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No doubt about it: BC High is No. 1!

The happy faces at right belong to members of the Division 1 champion Boston College High School basketball team shown celebrating their big win over Newton North High School on Sunday night in Tsongas Arena in Lowell. From left, front row: Dylan Duncan, Ryan Dear, Phillip Cooper, Connor Strickland, Mike Loughnane, Ivan Yhomby. From left, back row: Teddy Stravin, James Holland, Will Doyle, Matt Draheim, Hugh Scott, Quinn Costello, Mahari Guerrier, Mgrs. Niall Dalton, Charlie Kent, Pat Gill; Johnny Garrett, and Mgr. Alex Marré. Story, more photos, Page 11.



BC High photo by John Gillooly

Fate of St. Brendan church now up to Cardinal O'Malley

By BILL FORRY
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

The doors to St. Brendan church could be closed permanently by May 31 as parishioners await a formal decision from Cardinal Sean O'Malley, who has been asked by the church's pastor to “relegate” the church, a formal step that, if approved, would end its use as worship space after nearly 90 years.

The closing would set the stage for the likely redevelopment of the Gallivan Boulevard edifice, which opened in 1933 when the neighborhood was bursting with Catholic congregants.

A worsening fiscal crisis has been at the center of a prolonged discussion about the building's fate since at least 2018, when church leaders began

St. Martin de Porres pastor Rev. Chris Palladino, right, told his parishioners in last weekend's bulletin that he did not know when a decision would be rendered by the cardinal, adding, “Given the uncertainty of when a decision will be made, and the inability to fund the necessary \$1.6 million in necessary repairs at St. Brendan Church needed within the next 18 months, I will be holding firm to the end of all services.... effective May 31, 2022.”



meeting to audit the parish's debt and likely deferred maintenance costs, which are now thought to be in excess of \$3 million. A steady plunge in weekly attendance and donations has also complicated matters for the onetime St. Brendan Parish, which officially merged with Neponset's St. Ann Parish to form a new congregation — St. Martin de Porres Parish, in 2018.

In a three-page letter dated Feb. 10, the new parish's latest pastor — Rev. Chris Palladino — advised O'Malley that the church building has been “in obvious decline for years” and noted that he was “shocked to discover the gravity of its poor condition” upon taking up pastoral duties there in July 2021.

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Inflation, in small bites

Dot merchants feeling pain

By SAMUELE PETRUCELLI
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

Dorchester residents and businesses are navigating as best they can the persistent inflation that economic experts and government officials say will get worse before things turn for the better.

After buying products to put on his store's shelves, Geneva Grocery manager Cristian Guerrero said in an interview, the higher costs get absorbed by his customers paying more when they go shopping. His purchasing power fell starting around seven months ago, he noted, and shoppers realize they are keeping less in their pockets.

“They know,” Guerrero said. “They watch the news.”



At her Dorchester Avenue barber shop and salon, Catarina Dos Santos said she is losing customers to the high prices while noting that her clients will get cheaper designs to keep the same price as before.

Samuele Petrucci photo

Economists point to several factors that have contributed to the inflationary spike: Factories found themselves facing problems like labor shortages and supply

chains tied up in bottlenecks, which, together with other issues, prevented businesses from meeting soaring demand throughout 2021. With (Continued on page 10)

Investigation, but no arrests in shootings at TechBoston lot

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

The two as-yet unidentified assailants whose gunshots wounded a teacher and a student in a spray of bullets launched into a group of students and teachers attempting to board a school bus at Dorchester's TechBoston Academy on March 15 fired indiscriminately, Suffolk County's lead prosecutor said on Monday.

There have been no arrests following the brazen late afternoon violence.

Police report that the two assailants used a scooter to drive into the school's parking lot and fire approximately 10 rounds toward the bus that passengers were boarding for a trip to a

state basketball semi-final tournament game in Framingham between TechBoston and Watertown, hitting 31-year-old history teacher Kherson Bethel and a 17-year-old student. Both were taken from the scene with serious, but non-life-threatening injuries.

Suffolk County District Attorney Kevin Hayden told the Reporter on Monday that there is “still very much an active investigation. We are working hard at it and hope we will be able to

get this one. I can tell you from being there right after and talking with the teachers and students, that I think the faculty and students at TechBoston were really great and right and purposeful in expressing that this wasn't a TechBoston thing.” He added, “There is the unfortunate reality that this can happen at a wonderful school like TechBoston simply by it being located in the city...There is no (Continued on page 7)

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Police, Courts & Fire

Two men get life for killing father of four

Two men were sentenced to life in prison without parole last week after they were convicted shooting death of Deondra Lee, a 34-year-old father of four who was slain while watching a July Fourth fireworks display with his wife near their home in 2018. The murderers— Michael Carleton and Travis Phillips—drove up behind Lee and shot him at point-blank range for no apparent reason while the victim and his wife were standing near the corner of Dacia and Brookford streets in Dorchester where they were guests at a holiday cookout hosted by a neighbor.

“Never would I have imagined that I would be a widow at age 35,” Lee’s wife said during a victim impact statement in court last week before sentencing was handed down by Judge Robert Ullman. “I never thought that I would watch my husband murdered in front of me while my boys played across the street. Exactly a week later, I gave birth to our twins alone... Because of you, my twins will never meet their father.”

Lee’s 11-year-old son wrote in a statement that was read in court by assistant prosecutor Craig Iannini: “You took the person who was going to teach me how to be a man, teach me how to do things on my own like fix things. Why would you take away the person that I looked up to? Who is going to teach me how to shave my mustache and beard?”

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A 32-year-old Dorchester man was arraigned on animal cruelty charges last week after police say they viewed a video of him abusing a small dog, believed to be a chihuahua. Justin Williams was arrested at his home last Wednesday afternoon. Detectives say they obtained a video showing him choking the animal and throwing him into a clothes dryer set to the “highest possible temperature.” The dog was taken into custody for treatment. The investigation remains “active and ongoing” according to Boston Police.

