minds during the upcoming elections."

Fofonoff, as director and executive producer, began scouting possible venues.

She says when she visited the Strand, "I fell in love instantly when I walked in. Besides the Strand opened in 1918 exactly during the period when 'Ragtime' takes place."

Fofonoff wants to ensure that all Dot

residents can see this show regardless of their financial situation.

The musical "Ragtime" is based on E.L. Doctorow's 1975 novel of the same name, which won the National Book Critics Circle Award for Fiction. Set at the turn of the last century, Doctorow's tale interweaves imagined exploits of members of three fictional families (WASP, Jewish immigrant and African-American) with cameo appearances of such historical individuals as Emma Goldman, Booker T. Washington, and Harry Houdini. The novel was ranked among the top 100 English-language novels of the past century by both Time Magazine and Modern Library.

The ACLU "Ragtime," which features a 16 piece live orchestra, will likely be the most impressive production the Strand has hosted in quite a while.

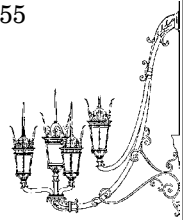
"Not since 2009's 'Ain't Misbehavin' have we had a show like 'Ragtime,'" said Mayor Thomas M. Menino. "I know audiences are going to be thrilled when they see the production values and amazing cast."

Damian Norfleet, who has the key role of Coalhouse Walker, the revenge-bent Harlem piano player, is one of four Equity actors in the show. The 42-member cast includes two Dot residents: Christopher Leon Pittman and Savin Hill's Sierra Kagen. The stage manager Ryan Anderson just moved to Dorchester a month ago.

Several Dot schools including Codman Academy will be attending the school matinees on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Tickets, which range in price from \$25 to \$45, may be reserved by calling 866-811-4111 or visiting fiddleheadtheatre.com. However, Fiddlehead is offering very generous "special deals" to Dot groups, schools and individuals. Inquire at fiddleheadinfo@aol.com or 781 329-1901.

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Thursday, September 27, 4 p.m. – September Teen Movies.

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6:30 p.m. – ESL Conversation Group.

Friday, September 28, 10:30 a.m. – Pre-School Storybook Films.

3 p.m. – Crafty Afternoon.

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10:30 p.m. – Preschool Movies.

Monday, September 24, 3 p.m. – Laptop Basics. 4 p.m. BTU Afterschool Homework Help.

Tuesday, September 25, 3:30 p.m. Out-of-school Time: Teen Art.

Thursday, September 27, 4 p.m. – BTU Afterschool Homework Help.

Friday, September 28, 10:30 a.m. Preschool Movies.

1 p.m. – An Afternoon Tea & Movies for Adults.

MATTAPAN BRANCH

Friday, September 21, 10:30 a.m. – Toddler Films.

Monday, September 24, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time and Craft.

Tuesday, September 25, 5:30 p.m. – Family Movie Night.

Wednesday, September 26, 10:30 a.m. – Fun With Books.

3:30 p.m. – Out-of-school Time: Teen Art.

Thursday, September 27, 3 p.m. – Drop-in Craft.

UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH

Thursday, September 20, 5:30 p.m. – Urban Gardening: Types, Techniques & Tips.

Saturday, September 22, 10:30 a.m. – Lego Builders.

Tuesday, September 25, 10:30 a.m. – Family Story Time.

Thursday, September 27, 1 p.m. – One City One Story Discussion.

3:30 p.m. – Pin It! Pinterest for School and for Fun.

Friday, September 28, 3 p.m. – Craft Buffet: Drop-in Craft Activities.

Improving School Choice: Building Better Options Together Community Meetings

Boston Public Schools is developing an improved student assignment plan and we want your input!

This spring more than 2,300 people shared ideas for improving school choice and student assignment. Now, BPS has developed several new options and we'd like to share them with you. You are invited to community meetings to learn more and let us know what you think:

Thursday, Sept. 27 ■ 7-9:30 pm
Burke High School, 60 Washington St., Dorchester
Haitian Creole, Spanish, Somali interpretation

Saturday, Sept. 29 ■ 10:30 am-1 pm
East Boston High School, 86 White St., East Boston
Spanish interpretation

Sunday, Sept. 30 ■ 1:30-4 pm: Teen Center at St. Peter's, 278 Bowdoin St., Dorchester ■ *Cape Verdean, Portuguese, Vietnamese interpretation*

Monday, Oct. 1 ■ 6-8:30 pm
Jackson/Mann K-8 School, 40 Armington St., Allston
■ *Cantonese, Portuguese, Spanish interpretation*

Tuesday, Oct. 2 ■ 6-8:30 pm
Madison Park Technical Vocational High School, 75 Malcolm X Blvd., Roxbury ■ *Cantonese, Portuguese, Somali, Spanish interpretation*

Thursday, Oct. 4 ■ 6-8:30 pm
Ohrenberger School, 175 W. Boundary Rd., West Roxbury ■ *Spanish interpretation*

Friday, Oct. 5 ■ 7:30-10 am ■ Suffolk University, 73 Tremont St., Downtown

Tuesday, Oct. 9 ■ 6-8:30 pm
Mildred Avenue School, 5 Mildred Ave., Mattapan ■ *Haitian Creole, Spanish interpretation*

Wednesday, Oct. 10 ■ 6-8:30 pm ■ Charlestown High School, 40 Medford St., Charlestown

Thursday, Oct. 11 ■ 6-8:30 pm ■ Dever/McCormack School, 325 Mt. Vernon St., Dorchester ■ *Spanish interpretation*

Friday, Oct. 12 ■ 6-8:30 pm ■ Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center, 38 Ash St., Boston
Mandarin, Cantonese, Spanish interpretation

Child care is available at all community meetings except October 5.



► Explore the options and fill out an on-line survey at bostonschoolchoice.org

(available after September 25)



MORE INFORMATION

Please visit bostonschoolchoice.org
or call 617-635-9012

Dot's future looks green and healthy to native landscaper

Bob Bankowski, 43, grew up on Mt. Vernon Street in Dorchester's Polish Triangle. But he spent many of his formative years on suburban golf courses, helping his grandfather, who

worked his whole life as a groundskeeper.

"I spent a lot of time working with him on the weekends and just helping out around the house," says Bankowski, who now lives on Pope's Hill. "I loved doing it and the after-effects. It feels amazing to take a property — no matter how small or how large — and make it look twice its size."

Bankowski, who owns and operates Dorchester-based R&R Landscape, has made his childhood pastime his career since 1993. Bankowski employs a five-man crew that maintains a client list of more than 60 properties in Dorchester alone. R&R also does

work in other Boston neighborhoods and near-in suburbs.

But Dorchester is home base. Increasingly, Bankowski and his team have been taking on larger projects, creating yard landscapes from the ground up, including a new condo development on Howell Street. The two-week job is one that Bankowski is particularly proud of.

"What keeps me going is when I get emails from condo owners complimenting us on how good it looks or how hard our the employees have worked on a property. This is a seven day a week job for nine months out of the year. So, it's the thank you- that



Bob Bankowski's team from R&R Landscape are shown at a recently completed job on Howell Street in Dorchester: (l-r) Carlos Andrade, Jose Andrade and Maurice Godwin. Photos by Bill Forry

keep me going," said Bankowski.

The entrepreneur hopes to one day find a vacant lot and open up his own landscape yard to sell mulch, stone,

gravel and other supplies to his fellow homeowners "to want to do their own landscaping."

He's bullish on the future of the business and the economy in his

backyard.

"I've already had seven new homeowners call me up to sign up for next year," said Bankowski.

-Bill Forry



Bob Bankowski

Groups honors long time community activist Two organizations based in Fields Corner presented **Barry J. Mullen** with awards on

Sept. 12 for his continued work in the neighborhood. The two groups were: Close to Home and Freeport Adams Neighborhood Association.

Also presenting awards to Mullen were **Captain Sexton** from Area C-11 Police Department. The award from the C-11 police read, "In grateful appreciation of your many years of service in the community, especially recognizing your strong partnership with District C-11 and your efforts to improve public safety in the neighborhoods of Dorchester." City Councillor Frank Baker gave Mullen an award for "His outstanding contribution to the Fields Corner community." Mullen works for the Fields Corner Community Development Corporation and is Chair of the Greater Arcadia/Robinson Street Neighborhood Watch. Mullen was raised in Fields Corner and now lives in the St. Mark's community.

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Dot's **Jim Brett** will share the stage with Broadway superstar **Bernadette Peters** at next month's 22nd annual gala to benefit **The Price Center**, a regional leader in providing care to adults with developmental disabilities. Peters will perform at the October 5th event at the Marriott Copley Place hotel. An acclaimed actress and recording artist, Peters will be backed by a 10-piece band as she performs from the American Songbook and other well-known classics.

Savin Hill's Brett, president and CEO of The New England Council, is a long-time activist for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and serves as Chairman of the Governor's Commission on Intellectual Disability. President Barack Obama appointed him the Chair of The President's Committee for



Dorchester resident Jane Green volunteered at the Greater Boston Food Bank in Boston on September 12th. Along with retirees of State Street, she has been actively participating with many volunteer projects in the State Street Alumni Volunteer Program.

People with Intellectual Disabilities in 2011. Jim Brett will be introduced at the Gala by **Joseph P.**

Kennedy III, candidate for U.S. Congress.

Tickets are \$200 and can be purchased

through The Price Center's website at ThePriceCenter.org or by calling 617-244-0065.



Dorchester's Kyla Simmons was nominated by the BCYF Cleveland Community Center as one of the "Mayor's Summer Stars" for serving as a role model for her peers. The Stars, ranging in age from 8 to 18, were nominated for the new award by BCYF staff members for leadership and service to their communities. Kyla, shown above, joined Mayor Thomas M. Menino, Bruins defenseman Andrew Ference, Boston's Chief of Human Services/BCYF Executive Director Daphne Griffin and former Red Sox pitcher Jim Lonborg in recognizing the Summer Stars at the Parkman House recently. In addition to receiving a certificate of achievement from the Mayor, the Stars will be honored at a Boston Celtics game during the upcoming season. Photo courtesy BCYF

Bubbles's Birthdays And Special Occasions

BY BARBARA McDONOUGH

Arnold "Red" Auerbach would have been 95 on Sept. 20. The 1938 Hurricane hit New England on Sept. 21; 600 people were lost. The first "Perry Mason" show began on Sept. 21, 1957. "Monday Night Football" began on Sept. 21, 1970. Nathan Hale was hanged on Sept. 22, 1776. Congress established the Office of Postmaster General on Sept. 22, 1789. Seven "witches" were hanged in Salem on Sept. 22, 1692. On Sept. 22, 1903, Italo Marchiony took out a patent for the ice cream cone. German astronomer Johann Galle discovered Neptune on Sept. 23, 1846. The US Supreme Court was formed on Sept. 24, 1789.

Balboa discovered the Pacific Ocean on Sept. 25, 1513. Pres. Bill Clinton visited the Erie Pub on Sept. 25, 1992. The first major league doubleheader was played between the Providence and Worcester teams on Sept. 25, 1882. Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement, begins at sundown on Tues., Sept. 25. Christopher Reeve would have been 60 on Sept. 25. *The Quincy Sun* newspaper will be 44 years old on Sept. 26. Johnny Appleseed was born on Sept. 26, 1774. Shamu was born at Sea World on Sept. 26, 1985. "West Side Story" debuted on Broadway on Sept. 26, 1957. It ran until 1960.

Celebrities having birthday are: Dr. Joyce Brothers, 84 on Sept. 20; Sophia Loren, 78 on Sept. 20; Larry Hagman, 81 on Sept. 21; Bill Murray, 62 on Sept. 21; Scott Baio, 51 on Sept. 22; Mickey Rooney, 92 on Sept. 23; and Bruce Springsteen, 63 on Sept. 23.

Those celebrating their birthdays are Molly Curley, John William White, Barbara Tankle, James Sheehan, Tom O'Neill, Mary Connolly, John Fencer, Richard Bielecki, Helen Finnegan, Lauren Cavaleri, Ralph Whittemore, Ken Blasi, and Linda Spinner.

Also observing their birthdays are Ann McLaughlin, Anne Marie Fortey, Brian Lisowski, Bridine Doherty, Justine Harrington, Caroline Innello, John O'Connor, Ch. 5's Mike Lynch, Terry Guilfooy, Joan Minton, Maribeth Diener, Barry Swain, Capt. Parker's Gerry Manning, Liam Carleton, Anthony Datish, and Brendan Holloran. Dianne Watson, Kristin Mancini, Jan Wallace, Ann Mazzone, Joey Langis, and Jean Every are celebrating special birthdays this week.

Those celebrating their anniversaries are Bob and Freda Foley, Pat and Cathy (Flynn) Longley, Derek and Laura Mourad, and Pat and Ann Tumilty (58 years!). Belated best wishes are sent to Ben and Barbara Tankle, who celebrated their 59th anniversary on Sept. 9!

Barbara McDonough's

VIEW FROM POPE'S HILL

Hubby and I have done quite a bit of traveling the past two weeks. Hubby watches the cost of gasoline go up and down (mostly up) as we go past gas stations. We did get a chance to look at the trees. Just a few of them have begun to turn color. Some leaves, however, are already brown and ready to fall off their trees.

Last Saturday, Hubby, daughter Sue, and I were in Braintree, attending the 12th birthday celebration of Hubby's grandniece Renee. Because Renee's Mom Mary had serious dental problems, her sister Ann offered to have the party at her home. Renee greeted us as we stepped out of our car. "Come in and see my birthday present. It's a bunny." When we got in the yard, I sat down next to Hubby's sister Peg and we chatted for a while. In came nephew Steve and his wife Judi. Renee's Dad David was helping to bring all the birthday food outside. Renee's grandma Pat talked to me for a while.

After we had all eaten the delicious barbecue, we went inside the house to cut the birthday cake.

It was then that I had a chance to see Renee's bunny "Daisy," who was in her cage in the kitchen. She was not all white, as I had assumed. She was brown and so cute. We didn't take her out of her cage but we all watched her. We don't think that she was upset with the noise from all us guests. That was the closest I had ever been to a rabbit. By the way, I learned, before we left, that we should not feed lettuce to a bunny. Carrots are O.K. and, of course, bunny food.

I must, belatedly, mention an anniversary that Hubby celebrated in August. He gave up smoking a pipe on Aug. 8, 1979. (He had already switched to a pipe because cigarettes had become so expensive.) We read many years ago that a person's lungs begin to heal as soon as he/she stops smoking. Bravo to Hubby on his 33rd anniversary! The kids and I are so proud of you.

The past few weeks have not been pleasant ones for Hubby. As I mentioned last week, he injured two of his fingers while using an electric hedge trimmer. Then,

*"I, when the summer was over,
Found autumn was covered with gold,
And colors more lovely than springtime
Were there for these eyes to behold."*

*"Autumn Rapture"
By George Kossik*

last Wednesday evening, he and I, along with our friend Eileen Burke, attended the Senior Supper at Carney Hospital. (I'll tell you about the supper later.) When the meeting closed, Hubby went outside to get our car and discovered that he had a parking ticket because he was just seven minutes late in returning to the car. This is only the second parking ticket that Hubby has received in all his years of driving. The first one was for not moving his car after a good-sized blizzard many years ago, when we lived in Uphams Corner. I did call Area C-11 to "vent" and the police officer who answered was very nice. He suggested that Carney should tell the meter maids/Traffic Dept. when there is a

Senior Supper and ask them to be lenient on that evening until the large number of attending seniors are able to leave Carney and get to their cars. Hubby must pay the \$25 ticket, sad to say.

But back to the supper: Our new pals, Kathleen Killeen and Bernice McNeil, were the gals collecting the money for the supper. Hubby and Eileen and I found our usual table in the cafeteria. Laura, our server, came over and said she was happy to take care of us that evening. Sister Paula Tinlin came around to each table to welcome us. She spoke with pal Eileen, asking about her trip to Ireland this summer. Barbara Couzens, from the hospital, introduced the new president, Andy Davis. Andy came to Carney on May 7. He was originally from Florida and told us that he had just brought his wife to Massachusetts.

The main speaker for the evening was Beverly Moore, APRN, Nurse Educator, who spoke on "Memory Loss: Fact or Fiction." Beverly told us that both of her husband's parents had dementia. She assured us that having trouble remembering names was normal. (Thank goodness!) There can be trouble remembering words. She assured us that "the mind is not the brain." She told us that lack of interest in previously enjoyed

activities may not be normal. Both socialization and exercise do help seniors. She also told us that there is now, at Carney, a monthly Support Group for the caregivers of those who suffer from Alzheimer's disease or dementia. The free forums will be conducted by Beverly herself. The first was held last night in Rise-man Hall at Carney. Call the hospital and speak with Beverly Moore if you would like to attend these forums.