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A 30-year-old man was shot in the leg on board an MBTA route 21 bus as it traveled along Morton Street at 10:25 Monday morning. The victim and the shooter were engaged in a verbal altercation prior to the incident, according to MBTA Transit Police, who responded to the scene.

The victim was taken to a local hospital for “non-life-threatening injuries.” No arrests have been made in the case, but WCVB-TV reported that evidence had been secured from a yard near West Selden Street.

Battle goes on over proposed soccer field at Brooke Charter School in Mattapan

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

A decision on whether to put a soccer/softball field on undeveloped land along Morton Street at the old Boston State Hospital property is headed to yet another overtime.

After nearly two years of discussion, and almost five months of back and forth at State Hospital Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meetings, Brooke Charter School, Lena Park New Boston, and many neighbors and elected officials thought they finally had come to a vote on the matter at a CAC meeting last Wednesday.

Instead, vice chair Donn Dingle moved to hold off for another month any vote so that the panel could consider more fully new information sent to them prior to the meeting. Votes “next month” had also been promised at previous meetings.

“I’m advocating for tonight,” said state Rep. Russell Holmes. “I think you have enough information to have a vote tonight. I would hope we can get this done tonight... They’ve done everything you asked of them.”

Dingle responded: “I guess I apologize about taking so long, but if we’re setting a precedent, let it be one of seriousness.”

That led to a testy exchange between Holmes, Brooke COO Mark Loring, Dingle, and several neighbors.

“It’s not semantics here, Henry James or ‘The Real Thing,’” said Dingle about his position favoring another delay.

“I’m flabbergasted,” said neighbor Gloria Riley. “I feel Mr. Dingle has taken us back.”

With that, and time running short at the meeting, the one-hour discussion on the issue was tabled until the next meeting, a scenario, field advocates said,



The Brooke Charter School and Lena New Boston have been proposing to build a soccer/softball field on this plot of undeveloped land along Morton Street at the old Boston State Hospital property for the past two years.

has already played out multiple times.

“Every time the CAC has asked us to do something, we have done it with vigor and speed,” said Loring at the meeting. “At this point we feel like we’ve addressed all the questions that have been asked... We’re getting to the point that this project is taking us longer than it took to build our entire high school.”

The CAC is voting on a change of use for Lena Park New Boston’s portion of development on the massive former State Hospital site, which has been going through a public land disposition process now for about 30 years. Originally, Lena had been approved to build an urban farm on the site, but that fell out of favor. In 2019, Lena approached Brooke to see if they would like to develop open space next to its campus on American Legion Highway instead. In dire need of a field for athletics, Loring said they began to plan for the purchase, building, and maintaining a

soccer/softball field at a price of about \$4 million.

Loring told the *Reporter* that many of the high school’s 500 students would benefit from such a field, as would the larger community. He said if the field is not being used by the Brooke teams, or rented out to another school/organization, it is open for use by anyone in the surrounding neighborhood. First and foremost, he said, they would like to get more opportunities for their students and the constant delays have made the process confusing and frustrating.

“Our hope is to get it up by next spring so that our seniors next year could enjoy the prospect of having a home game and a field,” he said. “You only get one high school experience. We have two years of seniors now who never got to play a home game since we started this.”

In fairness, the process did start with concerns voiced by neighbors, including abutters in a nearby development. Aalana Feaster of the Harvard Commons

Neighborhood Association (HCNA) pointed out that HCNA had voted against the field two times. While she was the only one at the last week’s meeting speaking against the proposal, she was not alone in that sentiment, she said.

Loring, however, described the opposition as a “singular voice” that will only be happy if the project fails, while other skeptical neighbors have changed their mind after several recent meetings and some tweaks to security and the parking (there is none now) situations.

Annalise Foureau, a neighbor who is also a member of Boston’s Zoning Commission, said that many neighbors, including abutter Denise Sonnie, are now in favor of the field. “It is concerning we have one or a percentage of that number that are holding up a process that takes years and years and years,” she said. “This serves the children of Mattapan. I do hope this gets a solution because this is getting embarrassing.”

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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS



Dorchester Youth Hockey will host a “buzz-off” on Sunday, April 3 from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. at the Devine Rink in Neponset to support Conor Olsen, a

12-year-old player from Dorchester diagnosed with Hodgkins Lymphoma. Supporters will volunteer to get their heads shaved in solidarity with Conor, who is now undergoing treatment for the illness. All proceeds from the event, per Conor’s wishes, will go to assist other families battling cancer. T-shirts will be available for purchase and donations will also be accepted. For more details or to sign-up, go to DotNews.com.

The Dorchester Historical Society will present a virtual program on Monday, March 28 at 7 p.m. entitled “Vintage Tweets: Suffrage Era Postcards” featuring Carol Crossed from the Susan B. Anthony Birthplace Museum in Adams, Mass. She will share stories about the suffrage movements using her personal collection of postcards from the era, “the social media of their day.” Register for the

free event at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org.

The 2022 Mayor’s Cup Street Hockey Tournament will take place during the April public school vacation week beginning April 21. All games will be played at Garvey Playground at 340 Neponset Avenue in Dorchester. Teams will compete in three age groups: Mite (ages 6 to 8); Squirt (ages 9 to 10); and Pee Wee (ages 11 and 12). Please note that pre-registration for teams is required with a limit of eight teams per regional division. To register or for more information, please contact Damien Margardo at damien.margardo@boston.gov, Jennifer Misiaszek at jennifer.misiaszek@boston.gov, or call 617-961-3083.