At the end of Beverly's talk, Barbara Couzens introduced La Quandra Seymour, a junior at Suffolk University who is studying broadcasting and journalism. La Quandra sang several songs, and wowed us with her version of "I Will Always Love You," sounding so much like her idol, Whitney Houston. She also did a wonderful job on "Wind Beneath My Wings." Just before the end of the supper, Barbara Couzens introduced Michelle Reid, Manager of Community Health for the Steward Healthcare System.

You may be interested to know that there 110 seniors attended this month's supper. Following are the names of those employees who volunteered to serve us at the meal: Ebere Udoji, Jamielynn Stimson, Desiree Ayala, Kathy Hefernan, Bob Hasenfuss, Roy Contreras, Laura Vasconcelos, Sister Paula Tinlin, Marco Bellardo-Crosby, pal Bob Angland (who got some cups for us), Scott Tripp, Paula Kowalski, Christian Stroucken, Barry Freidman, Susan Raiche, Kyle Raiche, Beth Pollara, Mike Stack, Keith Colavita, and our registration-desk pals, Kathleen Killeen and Bernice McNeil. They all did a great job.

Thanks to my friend

Judy, I learned that our mutual friend Christine Whittemore lost her brother Patrick Tranford on Sept. 13, at the age of 52. I understand that Pat had battled melanoma courageously. I send my sympathy to Pat's wife Joanne, to their children Caroline and Neil, and to his sisters Katy Miles, my friend Christine, and Louise Lipari.

I was also sorry to read of the death of Maria (Rossetti) Polvere on Sept. 11. I met Maria and her husband, Joe Tufo, quite a few years ago. I was impressed that Maria was a concert pianist. (She was also always beautifully dressed.) She often played for senior groups, even for some of the City of Boston's senior events, and for the Healing Masses at St. Mark's Church where she was also a Eucharistic Minister. She would often show me the newspaper reviews of her concerts. If I remember correctly, one of her granddaughters was quite a musician. I send my sympathy to her husband and to their sons Daniel and Joseph. Maria was also the wife of the late Alexander Polvere.

Last Friday evening, Hubby and I drove to Arlington so that I could attend the wake for the husband of one of my high school classmates. I never realized that Arlington was so difficult to reach. We were on Route 128, which, on a Friday evening, is chaos. Then we went through a road that was typically suburban. We finally found the funeral home and I had a chance to speak with my friend Mary, with whom I spent six years of my life. (GLS began in the 7th grade.) I was so happy that I was able to get there, thanks to Hubby's studying his maps of the area before we started our journey. After having dinner at the local Panera Restaurant, we decided to avoid Route 128 and go home through Cambridge. There wasn't that much car traffic but there were hundreds of bicyclists. (I don't really blame the students with gas close to \$4 a gallon.) It is scary, however, driving alongside the groups of bicyclists, especially when some of the kids did not stay inside the bicycle lane. What an experience!

Since the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi is coming up soon (Oct. 4), here is a quote attributed to him: "Start by doing what is necessary; then do what is possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."



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Community Health News

Learning to live the desirable-cholesterol way

The following was forwarded to the Reporter by the Mattapan Community Health Center:

September is National Cholesterol Education Month and the Mattapan Community Health Center is pleased to share with its community information on keeping cholesterol levels under control.

Cholesterol is a waxy substance found in all the cells of the body. It is required for the synthesis of vitamin D, bile acids, hormones, and other substances. Due to its fatty composition, cholesterol requires special carrier molecules called lipoproteins for its transport through the bloodstream. Lipoproteins are of two main types – the low-density lipoproteins (LDL) or “bad cholesterol” and the high-density lipoproteins (HDL) or “good cholesterol.”

Decreased levels of HDL increase one’s risk of heart disease. Not surprisingly, elevated levels of LDL increase one’s risk of heart disease, stroke, and type-2 diabetes. Excess cholesterol in the bloodstream deposits in the walls of arteries over a period of time. This leads to the development of plaque that causes

narrowing of arteries, thereby elevating blood pressure and affecting blood supply to various organs particularly the heart, ultimately resulting in a heart attack.

Certain risk factors such as family history or age predispose toward a high cholesterol level and cannot be controlled. However, factors such as eating a diet high in saturated or trans-fat or cholesterol, leading a sedentary lifestyle, and being overweight or obese are modifiable.

The accompanying table provides the goals for cholesterol levels:

MCHC offers the following recommendations to help individuals maintain optimum cholesterol levels:

- Choose a diet with no more than 7 percent calories from saturated fat, which has been found to increase LDL Cholesterol levels. Choose low-fat or fat-free dairy products, and lean cuts of meat such as turkey, chicken, and fish instead of beef and pork. Some plant-based oils like coconut and palm oils are also high in saturated fat. Use minimally, plant-based oils such as canola, corn, olive, safflower or soybean oil.

- Choose a diet that

minimizes the use of trans fat, which is linked to elevated LDL cholesterol levels. Main sources of trans fats are stick margarine; baked products like biscuits, cookies, crackers, donuts; and some fried foods like French fries. A new federal regulation now mandates manufacturers to include trans fat content on the nutrition facts food label.

- Choose a diet with 25-35 percent of calories from total fat (this includes all types of fat).

- Limit the consumption of dietary cholesterol to no more than 200 milligrams per day. Cholesterol is found in foods of animal origin such as organ meats (liver), shrimp, high-fat dairy products like milk, cheese, cream and egg yolk. Limit consumption of egg yolks to no more than 2-3 times per week

or instead use egg whites as a healthy substitute. Choose low-fat or fat-free dairy products as a healthy alternative.

- Choose a diet that includes 10-25 grams of soluble fiber. Soluble fiber provides a sensation of satiety and has been proven to lower LDL cholesterol levels thereby reducing one’s risk of heart disease. It is found in many whole grain foods (whole wheat, oatmeal, and oat bran), fruits (preferably with the skin), veggies, and legumes (like dried beans and peas).

- Choose foods with less added salt (sodium) or use substitutes such as herbs, spices, vinegar, pepper, lemon juice, onions and garlic or Mrs. Dash that are readily available in most grocery stores. Be watchful of all kinds of processed foods such as canned soups or

sausages, deli meats, bacon, sausage that have very high levels of sodium.

- Watch your portion sizes but avoid skipping meals; instead, have small portion meals at regular intervals.

- Read the nutrition facts label that helps you identify foods high in fat, salt and sugar.

- Limit alcohol consumption to no more than two drinks per day (for men) and no more than one drink per day (for women).

- Aim to be physically active for at least 30 minutes per day on most days of the week. Regular

physical activity helps control your body weight, improve blood pressure and blood cholesterol levels, prevent bone loss, boost energy levels and manage stress. Even simple tasks such as using the staircase instead of elevators, vacuuming, ironing, or gardening helps lose those extra calories.

Implementing the above mentioned lifestyle changes can help keep cholesterol levels under check and thereby reduce the risk for several chronic diseases. For more information, call us at 617- 296-0061.

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DISTRICT C-11 NEWS

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POLICE DISTRICT B-3 NEWS

For info, call B-3's Community Service Office at 617-343-4717.

WE'VE GOT FISH EVENT IN MATTAPAN

The Mattapan Food and Fitness Coalition/Mattapan Square Farmers' Market will host a We've Got Fish Event on Saturday, September 22, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. This will be a demonstration/tasting at the Mattapan Square Farmers' market. Demonstrations by Chef Jose Duarte of Taranta Restaurant and Chef Rhonda Persip of Seasoned with Soul. Must register at market between 10-11am to participate in the tasting. Mattapan Square Farmers Market, Church of the Holy Spirit, 525 River Street, Mattapan.

FRUIT HARVEST 'MOB' AT BLAKE HOUSE ORCHARD

Join in the fun of Boston's first ever "Fruit Mob." Join us and harvest apples, peaches and pears at the Edward Everett Square/Blake House Orchard, 735 Columbia Road, Dorchester. You will be helping collect fresh fruit that will be used at the BNAN Harvest Festival in October. See bostonnatural.org or call 617-542-7696.

FONTBONNE ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

Fontbonne Academy will host its first Open House on Sunday, September 30, from 1-3 p.m. Come and learn about the strong academic program, the wide array of extra-curricular activities and sports teams, and experience the warmth of the Fontbonne community. Contact admissions@fontbonneacademy.org or call 617.615.3014 with



Mayor Menino attended the Fresh Friday Banquet at the Coleman Street Community Garden in Dorchester's Bowdoin/Geneva section last week. This event is a celebration of a successful summer. Through community engagement, a number of successful events and activities took place. Some residents and organizations were also recognized for their accomplishments during the summer, including members of the Dorchester Gardenlands Preserve, above.

any questions. Fontbonne Academy is located at 930 Brook Road in Milton.

NIGHTINGALE GARDEN HARVEST FESTIVAL

Nightingale Community Garden will celebrate its second annual Fall Harvest Festival on Sat., Sept. 22 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 512 Park St., Dorchester. This is an opportunity

for all Dorchester gardeners to share the bounty of their harvest. You are invited to bring food and your appetite and enjoy the potluck of fresh dishes inspired by a season of growing.

ASHMONT-ADAMS ASSN.

Meeting on the first Thursday of each month at the Plasterers' Hall, 7 Fredericka St., at 7 p.m.

ASHMONT HILL ASSN.

Meetings are generally held the last Thursday of the month. For info, see ashmonthill.org or call Message Line: 617-822-8178.

CEDAR GROVE CIVIC ASSN.

The monthly meeting, usually the second Tues. of each month, 7 p.m., in Fr. Lane Hall at St. Brendan's Church.. Info: cedargrovecivic@gmail.com or 617-825-1402.

CLAM POINT CIVIC ASSN.

The meetings are usually held on the second Monday of each month (unless it's a holiday) at WORK, Inc. 25 Beach St., at the corner of Freeport (new meeting place); on street parking available; at 6:30 p.m. Info: clampoint.org.

CODMAN SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

The Codman Square Neighborhood Council meets the first Wed. of each month, 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Great Hall of the Codman Sq. Health Center, 6 Norfolk St. Info: call 617-265-4189.

COLUMBIA-SAVIN HILL CIVIC ASSN.

Meetings the first Mon. of each month, 7 p.m., at the Little House, 275 East Cottage St. For info: columbiasavinhillcivic.org.

CUMMINS VALLEY ASSN.

Cummins Valley Assn, meeting at the Mattahunt Community Center, 100 Hebron St., Mattapan, on Mondays 6:30 p.m., for those living on and near Cummins Highway. For info on dates, call 617-791-7359 or 617-202-1021.

EASTMAN-ELDER ASSN.

The association meets the third Thurs. of each month, 7 p.m., at the Uphams Corner Health Center, 636 Columbia Rd, across from the fire station. The meeting dates are (all on Saturdays): Oct. 20, Nov. 17, and Dec. 15.

FREEPORT-ADAMS ASSN.

The meetings will be held the second Wed. of the month, 6:30 p.m., at the Fields Corner CDC office (the old Dist. 11 police station), 1 Acadia St.

GROOM/HUMPHREYS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN.

The GHNA meets on the third Wed. of each month, 7 p.m., in the Kroc Salvation Army Community Center, 650 Dudley St., Dor., 02125. For info, call 857-891-1072 or maxboxer@aol.com.

HANCOCK ST. CIVIC ASSN.

The next meetings are Sept. 20, Oct. 18, Nov. 15, and Dec. 20, in the Upham's Corner Library (for the summer, through Sept.), 500 Columbia Rd., from 6:30 to 8 p.m. At the 9/18 meeting: Christina Maryland, from the City's Office of Emergency Preparedness, will speak. Info: hancockcivic@gmail.com (new e-mail address.)

LOWER MILLS CIVIC ASSN.

The monthly meetings are held the third Tuesday of the month in St. Gregory's Auditorium, 7 p.m. (Please bring bottles and cans and any used sports equipment to the meeting for Officer Ruiz.) See the web page: dorchesterlowermills.org.

MCCORMACK CIVIC ASSN.

Meetings, the third Tues. of each month, at 7 p.m., in Blessed Mother Teresa Parish Hall. Please bring canned goods to the meeting for a local food bank. Info: civic@mccormackcivic.com or 617-710-3793.

MEETINGHOUSE HILL CIVIC ASSN.

The meetings are held at 7 p.m., at First Parish Church. To stay in contact, call 617-265-0749 or e-mail: civic@firstparish.com or civic@firstparish.com.

MELVILLE PARK ASSN.

Clean-up of the MBTA Tunnel Cap (garden at Shawmut Station), the first Sat. of each month, from 10 a.m. to noon. The meetings are held at 6:30 p.m., at the Epiphany School, 154 Centre St., Dor.

PEABODY SLOPE ASSN.

The Peabody Slope Neighborhood Assn's next meeting, the first Mon. of each month, at Dorchester Academy, 18 Croftland Ave., 7 p.m. For info: peabodyslope.org or 617-533-8123.

POPE'S HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN.

Neighborhood E-Mail Alert system; sign up at philip.carver@popeshill.com, giving your name, address, and e-mail address. PHNA meetings, usually the fourth Wed. of each month at the Leahy/Holloran Community Center at 7 p.m. The next meetings will be Sept. 26, Oct. 24, and Nov. 28. Babysitting for members will now be provided, thanks to Adrienne Kaszaneck, during the meetings.

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Meetings the third Thurs. of every month at the Port Norfolk Yacht Club, 7 p.m. Info: 617-825-5225.

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DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The headquarters of the DHS is the William Clapp House, 195 Boston St., 02125, near Edward Everett Square. The DHS seeks volunteers and donations to help preserve the society's artifacts. 2012 DHS Gala, Fri., Oct. 12, Venezia Restaurant, 20 Ericsson St.; 6 p.m. for cocktails, 7:30 p.m. for dinner. Live auction at 8 p.m. Contact ERMMWWT@aol.com.

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Jim Collyer: Dot's Mr. Baseball

(Continued from page 1) from his hardscrabble childhood as one of five boys in a Jamaica Plain walk-up, to a stint in Patton's Army and a 25-year career driving a Hood milk truck around Greater Boston.

Today, slowed but far from stalled by his respiratory illness, he smiles when he talks about the game he loves and the All Dorchester Sports League (ADSL), an organization that has kept Jim in the action long after most outfits would have put him out to pasture.

For the league, Jim is still essential; he organizes the yearly T-ball league that has been rejuvenated under the watch of a new generation of ADSL leadership.

Next month, on Fri., Oct. 5, the ADSL will pay fitting tribute to 'Gentleman Jim' at the organization's first-ever gala event at Florian Hall. (The event starts at 6 p.m. and includes a buffet dinner and cash bar. Tickets are \$50.)

It promises to be a night of memories, with plenty of Boston Park League old-timers and younger players on hand to salute their long-time coach and mentor.

"We're trying to diversify our income," explains the current ADSL director, Jared Blandino. "When we thought about a yearly event, we thought, what better way than to honor Jim, who exemplifies everything we want to be as an organization."

Collyer's first love as a child was poetry. He'd spend his Saturday mornings at his neighborhood park, lounging on the boulders and dreaming up stanzas. He was 12 years old—a late bloomer on the sandlot—when he discovered a love for baseball. When an older boy who was a pitcher broke his arm, Jim was called in to take the mound. He wouldn't stop throwing until he was well into his sixties.

He played his first official Park League game in 1951 at Town Field just

weeks before shipping off to Fort Hood in Texas and, eventually, a two-year stint in Germany. The young southpaw was good enough to play on the winning team in the "Little" World Series in Germany, a competition that featured many major-leaguers who were also drafted into service—or enlisted—during the Korean War.

When he returned home, Jim married his sweetheart, Margaret 'Peggy' Brown, a Neponset girl whom he met during a dance at Moseley's on the Charles. Peggy and Jim will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary next February on Valentine's Day.

The couple settled first on Tolman Street near Garvey Park and then—with Jim driving a Hood milk truck and bringing home \$19.50 a week—they bought a home on Houghton Street and started their family. They have ten children, including one son whom they adopted. Today, many of Jim's 30 grandchildren turn out to help him teach the youngsters how to play ball.

In 1956, Jim pitched in front of 5,000 people at Town Field during a pivotal championship game for the McCormack Club. It was not unusual for Park League games to draw huge crowds in those days—and players even earned a tidy sum—as much as \$150 a season—when their associates passed the hat during the games. On that particular day, however, Jim's reward came by way of a single fan who turned out to see him pitch: his dad, who suffered from both tuberculosis and a drinking problem for many years.

"I'll never forget him coming out of the crowd that day and saying, 'I never knew you could pitch,'" Jim recalled, a tear on his cheek. "That's cause you never saw me before," I said."