A public meeting to discuss a proposed mixed-use building at 1525 Blue Hill Ave.

in Mattapan will be hosted by the BPDA on Monday, April 11 from 6-7:30 p.m. via Zoom. The building would house one commercial space and 16 condo units. For more info, see advertisement on page 4. Saint Mark’s Area Civic Association meets on Tues., March 29 at Saint Mark’s Church, 1725 Dorchester Ave. at 7 p.m. in the basement. All are welcome. Nominations for officers will be held at this meeting with an election in April. Also on the agenda: development projects at 1644 Dot Ave. and 1809-1813B Dot Ave. Next meeting: April 26. See stmarkscivic.com for more info.

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Architect is set for BPL’s new branch in Fields Corner

**By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR**

The Fields Corner Branch Library replacement project reached a major milestone on March 16 when the City’s Public Facilities Department (PFD) approved a \$2 million design and construction contract that moves the \$14 million project closer to a groundbreaking.

The city board voted unanimously to award Oudens Ello Architects, of the South End, a \$1.996 million contract to complete the design of the library branch and to perform construction administration services. Oudens also conducted the Fields Corner Library Programming Study that came out in February 2020. The project has been in the works since 2018.

Boston Public Library (BPL) President David Leonard said that “it’s really important because it means this is the first public signal we’ve had to engage the design, and immediately after, the construction of the project. We have long believed this is a location where the building isn’t in great shape and it deserves updating.”

The design process will take about a year. The next step is the formation of a Community Advisory Committee (CAC) and three to four public meetings to discuss the design once it is completed. Construction would take between one and two years.

As opposed to most municipal construction projects,



A conceptual rendering of what the new Fields Corner Library will resemble when completed.

By Oudens Ello Architects

library projects in Boston start with a Programming Study, which was completed for Fields Corner two years ago. That means what will be offered for services and amenities in the library have already been determined with input from the community. The design process coming up will focus on architectural design elements.

“We had a great community process, and we didn’t start out agreeing on everything, but we found a good way forward now to work together,” said Leonard.

The project as presently envisioned will replace the existing one-story building on the corner of Park Street and Dorchester Avenue with a two-story, 14,700 square-foot structure. Adding units of housing on an upper floor was considered, but ruled out, given the constraints of the site. Some of the improvements for the new branch include a much larger community room with updated technology and a small classroom to provide more programming like ESL classes, crafts, and computer classes. A second floor would

automatically mean a larger library too, doubling the size of the existing setup.

Roberson Castor, a project manager for PFD, said the project has been funded in the city’s Fiscal Year 2022 Capital Budget.

Leonard said Fields Corner will benefit from a team seasoned in building new or improved libraries, including Dorchester’s Adams Street location, which has been winning national acclaim. The American Institute of Architects New York (AIANY) recently issued a merit award

to the branch architect NADAAA and landscape Architect Ground, Inc. as part of its 2022 annual Design Awards program.

“I am thrilled to continue to see that our branches have accolades or get awards,” said Leonard said. “The latest set of awards for the Adams Street Branch Library is truly impressive. This is something that neighborhoods and residents of Boston can continue to be proud of. When we construct our branches, we do it to a very high state of design and with architectural significance.”

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Pols trade in-person barbs at revived St. Patrick’s breakfast

By JENNIFER SMITH
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

After one year off and one year of remote joke-and-jab-trading between Boston’s political leaders, the annual St. Patrick’s Day breakfast was back in person last Sunday with state Sen. Nick Collins hosting the event at its return to the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center.

The strain of a two-year pandemic and the Russian invasion of Ukraine loomed over the event as politicians offered notes of sincerity in between the breakfast’s trademark tortured roasts. Those gathered were “back without masks, and, for some of us, self-respect,” Collins said in welcoming the crowd. Senate President Karen Spilka said she was cheered that the event’s in-person return offered everyone a chance to “laugh, or at least cringe, together.”

Together, indeed, they can “get through anything except the Republican primary,” Collins said, gently needling Gov. Baker, who is not running for a third term. He had been expected to face a surprisingly difficult MassGOP primary

with a challenge from his right.

In a Pink Floyd musical parody, Collins took aim at the governor’s “radical” Massachusetts Republican reputation and reluctance to impose and maintain statewide Covid-19 mask and vaccine policies, and ribbed him about missing his “bro,” former mayor Martin J. Walsh, who now serves as US Labor Secretary.

Politicians mined the gubernatorial race for some sharper digs. Mayor Michelle Wu reminisced about burying a time capsule behind City Hall that is full of “a bunch of things to leave behind—face masks, vaccine mandates, Marty Walsh’s dream of being governor.” That last one, at least, remains alive, Wu joked. The former mayor and Dorchester resident was rumored to be seriously considering running for governor until Attorney General Maura Healey’s entry into the race.

Spilka said she was told to keep her remarks as brief as “Ben Downing’s gubernatorial campaign” and offered a large inflatable “lame duck” to Baker.

Several speakers

sniped at former state representative Geoff Diehl, a Republican candidate for governor endorsed by former President Donald Trump. Spilka riffed on an imagined Diehl daily schedule that included an anti-science rally, a Capitol insurrection, and a 2 p.m. book-burning.

Diehl’s election would have the effect of “setting us all back 50 years,” Wu said. Looking ahead at the open race, she joked, “it’s impossible to say which woman Democrat from Boston you’ll be congratulating eight months from now.” Healey and state Sen. Sonia Chang-Diaz, the two Democrats running for the office, both joked about Zoom life and suggested that Baker might take a cue from Tom Brady’s about-face retirement from football.

While Healey laid out lessons for her return to campaign life inspired by other Boston pols — namely, achieve a Wu-level social media brand and take a foot-wear note from Senator Ed Markey’s Nikes — Chang-Diaz suggested that frontrunner Healey use her overflowing war chest “to finally teach members of the state



Gov. Charlie Baker spoke at the South Boston St. Patrick’s Day Breakfast on March 20. Sen. Nick Collins hosted the event.

Joshua Qualls/Governor’s Press Office photo

Legislature how to use the mute button on Zoom.”

Attendees at the maskless event referenced Boston’s lifted vaccine mandates and the early morning protestors outside Wu’s Roslindale home. In a bit that drew some genuine laughs from the crowd, Norfolk County Treasurer Michael Bellotti read fake intercepted letters riffing on news of the day.

“Dear Mayor Wu, thank you so much for courageously adhering to the strictest Covid restrictions possible for the city of Boston and putting public health before all other selfish interests,” Bellotti said. “Please don’t cave in.

Signed by Mayor Tom Koch and the Quincy Restaurant Association.”

The breakfast high table featured an array of past and former city councillors, including Andrea Campbell, who is currently running for attorney general. A full crowd of lieutenant governor and state auditor hopefuls made short pitches in a City Councilor Frank Baker-hosted speed run toward the end of the breakfast.

US Rep. Stephen Lynch, a staple of the event, was not at the breakfast. He and other members of a US lawmaker delegation are visiting Ukrainian refugee centers in eastern Poland. Other delegation

absences: US Senators Elizabeth Warren and Markey, as well as US Rep. Ayanna Pressley.

Baker applauded Lynch’s work in foreign policy and offered a Lynch-esque joke about a Dublin man who drowned while drinking too much Guinness. But he, like several other speakers, ended on a gentler note at his last St. Patrick’s breakfast as governor.

“Despite the brutality and the trauma and the disruption and the isolation and all the other stuff that came with this very challenging — and at times, tragic — time, folks were good to each other,” the governor said.

Dorchester Heights to get \$25M overhaul from feds

By AIMEE MOON
WBUR REPORTER

The Dorchester Heights Monument in South Boston will receive more than \$25 million for an extensive restoration project, the National Parks of Boston said on March 17. The announcement was made alongside Mayor Michelle Wu and the National Park Service on Evacuation Day, a Suffolk County holiday commemorating the major Revolutionary War victory of March 17, 1776, when colonial forces fortified the summit of Dorchester Heights and drove 7,000 British troops from the city.

“It is a neighborhood park with national significance,” said Michael Creasey, the National Parks of Boston superintendent. “It’s just an incredible story of how this fortitude of these troops came together in the British ceding to defeat.”

The 120-year-old historical site will receive badly needed repairs. The monument has dealt with leaks practically since it was built in 1902, Creasey said.

For the past four years, Creasey and his team have been working with engineers and historic preservationists to determine the best strategy



for working on the site. The monument sits on a hill of sediment created by glaciers, a common geological feature of the Boston area. But that sediment makes the landscape unstable.

“With crumbling infrastructure on the stairs, in the walls, it’s really a difficult one to be working in,” Creasey said.


The project will take approximately 18 months. During that time, the 115-foot tower and surrounding park will be closed to the public.

Once the work is complete, the top of the monument will boast a view of Boston Harbor that Creasey said reveals

why General George Washington chose the location as a stronghold. “It’s so high and the environment is just so dramatic,” he said.

The restoration will be funded with federal dollars from the Great American Outdoors Act, a bill to preserve national parks that was signed into law in 2020. The Dorchester Heights Monument was one of 75 sites chosen out of the more than 400 parks that applied for funding nationwide.

Work is expected to finish by summer of 2026, in time for celebrations marking the 250th anniversary of American independence.



Virtual Public Meeting

1525 Blue Hill Ave
public meeting

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Project Proponent:
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The information at this meeting is crucial to you as a City of Boston resident, and stakeholder. Interpreting services are available to communicate the content of these documents at no additional cost to you. If you require translation services, please contact the following: Tyler.C.Ross@boston.gov. The meeting is scheduled for 4/11/2022. Please request interpreting services no later than 5 days before the meeting date.


Meeting of the general public to review the proposed 1525 Blue Hill Ave project in Mattapan. The proposal is a mixed-use building with 1 commercial space and 16 transit-oriented home-ownership units.

This meeting will be focused on the proposed 1525 Blue Hill ave development. Please note that this is a Public Meeting. The meeting will begin with a 45-minute presentation of the project by the development team, followed by 45-minutes of public Q&A.

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Ireland's minister of education drops in at Dot's Winthrop School

Ireland's Minister for Education Norma Foley toured Dorchester's John Winthrop Elementary School last week to learn more about a Boston College program that supports teachers and students at the school and is now working with 10 schools in Dublin.

"I'm in awe of the work you're doing," Foley told the Winthrop staff and their partners from BC's City Connects program as they described how the evidence-based program helps provide a range of services to the school's more than 200 students.

In Boston, City Connects works with the Winthrop and seven other BPS schools. City Connects coordinators, like the Winthrop's Nicole Marques, work with principals, teachers, and counselors to assess students' strengths and needs and help provide supports – ranging from tutoring, to afterschool programs, to clothing, meals, and health services – in order to reduce the barriers to improved academic achievement.

Sitting in the school's temporary library, Foley heard from Winthrop Principal Leah Blake McKetty, who started her job 10 years ago when the Winthrop was a "turnaround" school with test results in the lowest one percentile of Massachusetts schools. A decade later, the Winthrop has climbed to the 14th percentile, though McKetty says there is more work to do.

City Connects "has been an amazing resource for us," McKetty said. "It's been integral to helping our students, helping our families, helping our teachers, at all levels and really just supporting not just our students but our overall school community and making sure kids are safe, healthy, fed,



From left, Boston College Professor and City Connects Director Mary Walsh, Winthrop Elementary School community liaison Anthea Lavergne, Ireland's Minister of Education Norma Foley, City Connect's Winthrop School Coordinator Nicole Marques, and Winthrop Elementary School Principal Leah Blake McKetty.

clothed and also those other layers of helping our students make those academic gains."