Collyer's pitching career stretched well into his 40s—and then

well after he gave up his milkman job and became a loading dock supervisor at a Quincy electric company. He spent four nights a week out at the city's ballparks—a sacrifice that he said his bride Peggy never complained about. "She always said, 'Well, he's not down the tavern every night. I know where he is.'"

Jim pitched his final game at age 64, when he was took the mound for the ADSL entry in the Park League. He walked the first and only batter he faced and went on to be recorded as the losing pitcher.

"So, I lost my very first game and the last one," he said with a laugh. "But in between, from age 15 to 64, he won many more than he lost."

In 1989, Mary Hines of the Boston Parks department enlisted Jim to join the ADSL's team of coaches and the board of directors and he has been a mainstay at the Fields Corner clubhouse ever since, staying through some difficult days in the 1990s, when the organization lost its focus, he says, and most of its leadership—and most importantly—parents and kids.

"Joe Cloherty rescued it and brought it to a place where it could regain the respect of the community," said Jim.

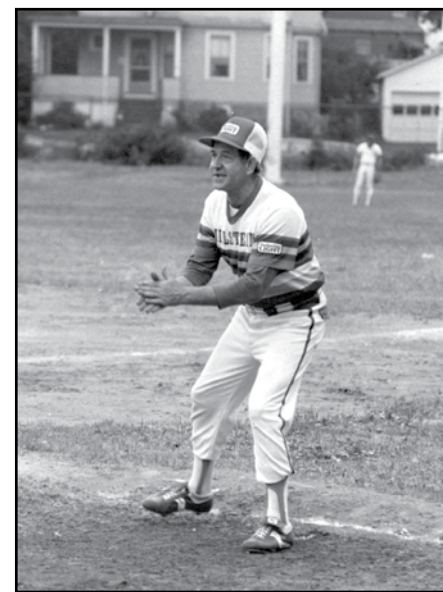
Collyer's Field of Dreams

By JIM COLLYER

I have played and coached here in Casey Field since 1949. A lot of people know it as the Town Field. This old park has many memories for me. I can remember standing behind home plate in my boyhood days watching the great Will Cannonball Jackman firing strikes while talking to the batters what he was going to do next. I played myself before over three thousand people during playoffs in the fifties. Before that the old Casey Club would pack in as much as five to six thousand to a game. I played on the Old Skin Diamonds where balls took some tough hops.

We do have a grass infield now but with the hard winters, the surface gets washed away and the water does not drain off well and leaves very large puddles of water at both benches and instead of a field of dreams, we have puddles of dreams in the outfield.

The fences need repairs all around. A beautiful flower garden was once around the flagpole, and kept up by a fine lady who no longer comes. I'm sure if she could see a change in the field, she would be back with all her beautiful plants. In the past six months, two of us have been restoring the clubhouse inside with painting, receiving furniture and gym equipment that was donated to us. Education means a lot to us here, so we moved the weight room downstairs and created a very nice room for tutoring children who need extra help. We have been hanging pictures of all sports (thank God for Norm) on our walls that are run here at the All Dorchester Sports League. My dream and the Director's is has



Jim Collyer is shown in this 1970s photo at Casey Town Field.

been to create a history of the past and present; we are in an area that needs a facelift to the community and restore respect around us.

I see a lot of good around me and have met many wonderful people. I know it is not easy getting things done, but in the last few months I have been to different meetings in this area with my Director and I am proud to see so many people caring about their community. It takes a lot of help to do these things and if someday I can look on these walls with friends of the past and present and remember when; and then to open the door and see a new Casey Field, that would be my field of dreams.

More of Jim Collyer's essays can be read at the ADSL website, alldorchestersportsleague.org.

"Now Jared is here and he's done a tremendous job. He loves what he does and has great ideas. I love the things I see. I'm happy to see the growth that can come out of here. We've gone the right way again."

The "heart of the organization" is the T-ball and instructional league that Jim still oversees with help from Jared and his own grandkids. The league is unique locally

in that it uses a pitching machine to reduce the number of batters hit by pitches and to keep the focus on skills training.

Between innings, kids on the bench get encouragement from Jim, who hands out baseball cards to players and their younger siblings. He stays off his feet much more now. He has learned to pace himself because he has every intention of coming back

for next season and the ones that follow.

"As soon as T-ball starts up again, I'll be back out there as long as I am able to," he promised.

The ADSL gala event honoring Jim Collyer will be held on Friday, Oct. 5 at 6 p.m. at Florian Hall. Tickets are \$50 per person and sponsorships are available. Call Jared Blandino at 617-287-1601 or email alldotsports@verizon.net.



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Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester

Fresh Films Program Visits The Club

Thanks to a partnership between the Taco Bell Foundation's Graduate to Go program and the Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation the Club will be the beneficiary of a new Film program with accompanying Studio space. As construction on the space nears completion, a Film Club has been established and this group was the beneficiary of a visit from the Dreaming Tree Foundation and their Fresh Films program this past week. Director, Estlin Feigley was on-site for the week to assist the members in creating their first P.S.A. on the importance of a High School Diploma. Estlin worked with the teens on the outline, instructed them on the new equipment, helped them with filming location and camera set-up, and explained the editing process. The new P.S.A. will be viewed at the upcoming Taco Bell Franchisee convention. As part of our relationship with the Foundation, Dreaming Tree/Fresh Films will return again in the Spring to work on a P.S.A. of the teen participants choice. The new Film program is currently accepting registrations of teens interested in learning more about the video/film medium. With dedicated space, new equipment, and a new Instructor in place, we look forward to seeing the creative talents of our members on display. For more information please contact VP of Programming, Mike Joyce at ext. 2110.

After-School Jobs Program

The Boys and Girls Club is pleased to once again partner with Mayor Thomas M. Menino and the Boston Youth

Fund to offer a limited number of after-school jobs for teens ages 15 to 18. Interested teens must stop by the Club and pick up an application and take part in a quick interview. Please note that the spots are limited and not every candidate will be offered a position. These positions will assist Program Directors throughout our three facilities from late November through mid-May. For more information please contact VP of Programming, Mike Joyce at ext. 2110.

Boston Globe Community Care Day

On October 11th the Boys and Girls Club will team with volunteers from The Boston Globe to take part in their Annual Neighbor to Neighbor Day event. The Boston Globe, which reaches out to local non-profits in need of volunteer activities each Fall will return to the Club where last year they helped paint the Teen Center space in our McLaughlin Clubhouse. This year volunteers from the company will take part in the event which will be spent painting the Gamesroom and Lobby in the Marr Clubhouse. We thank the employee volunteers for committing the time needed to complete this project and to The Boston Globe for their ongoing support of the Boys and Girls Club.

Education Program

The Education program at the Club is open to members ages 5 to 18 and offers a variety of programs to enhance academic achievement. Homework Help is offered four afternoons a week for members ages 5 to 12 in the Education Center from 2:00-6:00 p.m. (Monday to Thursday). Staff will be on hand to provide assistance. For those needing more focused



Teen members of the Film Club at the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester and Instructor, Andrew Lowery working on the creation of a P.S.A. This past week the Club teamed with the Taco Bell Foundation to host the Dreaming Tree/Fresh Films program who spent the week working with our teens on the concept, recording and editing of the new P.S.A.

assistance, our Tutoring program, which will begin in early October, matches members with volunteers for weekly sessions in One-to-One and small group formats. Please note that pre-registration is required and spots are limited. We are also offering an I.S.E.E. Test Prep Class for 6th and 8th grade students in partnership with Project D.E.E.P. For our teen members, we have three upcoming skill-building opportunities with volunteers from the State Street Corporation which include a Mock Interview session (9/26), a Financial Literacy Event (10/24) and a Job Shadow Day experience (11/8). We also offer our College Bound activities which include Wilson Daily Prep, an on-line S.A.T. program, and an upcoming opportunity to participate in the College Works workshop in New Hampshire on 10/20. We also offer One-to-One sessions by appoint-



Members of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester took part in the Painting Class in the Fine Arts program. This Fall the Fine Arts program is offering classes in photography, painting, sculpture, claymation, t-shirt design, recycled art and creative drawing.

ment with the Education Director where College selection and admissions assistance are covered. Lastly, we offer small group activities for ages 5 to 12 such as: Kidzlit, a Literacy program for members

that includes on-site and off-site reading activities; Kids College, an on-line education program that delivers a standards-based curriculum in math and literacy; and Theme Days, which take place

on Fridays and will cover such topics as ancient Egypt, dinosaurs and more. For information on our Education programs please contact Emily Capurso at 617-288-7120, ext. 2320.