So far this school year, City Connects has helped the Winthrop deliver 1,484 services to students and families. All told, City Connects serves 45,000 students annually in 139 public, charter, and Catholic schools in Massachusetts and six other states.

In Dublin, City Connects began work two years ago with 10 schools in Dublin's North East Inner City initiative, which are among schools served by Ireland's pioneering Delivering Equality of Opportunity in Schools (DEIS), which provides additional services and resources to struggling schools. Partnering with Mary Immaculate College, in Limerick, City Connects has worked during the pandemic to initiate its program in alignment with Irish educational regulations.

In the current year, City Connects has provided 4,777 services and enrichment opportunities to 1,800 students

in Dublin, according to Tracie Tobin, a Limerick-based teacher and principal who is leading the implementation of City Connects in Ire-

land through her work with Mary Immaculate College. Tobin called the City Connects approach "invaluable" to principals and teachers

in the Dublin schools the program partners with. "In the 18 months that City Connects has been on the ground in Dublin, it has become success-

fully embedded in both schools and community organizations," said City Connects founder and director Mary Walsh, the Daniel E. Kearns Professor in Urban Education and Innovative Leadership at BC's Lynch School of Education and Human Development. "This is a testament not only to the program, but to our outstanding partners in Ireland."

In February, through an anonymous \$10 million gift, the BC center that operates City Connects was renamed the Mary E. Walsh Center for Thriving Children in honor of Walsh's ground-breaking work.

Foley was named Minister of Education in 2020. The same year, she was elected to the lower house of Ireland's parliament, or Dail, representing constituents in the city of Tralee, Co. Kerry.

City's top speller advances to DC contest

Seventh grader Sulayman Abdirahman of Mattapan's Brooke Charter School is Boston's newest spelling bee champion. He out-spelled 18 elementary and middle school competitors from across the city on March 19.

The final word-off lasted a marathon 26 rounds between Abdirahman, a Roxbury resident, and sixth grader Anneliese Yu from Eliot Elementary. In the end, Abdirahman won with the correct spelling of "après," the French preposition meaning "after" or "following." He'll go on to represent Boston in the Scripps National Spelling Bee later this year in Washington D.C.

Josephine LoRusso, an eighth grader from Boston Latin School, placed third in the competition.

Boston Mayor Michelle Wu was among those in



Sulayman Abdirahman of Roxbury took first place in Boston's spelling bee held on March 19. BCYF photo

attendance Saturday. Wu competed in spelling bees while growing up in Chicago, but never made it beyond the city-wide competition.

"I grew up many years being in this same exact

seat," said Wu. "I know how much work goes into this. I know how nerve wracking it is for them and for their families. And so I'm just really proud to see them stepping up very bravely

today to take part."

Saturday's bee, organized by Boston Centers for Youth & Families, was the first time the competition was held in person since 2019.

Winship Elementary School Principal Brian Radley was there to cheer on his school's third grade competitor, Tanoshi Inomata.

"Our students have been working for months to prepare, you know, having classroom bees and a schoolwide bee, and to have this culminating event to celebrate it as a city is just so moving right now," he said.

Organizers said that more than 3,000 students across Boston participated in school spelling bees leading up to Saturday's competition.

– AMANDA BELAND
WBUR

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Preston House

The watercolor painting at left in today's illustration was painted by Frank Henry Shapleigh, a noted fine art painter who visited Dorchester in the 1870s. The illustration was published in "A History and Guide to the Restoration of Dorchester Shores" (Metropolitan District Commission, 1989). The photograph, above right, shows the house as displayed in Google Street View.

The original house seems to have followed the pattern of New



England farmhouses: big house, little house, back house and barn, all attached in a row.

Although the barn and back house have disappeared, the house

at 32 Mill Street is still a significant part of the Dorchester landscape.

The house was probably built in the 1820s, the home of Elisha Preston, a merchant



involved in the West India Trade and one of the major figures in the Commercial Point whaling industry. By mid-century, it was the residence of John

Preston, the owner of a chocolate and cocoa mill located on Commercial Point. The property included a large rectangular garden, now the site of a pair of modern

tract houses at 36-38 Mill Street.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org.

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Reminder: A house history from the Dorchester Historical Society would make a great gift to a homeowner in Dorchester or Mattapan. Take a look at some of the completed histories on the Dorchester Historical Society website.

Editorial

TechBoston shooting: Not normal, not okay

We had a school shooting in Dorchester last week. Like communities all over America, a gunman pierced what should be a sacred sanctuary for our kids and teens and changed the lives of a teacher, a student, and everyone who saw them get shot. And all of us should be outraged.

The setting was the parking lot of Tech Boston Academy, the old Dorchester High on Peacevale Road, overlooking Roberts Playground. The characters: High school kids amped up to board a school bus for an excursion to root on their school basketball team, which was favored to win in a state semi-final contest against a tough suburban foe, Watertown. The team bus had already pulled off and now the fans were piling into their seats for an hour-long ride out to Framingham. It was just after 5:30 and the mood was upbeat.

And then: The pop of gunshots, screams, terror, pain. Blood. Then, a scooter screeching away with at least one gunman and his accomplice making good an escape that persists to this moment. Unknown assailants, uncertain motive, unspeakable actions.

The victims: a 17-year-old who should have been cheering from the student section at the Final Four; a History teacher, who should have been watching his star pupils on the court and in the stands; a bus-full of mainly Dorchester kids, who should have been having a night to remember, but for a decidedly different reason.

Two hours later, the Tech Boston Bears carried on with the basketball game, a decision that was theirs to make, according to coaches, referees and officials from the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletics Association (MIAA). The players, understandably, pressed on in their playoff quest. The outcome on the scoreboard was not what they'd hoped for: 59-50, an upset for the Watertown side. Theirs was, their coach later said, "a triumph of a different level."

No doubt. But while few can quarrel with the boys' mettle and competitiveness, there are legitimate reasons to wonder if perhaps the game should have been postponed. What about the fan bus that was left behind surrounded by police tape? Even if there was a win posted, much of the school community could not be on hand to celebrate. And what of the unknown, yet potentially still lingering threat from assailants on the loose?

Dorchester's Rachele Gardner, for one, has some questions. She represents Emerson College in a recently-launched collaboration called Transforming Narratives of Gun Violence. Along with Mass General Hospital and Dorchester's Louis Brown Peace Institute, it's concerned with "root causes and rippling effects of violence, not just focusing on the gun and the crime scene."

She told the Reporter's Seth Daniel last week: "I can imagine circumstances in which either decision might be the right one. But, I think the critical question is, how and by whom was the decision made? If it was made by coaches and players, did they have adequate support from trauma responders in making that decision?...If the team was expected to carry on as normal without acknowledgement of the trauma, then that is extremely problematic."

It's a tough call. But, our kids shouldn't be expected to "soldier-on" minutes after witnessing their peer and teacher get shot in their schoolyard just because they're from the city.

Our school district should have protocols in place to serve our kids better in a moment of crisis like what befell TechBoston last week. We can't allow that to be seen as normal here in this neighborhood— because it's not.

-Bill Forry

Wu must take a strong lead on growing the city's tree canopy

By BILL WALCZAK
REPORTER COLUMNIST

Boston mayors have pledged to increase the city's tree canopy for decades, and while the latest effort to do so seems to be in earnest, we have heard that refrain before. And yet, the extent of the canopy declined from 29 to 27 percent over the last 12 years.

Bottom line: Our city departments don't make trees a priority.

Boston needs to add trees everywhere, but especially in densely populated neighborhoods. As our planet continues to heat up, trees protect dense urban communities from heat domes, which are high-pressure weather systems where hot air is trapped over a single geographic area. Heat domes can keep temperatures over 100 degrees for days or weeks, and they can be very dangerous for elders and those with medical conditions that weaken the body.

Boston's chief of Environment, Energy and Open Spaces, Dorchester's Mariama White Hammond, has said that Franklin Park provides protection from heat domes for the neighborhoods adjacent to the park. But further growth of the canopy has been getting more difficult as Boston gets fully developed and loses the little remaining privately owned undeveloped land in our geographically small city. This alarming fact makes the city's lack of involvement in protecting two large parcels an abdication of leadership.

In 1885, Frederick Law Olmsted designed Franklin Park, which was intended to be Boston's Central Park, with woodland preserves and areas for recreation. In 1949, the state took control of 13 acres to build the Shattuck Hospital. Now the state is relocating the hospital to the South End and demolishing the building. That land could be restored to the park, where it would add to the tree canopy. However, the state has decided that it would rather have buildings for social services replace the hospital.

I am a strong advocate for social services, but the proposed services could be placed on land nearby currently owned by the MBTA. The city isn't intervening with the state's plans, thereby losing an opportunity to restore 13 acres to Franklin Park. Many environmental groups – and former governors Mike Dukakis and Bill Weld – strongly support restoring the hospital land as park land. For more on that issue, visit emeraldnecklace.org.

The second parcel is 24 acres of woodland near Hyde Park and Roslindale called Crane's Ledge. The owner of the property, Jubilee Church, has decided to sell the land to an apartment developer who plans to put 270 units and 415 parking spaces there. To date, the Wu administration has not stepped in to save the woodland. Allowing the apartment complex to be built will reduce Boston's tree canopy more and eliminate the opportunity to make one of the last few private woodlands into permanent urban wild spaces. The city should procure the property. Advocates for preserving the site have their own website, savecraneledgewoods.org.

Real estate interests are the most powerful within Boston; they're also a stubborn barrier to the canopy's growth. City agencies like the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) have a



A mature tree inside Roxbury's Malcolm X Park, one of many that have been marked for removal.
Bill Walczak photo

history of favoring developers, so trees are typically the first casualties when construction starts. Until the city gets serious about protecting trees when giving permits for building projects, we will continue to see trees removed from land that can be built upon.

Developers should be required to provide a tree impact statement and plan. Chopping down mature trees and replacing them with saplings doesn't cut the mustard.

While it's not surprising that the BPDA favors development over nature, it is wrong to assume that you can't have both. We all want to see more housing developed, but not everywhere. Our communities also need nature. We can add greatly to the housing stock by increased density near transportation hubs rather than increased sprawl that removes Boston's remaining open spaces.

It's not just the BPDA that is making decisions that reduce tree canopy. Just last year, the city dropped plans to remove 124 mature shade trees from Melnea Cass Boulevard after community protests. Then-City Councillor Michelle Wu noted: "I'm hopeful and determined that the new plans will reject false choices between safe transportation infrastructure and public health — our communities can and should have both."

The Parks Department has also seen trees as problems. In 2021, its workers cut down about a dozen mature, healthy trees in the redevelopment of McConnell Park in Savin Hill. It was only through the intervention of neighbors that other trees were saved.

Last week, it was disclosed by the *Boston Herald* that the Parks Department planned to cut down 54 mature shade trees in Malcolm X Park in Roxbury. The depart-

ment said that one of the reasons was to add wheelchair accessible paths, which brings to question whom the Parks Department hires for landscape architects for these projects. The area where the 54 trees are to be removed— unless the city halts the removal— is a wooded area that is part of a hillside with lots of open space. Paths that curve around 100-year old-shade trees would seem to be appropriate for this space, but apparently the designers could not figure out how to do that. Meanwhile, dead trees are ignored by the Parks Department in neighborhood parks.