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The NHL owners' assault on the players' union is baffling. There is a lot to be lost in the battle



Sports/Clark Booth

A couple of hours before hockey czar Gary Bettman dropped the hammer that shamelessly locked out his entire workforce, there were 20 characters dressed in Ranger jerseys parading in front of the National Hockey League's Manhattan headquarters at 6th Ave and 47th Street.

They were a scruffy bunch, ragged and messy, and brandishing crudely made placards likening Bettman to a Sesame Street character (whom he indeed faintly resembles) and decrying the greed of the people the czar serves, namely that odd assortment of little men who own the teams that compose the NHL, although until further notice there is, of course, really no such thing.

And there was fleetingly the notion that maybe this downright pathetic scene of a mere handful of roughnecks caring enough to howl in feeble protest on a late summer's evening might be an accurate measure of what it all means and how much impact it might have. If so, it would be the unkindest cut of all for the great but very badly served game of professional hockey.

The players are pounding the bricks for the fourth time in 20 years, all of them under the lawyer Bettman's inglorious watch. Talk of your sporting records that may never be broken.

More than 300 players were in town hanging around a hotel lobby hoping for a miracle, but in the final hours before the lockout was formally declared the two sides couldn't even stage one last session, if only for the exchanging of parting insults. The players were willing but the owners said they saw no purpose. "I'm sure we will remain in contact in coming days," advised Bill Daly, Bettman's

right-hand man. Well now, that's encouraging, is it not?

This is the third major labor hassle to rock the kingdom of North American Pro Sports in the last year and a half. The football boys, while rolling in immense riches and runaway profits, had the temerity to clash early last year, but quickly recognizing that the sporting public was in no mood for their nonsense, they settled with only minimal intrusion on the pre-season. When the basketball guys followed suit, they got even less sympathy and it was with panic that they settled after wiping out the first two months of their regular season — to the utter indifference of said public. Widespread agreement that the shorter season was actually preferable only added to basketball's deep embarrassment.

In both instances, the games were bruised, but the NFL and NBA owners still won by succeeding in modestly reducing the amount of gross revenues players receive under the salary cap agreements that govern both leagues to about a 50-50 breakdown. The players were willing to accept this because the prospect of greater revenues means there will be no salary cuts, only smaller increases. And they can live with that.

Perched on the sidelines and licking their chops the hockey moguls — green-eyed with envy — avowed they deserve and must have the very same action.

Now, in the exalted lodge of sporting moguls, the hockey owners are pipsqueaks. You should not for a half second believe that the Krafts, Maras and Rooneys regard the likes of Clau-

Jacobs as equals. They may even deem the pretensions of hockey owners to be as laughable as the hockey players do. But the fact persists that it was the football and basketball owners who inspired their hockey lodge brothers.

Only the hockey guys got carried away. Whereas the football and basketball owners sought and achieved only incremental changes in the division of spoils, the hockey barons want to take a meat-axe to the formula to achieve a quantum leap to higher profits.

Under their original proposal, the players' share would be reduced by a whopping 14 percent, from 57 percent to 43 percent. While it has been vaguely suggested that some adjustment might be possible, the two sides remain more than a billion dollars apart, according to the best informed and impartial source, the *Toronto Globe and Mail* newspaper. Some estimate the players would — roughly across the board — be obliged to take more than a 20 percent pay cut. For an industry that's showing a profit, with revenues that have increased 50 percent over the last seven years, that's pretty hard to justify.

The dividing of the pie is the big issue, but the owners want more, much more. They seek major changes in key provisions of the collective bargaining agreement. They essentially wish to recall, or at the least trim, the basic rights the players have earned in bloody labor battles over the last quarter century. The attack is total and radical. They want to roll back the clock and if they can destroy the union in the process, so

much the better.

The idea that any bargaining group that calls itself a union could capitulate to such a campaign is ludicrous. No matter their posturing, the owners know that. They also know that the players are now represented by the strongest, most competent, and most experienced labor leadership they've ever had. In Don Fehr, the disciple of Marvin Miller who led the MLBPA in even more formidable battles with baseball's much more powerful owners, they have a tiger by the tail. And they know that, too.

The strategy of the owners is totally baffling. How can they believe this all-out-war approach is smart, let alone has any chance of succeeding? Why would they undertake such a dubious strategy when they have so much to lose?

At risk, is a precious new \$2 billion-dollar TV contract with NBC, an appealing Winter Olympics arrangement, international growth, possible satisfactory resolutions to ownership problems that have plagued the league for years, some very promising new revenue streams, and, most importantly, all the vital momentum the NHL has lately achieved

in regaining the stature badly lost in their last labor bloodbath eight years ago.

All this may be about to be squandered. And perhaps more! For if the NHL crashes again for an entire season, and there is very definitely that possibility at the moment, it may never come back; certainly not as we have known it. That may not be so bad, you may say. But a whole lot of good folks would get hurt in the process.

Why? Was it a fear of Fehr that concocted this strategy? Did the owners cleverly convince themselves that a fierce frontal assault would take the wind out of Fehr's sails, making him more vulnerable to the enticements of favorable compromise? Was this Bettman's dumb idea?

There are those much closer to the in-fighting than your host who claim Bettman doesn't make strategy or policy, only implements and enforces it. They say he's dogged and relentless in doing precisely what he's told to do by his owner-bosses under the aegis of the almighty Board of Governors, now chaired by your own beloved Bruins' owner, Jeremy Jacobs, and will mindlessly run through brick walls to get it done. Which is why the owners love him so

Clark Booth dearly; he's a bulldog. There's no doubting that.

But when they talk about the great commissioners of sport, spare me any mention of Gary Bettman. All commissioners must answer to owners because they are hired and fired by them. But the great commissioners stand up to their owners, and, now and again, they even stand up for their players. And the very great commissioners find a way to move the men who hire and fire them to change their minds every blue moon or so, when it is a matter of doing the right thing. Gary Bettman does not meet this definition. He doesn't even come close.

In the end, though, it won't be Bettman but the governors who will decide this thing and the thought that Jerry Jacobs now chairs the board and will be their point man is chilling. Nowhere in the corporate world will you find an owner of anything who is tougher, more street-smart, more schooled in hard-ball, or more willing to play it. Hang on, kids. It's going to be a bumpy ride!

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION
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Date: September 1, 2011
Sandra Giovannucci
Register of Probate

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION
Docket No. SU12D0695DR
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Docket No. SU12P1732EA
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Codman Square Neighborhood Council meets the first Wed. of each month, 7 to 8:30 p.m., in the Great Hall of the Codman Sq. Health Center, 6 Norfolk St. Info: call 617-265-4189.

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The IPC, now located in St. Brendan Rectory, 15 Rita Road, welcomes seniors to a coffee hour each Wed. morning, from 10 a.m. to noon. There will be a speaker each week. Call 617-265-5300 for info. The IPC has a "Music for Memory" Program, with Maureen McNally, with welcome and refreshments at 4 p.m., and singing from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Call the IPC for dates and further info. The singing session is free; donations for refreshments are welcomed.

IRISH SOCIAL CLUB

Dance: Sun., Sept. 23, Fintan Stanley, and Fri., Sept. 28, Fenian Sons and DJ George Manning, a fundraiser for the West Rox. Business District (to defray Christmas/Holiday decorations). Sun., Sept. 30, no dance. Music begins at 8 p.m.; donation, \$10 pp.

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TEMPLE SHALOM

The temple will host a Community Yizkor (Memorial) Service on Yom Kippur evening, Wed., Sept. 26, at 5:45 p.m. All are welcome and no High Holiday tickets are required. The Yizkor Service will follow the 5 p.m. Mincha service and will precede the Ne'ilah (Concluding) service and the final Shofar blast about 7:19 p.m. The worship services are held at the Great Hall Sanctuary in the First Congregational Church, 495 Canton Ave. The temple has relocated; the office, 38 Truro Lane, Milton, MA 02187; and the sanctuary, The Great Hall, 495 Canton Ave., Milton. The phone number remains the same: 617-698-3394 or e-mail: office@TempleShalomOnline.org for info.

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ST. AMBROSE CHURCH

Fr. Paul Clougherty is now in residence at Marian Manor in South Boston. Sovereign Bank is allowing parishioners attending Sunday Mass to park in their parking lot while at Mass. Annual Irish-American Dance/Raffle. on Sun., Sept. 30, 3 to 8 p.m., at Florian Hall. The committee welcomes help.

ST. ANN CHURCH

Lucky Thousand Drawing, the second Monday of each month in the school cafeteria, at 7 p.m. Voice, piano, guitar, violin, and viola lessons are now available. See the flyers at the rear door of the church.

FRANKLIN PARK NEWS

Kids' Day, on Sat., Sept. 22, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tickets for the event are: \$17 for adults; \$14 for seniors (62 and older); \$11 for children 2 to 12 years; and those under 2, free. For additional info: 617-541-5466. Fall Festival: Sat., Sept. 29, noon to 4 p.m.: tennis clinic at noon; Wilderness Hike, 1 to 3 p.m.; Watercolor Painting, 2 to 4 p.m.; Bike Rodeo, 2 to 4 p.m., with your own bike; and Edible Plant Walk. 4 to 5:30 p.m. Sun., Sept. 30: Exercise, 2 to 4 p.m.; Zumba, with Helena, 2 to 4 p.m.; and line dancing, 5 to 6 p.m. Wear sneakers.

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Fallout continues in state drug lab crisis probe

BY ANDY METZGER AND COLLEEN QUINN
STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE

In retrospect there were warning signs, outgoing Department of Public Health Commissioner John Auerbach acknowledged Wednesday, but an investigation by his office failed to turn up the extent of problems at a drug lab used to process criminal evidence.

The state closed the Hinton lab in Jamaica Plain in late August, Auerbach resigned over

the weekend, and Gov. Deval Patrick accepted his resignation Monday. Patrick and Auerbach attributed a breach in protocol, which has thrown 34,000 criminal cases into question, to the actions of a "rogue chemist," Annie Dookhan, who was placed on administrative leave in February and resigned in March. Hired in 2003, Dookhan has run tests on 60,000 pieces of drug evidence, and the validity of those tests has been called into question by the State Police, who investigated

after taking over the lab. Lab supervisors discovered in June 2011 that Dookhan had performed drug tests on 90 evidence samples without signing them out, and then added her initials and others' initials to the sign-out book after the fact. The supervisors removed Dookhan from full-time testing, though she continued to perform periodic testing, and did not inform DPH authorities until December, when a DPH investigation began.

School assignment options get airing at Monday session

(Continued from page 1) going to see is a plan that speaks to quality of our schools and choice, that's what parents are looking for these days. We're not perfect, let me just tell you that, but we've made a lot of progress over the last couple of years. Our school system has improved."

During a recent sit-down with the mayor and neighborhood reporters, one journalist pointed to low attendance at some of the public meetings on the student assignment overhaul over the

summer. Said Menino: "Some nights they have 100 people, some nights they have 30. They won't get aroused about this until October. That's when everybody is 'Oh, My God.' That's when they wake up."

School district officials say 2,300 families have weighed in with ideas at community forums and online. They'll have a chance for more input from the end of this month through mid-October.

A public meeting is planned at Burke High School on Sept. 27 at

7 p.m., and another on Sept. 30 at the Teen Center at St. Peter's on Bowdoin Street. Ten other dates have been released so far, including Sun., Sept. 30 (1:30 p.m.) at the Teen Center at St. Peter's; Tues. Oct. 9 (6 p.m.) at the Mildred Ave. K-8 School; and Thursday, Oct. 11 (6 p.m.) at the Dever McCormack School.

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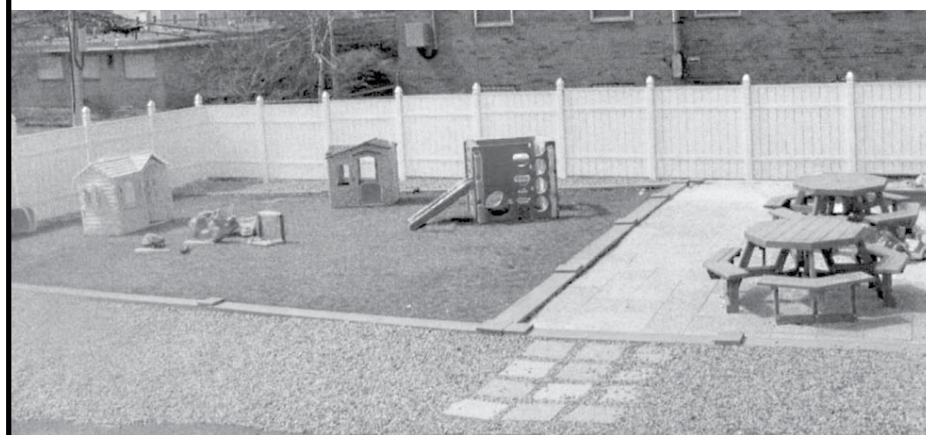
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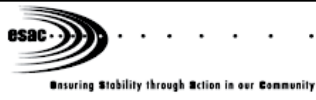
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A New Year at UMass Boston

By J. Keith Motley, PhD, UMass Boston Chancellor

At Fall Convocation, an annual tradition on our campus, I had the privilege of addressing our students, faculty, staff, and community members to kick off the new academic year. I discussed how the improvements we make today fulfill a promise we have made to the future: to make Boston's public university an even better place for students from the Commonwealth, the nation, and the world to learn and grow. We're well on our way.

Earlier this month, nearly 16,000 students returned to our harbor-front campus for the beginning of classes, admiring the progress we've made on our physical transformations while they were away. The frame is in place for the new Integrated Sciences Complex, a facility that will provide much-needed research space, and the renovation of the Clark Athletic Center gymnasium, with a new floor, bleachers, and other amenities, is nearly complete.

There is also more to come. The design of a second new academic building, containing classrooms and spaces for the arts, is complete. Construction will begin this winter.

Our students are the clearest example of the progress we've made. Our first communications and engineering undergraduate students began taking courses in these new majors this year. A new master's program in applied economics held its first classes. And our four new doctoral programs welcomed their inaugural students.

Students returned to an expanded UMass Boston. Over the summer, we founded the School for Global Inclusion and Social Development – the first graduate school in the world to focus on wellness and economic development from an international perspective. The school focuses on groups who are excluded from communities at home and abroad due to disability or other conditions.

We also formed a new partnership with UMass Medical School, funded by a \$6.7 million grant from the National Institutes of Health. Working together, researchers from both campuses will establish the UMass Center for Health Equity Intervention Research, a collaborative center that will allow our researchers and faculty members to study and improve health outcomes for minority and socioeconomically disadvantaged populations. It also will allow us to begin offering a minority health scholars program for undergraduates, giving students the chance to be deeply involved in high-level research.

New things are happening at UMass Boston. I invite you to come see the changes afoot at Boston's public university by attending our Open House on Saturday, October 13. All are welcome to attend – please visit www.umb.edu/openhouse to register.



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RECENT OBITUARIES

AHERNE, Maurice D. 92, of Cohasset, formerly of Dorchester and

Jamaica Plain. He was predeceased in 2007 by his beloved wife of almost 61 yrs, Cecilia (Cannon). He is survived by his 4 children, Francis X. "Frank" of Boston, Joan M. Burke and her husband James "Mickey" of Hull, Maureen C. Sarsfield and her husband Dennis of Bellingham, and Kathleen A. Poles & her husband Livio of Dorchester, 9 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren. He was also predeceased by his beloved sister, Mary "Eva" Aherne. He also leaves many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He was a WWII Veteran, serving in the US Navy, Pacific Campaign. He was the last Charter

member of the V.F.W. Post #722, Hyde Sq., Jamaica Plain. After the war, he returned to J.P., married his "Southie girl" Cecilia, raised his family, and enjoyed a long career with the US Postal Service. He was a faithful, lifelong communicant first for many years at Blessed Sacrament Parish in Jamaica Plain, and then later in life, in retirement at St. Brendan's Parish, Dorchester. In retirement he and Cecilia were volunteers for many years at the Brigham & Women's Hospital, Boston. Donations would be appreciated in Maurice's name to: St. Brendan's Parish, 15 Rita Rd., Dorchester, MA 02124.

BOUKNIGHT, Para Lee of Dorchester. Wife of the late James C. Bouknight, Sr. Mother of James C. Bouknight, Jr., Corliss and Paula A. Bouknight all of Boston and Gail A. Bouknight-Davis of Williamstown. Mother-in-law of Lawson A. Davis of Williamstown. Loving grandmother of Zoe S., Olivia L. and L. Nathaniel Davis all of Williamstown. Sister of Vernell F. and David Virgil Gray, Jr. both of Boston and Anderson Gray of SC. She leaves a host of other relatives and friends.

EATON, Robert A. "Bob" of Dorchester. Son of the late Grover C. and Loretta E. (Bond) Eaton. Brother of Francis "Sandy" and his wife Ruth "Merrie" Eaton of Quincy. Uncle of Karin Brooks and her husband Ted of Norton and Kristen Chevalier of Quincy. Grand uncle of Jacqui, Abigail, and Amelia.

POLVERE, Maria A. (Rossetti) of Dorchester. Wife of Joseph Tuffo and the late Alexander Polvere. Mother of Daniel Polvere and his wife Ellen Pfeifer of Charlestown, Joseph and his wife Karen Polvere of Plymouth. Grandmother of Lucianna DiBona and Francesca Polvere. Great grandmother of Adriana DiBona. Late Concert Pianist and former Eucharistic Minister at St. Mark's Church.


RHONE, George A. of Framingham. Husband of Ammie (Alexander) Rhone. Father of Mark Duarte of Cambridge and Robyn Arauz of Maryland. Brother of Jackie of Cambridge, Richard of Canada, Melinda of Medford, Jacquelin of Florida, Christopher Rhone of Georgia, and Deirdre "Dee" Clark of Virginia and the late

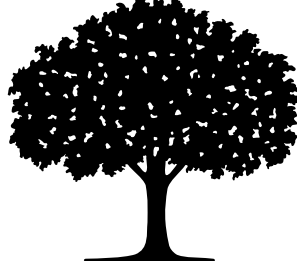
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TRANFORD, PATRICK J. 52, of Dorchester, after a courageous battle with melanoma. Husband of Joanne M. (LoRusso). Father of Caroline and Neil, both of Dorchester. Son of the late Louis & Eileen (O'Neil) Tranford. Brother of Katy Miles and her husband John, Christine Whittmore and her husband Ralph, both of Dorchester, and Louise and her husband Joseph Lipari of NYC. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbors and friends. Remembrances may be made in his Patrick's to: The Melanoma Research Fund, c/o Dr. David McDermott, BIDMC/MASCO 4th Floor, 375 Longwood Ave., Boston, MA 02215.

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 24 NEW CHARDON STREET
 PO BOX 9667, BOSTON, MA 02114
 617-788-8300
 Docket No. SU12P1717GD
 IN THE MATTER OF
 PHILSBERT ANDREW
 of DORCHESTER, MA
 CITATION GIVING NOTICE
 OF PETITION FOR
 APPOINTMENT OF GUARDIAN
 FOR INCAPACITATED PERSON
 PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
 RESPONDENT
 Alleged Incapacitated Person
 To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Department of Mental Health in the above captioned matter alleging that Philsbert Andrew is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Department of Mental Health (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.
 The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.
 You have the right to object to this proceeding. If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of 10/18/2012. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
 The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.
 Witness, Hon. Joan P. Armstrong, First Justice of this Court.
 Sandra Giovannucci
 Register of Probate
 Date: September 11, 2012

REPORTER'S CALENDAR



The Franklin Park Fall Festival – held over two days next weekend (Sept. 29-30) – includes a kids' bike rodeo, shown above. The all-ages free event is based at Resting Place / Shattuck Picnic Grove. For more information and directions see fanklinparkcoalition.org or call 617-442-4141.

Thursday, September 20

• The next monthly meeting of the Boston State Hospital Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) will be held this evening from 6-8p.m. at the Foley Building, 249 River Street, Mattapan, MA. Members of the public are invited to attend.

Friday, September 21

• The Dorchester Speakers Forum presents Lawrence Lessig, Director of the Edmond J. Safra Foundation Center for Ethics at Harvard University, and a Professor of Law at Harvard Law School. Free. Peabody Hall at All Saints Church, 209 Ashmont St., Dorchester (near the corner of Dorchester Ave., next to Ashmont Station). Doors open at 7. There is ample free parking in the church parking lot. Lessig is the Roy L. Furman Professor of Law and Leadership at Harvard Law School, director of the Edmond J. Safra Center for Ethics at Harvard University, and founder of Rootstrikers, a network of activists leading the fight against government corruption. He has authored numerous books, including Republic, Lost: How Money Corrupts Our Congress—and a Plan to Stop It and One Way Forward: The Outsider's Guide to Fixing the Republic. The presentation will be followed by a Q & A and book signing. Books will be available for sale on site. For more information, or to be added to the email list, write to dsf@ashmontmedia.com.

• The Tierney Family and Action for Boston Community Development (ABCD) will host an evening with best-selling author Dennis Lehane this evening at The Gregory E. Bulger Performing Arts Center at Boston College High School in Dorchester, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The event will benefit the newly opened Joseph M. Tierney Learning Center named after the former Boston City Councilor and Old Colony resident. The Tierney Learning Center is a multi-faceted educational center in the heart of South Boston's Old Colony Public Housing Development. Tickets are \$75 each. For more information contact Milagros Pena at 617-752-4449; email tierney@bostonabcd.org or visit bostonabcd.org.

• The Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti hosts author Jeb Sprague who will discuss "The Roots of Paramilitarism in Haiti" and his new book on the subject, 7 p.m. at IJDH's Boston office: 666 Dorchester Ave., South Boston.

Saturday, September 22

• Celebrate the 10th anniversary of the George Robert White center at Mass Audobon's Boston Nature Center, 500 Walk Hill St., Mattapan from 1-4 p.m. today. Features Branches Steel Orchestra, animal adventures petting zoo, live raptor demos, cookout and much more. Free. Call 617-983-8500 or go to massaudubon.org/boston

Wednesday, September 26

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to-business networking event from 6-8 p.m. hosted by Eastern Bank, 1906 Dorchester Ave. Contact nlafoe@dorchesterboardoftrade.com for more info.

Friday, September 28

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the Strand Theatre. Fiddlehead Theatre Company, in collaboration with the American Civil Liberties Union, with the support of Mayor Thomas M. Menino, City of Boston, will stage the production through October 7. RAGTIME will perform Fridays and Saturdays at 8p.m., Saturdays and Sundays at 2p.m. and Thursday, October 4th at 7:30p.m. Ticket prices \$45-Orchestra, \$39-Mezzanine, \$35-Balcony, \$32-seniors and children, \$25-Student. For tickets or more information, please call 866-811-4111 or visit fiddleheadtheatre.com. For more information and group sales (10 or more) please call Show of The Month at 617-338-1111.

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Three polls give challenger Warren edge vs. Brown; candidates make campaign stops in Dot and Mattapan

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Brown and Warren are scheduled to face off in several debates, the first one coming tonight. Warren's supporters will be holding the first of several debate-watching parties this evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Ledge in Lower Mills. Others will follow at Tavolo (Mon., Oct. 1); Dublin House on Stoughton Street (Wed., Oct. 10); and Savin Bar and Kitchen (Tues., Oct. 30).

In Mattapan this week, Brown seemed dismissive of the polls.

"I've said right from the beginning that this race is going to be tight," Brown said, according to the State House News Service. Outside of Cedar Grove Gardens, a business that Richard O'Mara opened 32 years ago, several young Republicans displayed an anniversary cake they hoped Warren would cut into. Keying off of her previously stated support for last year's "Occupy" protest movement, the sheet cake featured a street protest with flames in



US Senator Scott Brown checks the doughnuts and coffee during his visit to Blue Hill Avenue's Auto Service and Tire outfit on Monday. Photo courtesy Scott Brown campaign

the background.

A pair of the young GOPers held the cake

on one side of the store's fence while on the other side Warren stuck to her

talking points on small businesses and support for the middle class.

A wide-eyed Republican tracker frantically dashed back and forth along the side of the wrought iron fence, holding his camera aloft in an attempt to record the event. "Elizabeth Warren, we have a cake for ya," one cake-holder yelled as the press conference was breaking up. "Professor!"

Warren eventually headed inside for an interview with Bloomberg TV.

The Republicans and the tracker waited outside one exit. When the car waiting for Warren moved to another, they shuffled over there, joined by several reporters and cameramen. The

cat-and-mouse game continued as Warren staffers paced around the Gardens and the young Republicans attempted to figure out which exit Warren would use — Adams Street or Milton Street.

The candidate chose the latter, and Republicans were too slow afoot to catch up and deliver the cake, which carried an anniversary dedication: "To the Matriarch of Mayhem."

One Republican came over to O'Mara and asked why she didn't want the cake. "Maybe," he said, "she's on a diet."

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