Lastly, the process for expanding the street tree canopy has to be changed. A total of 875 people have signed a petition to add trees on Dorchester Avenue between Columbia Road and Freeport Street, a thoroughfare that has sections with no trees. Dorchester Avenue is the main boulevard of the largest and most diverse neighborhood of Boston, a neighborhood that, were it a city, would be one of the largest in Massachusetts. Yet, there can be no comprehensive tree planning for this area, as the city is insisting that the plan developed by the Dorchester Avenue Vision Committee must have individual agreements of the residents or owners of properties adjacent to the city-owned sidewalks where trees would be planted. This is Dorchester's main street, not some side street. No wonder we are losing tree canopy.

If the Wu administration would like to protect Boston's environment and increase the tree canopy, the above key areas need leadership and action.

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St. Brendan church fate up to Cardinal

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This week, Palladino told the *Reporter* that no repairs have been made to the church, despite worsening conditions that he worries could be a safety issue for churchgoers, including crumbling concrete stairs at the entrance.

“We’re in crisis mode,” he said, noting that he has decided to transfer all liturgies, including weddings, to St. Ann’s church beginning June 1 “regardless” of the decision-making timeline with the archdiocese.

And while Palladino acknowledges that some parishioners aren’t happy, he added: “I haven’t heard much back to the decision, even from my brides.”

In his more formal letter, Palladino told O’Malley that surprisingly few Catholics in Dorchester had engaged in a “consultation” process aimed at advising his decision. He noted that “only 28 submissions” via email and “two physical letters” had been received on the matter and that 150 people attended one of several parish meetings held on the subject.

The low rate of engagement “for such a grave matter indicates an indifference and/or disdain for the Church,” he posited.

In a particularly pointed paragraph that references the worldwide clergy abuse scandal that has rocked the Boston archdiocese in particular for the last 20 years, he wrote: “Your Eminence, I must communicate to you the pain and anger my Parishioners have toward you and the Archdiocese that they find themselves in this situation which they believe could have been avoided. I invite you to consider celebrating Mass at St. Brendan Church and to pastorally address those who feel abandoned, neglected, and punished. They will remind you of the scandalous and evil men that were assigned here in the past that inflicted such pain on generations of the Faithful.”

[One of the most infamous child sex-

ual predators in church history — Rev. John Geoghan — was assigned to St. Brendan in the 1980s. Now dead, he was alleged to have victimized more than 130 children and teens at several parishes — including St. Brendan — over three decades, according to the *Boston Globe’s* Pulitzer Prize-winning investigation into priestly abuse.]

Noting the proximity of the two parish churches — “only 1.1 miles apart” — Palladino advised that “The Church of St. Ann is more than adequate to meet the sacramental needs of the parishioners, and I can assure you that the good of souls would suffer no detriment by relegating the Church of St. Brendan.”

The *Reporter* asked the Roman Catholic archdiocese of Boston for official comment on the pastor’s letter requesting the closing of the church, but received no response by this week’s press time. In a letter printed in the parish bulletin last weekend, Palladino told parishioners that he did not know when a decision might be rendered by the cardinal.

He wrote: “Given the uncertainty of when a decision will be made, and the inability to fund the necessary \$1.6 million in necessary repairs at St. Brendan Church needed within the next 18 months, I will be holding firm to the end of all services.... effective May 31, 2022.”

Among other details shared by Palladino in his correspondence to O’Malley, he noted that weekly attendance at Mass had declined from 600 in 2018 to 200 in recent months.

According to a facility assessment conducted as part of the review, Palladino wrote that St. Brendan church “needs approximately \$2.5 million in repairs, with \$1.6 million necessary within 18 months.” The parish, he said, is already \$1 million in debt to the archdiocese for past loans, including \$200,000 for the St. Brendan Grammar School, which is not expected to be impacted by the

closing of the church building.

News of the likely closure was telegraphed last year when Palladino told parishioners, “As your pastor, I am not going to kick the can down the road any longer.” He added: “We must face reality that the church is beyond our ability to fix and most certainly beyond our capacity to pay for... We cannot expect our young families or prospective parishioners to worship in a church that is in such disrepair.”

If it is closed, the church would join several other Dorchester Catholic parish churches that have shuttered over the last two decades, including St. William’s on Dorchester Avenue, which was absorbed into a newly named parish — Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta, in 2004. The former church building is now a worship space for the Waymark Seventh Day Adventist congregation. St. Matthew’s church on Stanton Street closed in 2020. St. Kevin’s church in Uphams Corner, which closed in the 1990s, has since been replaced by an apartment building. The former St. Leo’s church, located in the west of Washington neighborhood near Franklin Field, now houses a Baptist congregation.

Palladino, who is also a canon law-



St. Brendan Church dedication, Sun., November 5, 1933.

yer, said this week that it is premature to envision what might happen with the church site if it is relegated. A residential re-use along the boulevard would likely be the best use, he said, adding, “but if it goes on appeal, the church could sit there and continue to decline.”

Investigation, but no arrests in shootings at TechBoston lot

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reason to believe anyone involved was from TechBoston other than the two victims.”

The teacher, he said, was a chaperone for the trip to the game and several students were also moving onto the bus as the shots were fired. He does not think the wounded student or the teacher were targeted in of the attack, which took place around 5:40 p.m.

“It’s not a school shooting in the sense of student-on-student violence,” Hayden said. “As far as we know, it wasn’t a student involved in the perpetration. At the end of the day...we have victims — a teacher and a student — that were shot in a school setting. That makes it a school shooting in my mind. We hope and we pray that would be sacred ground. Not that any shooting scene is any better than another.”

The decision to play in tournament competition that night drew some concern, but the game went on, and TechBoston lost, 59-50.

Teacher and assistant basketball coach Justin Desai tweeted that the



Kevin Hayden

entire school community was proud of the players. “Championship level pride for Tech Boston Hoops and TechBoston student athletes last night,” he tweeted. “We were given the option to postpone. Players and coaches decided we wanted to play. Last night our kids fought through and fought on. Not a W, but a triumph of a different level.”

The Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletics Association (MIAA), coaches and referees reportedly gave the players an option to postpone, and they chose to continue. Neither the MIAA or Boston Public Schools would comment on the matter, citing an ongoing investigation.

Hayden said the team was not in any danger that he knew of and said

the decision to play the game was a “tough call. I told [them] that it’s our job to do everything we can to find who is responsible,” he said. “Most importantly...it is a great school community. I believe part of the motto is ‘a school built on love.’ I encourage them to live that out right now and let the same spirit that brought them to the bus to go cheer on their basketball team carry them through this. This is not a TechBoston incident.”



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Mattapan Sq. statue's status in re-design plan stirs a fuss

By SETH DANIEL
NEWS EDITOR

There's no doubt the pedestrian situation in Mattapan Square has been life-threatening for generations, and while most everyone favors the major safety improvements that are being planned, one part of the re-design—a call to move one of the Mattapan Heritage Statues—is facing some community opposition.

The two statues commemorate both the Mattahunt Tribe that once called the Mattapan Square area home and several stories about people of color who lived in and around the Square, nods reflecting the diversity of the neighborhood past and present.

The concept behind the two sculptures involved the idea of a gateway from Milton to Boston, called the 'RISE Gateway to Boston.' The statues were created by the artist Karen Eutemey and the late Fern Cunningham and placed in the Square in 2005.

Siting them was no small affair, according to members of the RISE Committee, who came up with the concept of a two-statue gateway and later determined the sites that would achieve their goal. Now some feel betrayed by the sudden plan to move one statue in the name of safety and bus traffic efficiency.

Barbara Crichlow, who was on the RISE Committee, said the city has been trying to meet with them, but she said many on the committee and in



This Heritage Statue in Mattapan Square is at the center of some discussion within the overall pedestrian safety improvement plan for the Square. *Seth Daniel photo*

the community aren't pleased that the idea of moving the statue was floated without someone first talking to them.

"Realize the Committee gave up a lot of their time to finally get the landmarks in place that were long overdue," she wrote in an e-mail. "How can (the city) explain the days, months, and years we, the committee, gave up for someone from the city to say, 'We need to move the statues?' They are not furniture. They are the gateway created

as an entrance to Mattapan and Greater Boston from Milton, as it said in the proposal."

During a Boston Transportation Department (BTD) meeting in February that revealed the long-anticipated safety plans for the Square, several attendees were shocked to hear about the statue move, said Fatima Ali-Salaam of the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC). She also said there were others who were less bothered by it

and felt moving it nearby wouldn't be a betrayal.

Charlotte Fleetwood and Kirstie Hostetter, both of BTD, said the overall concept for Mattapan Square is to make pedestrian crossings safer, and to allow the MBTA buses to get into the station without making the "loop" into Milton and back. An early notion includes several improved crossings, and a direct crossing connecting River Street to the Station Plaza area. That last is a move routinely made by pedestrians even though it doesn't exist officially, presenting a dangerous situation.

Adding the direct crossing led to the idea of eliminating the right-hand "slip turn" going onto River Street as one comes from Milton — making it far less dangerous and allowing for the expansion of the plaza next to a state-owned building at the entrance of the Neponset Greenway.

All of that has been seen as positive. However, to eliminate the bus "loop" into Milton and get the southbound buses into the station using a left turn from Blue Hill Avenue, means one of the Heritage statues would have to be moved, they said.

"It's a concept and not a final concept, but it would consolidate some crosswalks and create the new direct crosswalk, but the plan would also allow the (southbound) buses to make a left turn into the Station," said Fleetwood. "To navigate that turn with the statue would be difficult." Added Hostetter, "It would be impossible for the bus."

The initial hope was
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Five-story condo building proposed for Blue Hill Ave.

The family that owns a house turned health-services building at 1525 Blue Hill Ave., a few doors down from Simco's, has filed plans to replace it with a 5-story building with 16 condos and ground-floor commercial space for the counseling and medical offices to return.

In a filing with the BPDA, Dimitry Petion of Milton says the building

would have four 3-bedroom, four 2-bedroom, and eight 1-bedroom units. Two of the units would be sold as affordable. The building would be far enough away from the front lot line to allow for the widening of the sidewalk and the planting of street trees.

Petion estimates construction would take 15 months to complete.

The zoning for the

two lots that would be combined for the building would require 17 parking spaces. Petion is proposing 9, but says the building is pretty transit-oriented: A two-minute walk to the Blue Hill Avenue stop on the Fairmount Line, 28 and 29 bus stops, and a ten-minute walk to the Mattapan trolley line station.

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Rendering by Spalding Tougias Architects

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that the sculpture could be moved to the new, larger plaza about 50 yards south of its current location. There, they said, there could be more greenery and a better chance to have displays that explain the story of the statues.

Still, that would eliminate the gateway concept that was called for by the community.

Fleetwood said they have met with Eutemey, who is willing to work with them on the move. But, they have yet to meet with the RISE Committee due to scheduling conflicts.

“There would be an opportunity to move the



Pedestrian safety has not been prioritized in Mattapan Square for generations, and many pedestrians – such as this gentleman – save time by crossing without using the crosswalk. *Seth Daniel photo*

one statue to the new plaza,” she said. “These are just ideas. We still need to meet with the people initially involved in the gateway concept for the statues. That concept was in place before they had an artist, and they want to make sure they are involved. We welcome their ideas and feedback on anything we might do.”

State Rep. Russell Holmes said he understands the community concerns over the decisions made 17 years ago, but he also said safety should be a priority.

“The community went through a process long ago and many feel like we’re ignoring that process. What I’ve also

heard is the decisions I made 20 years ago may not be the best decisions today," he said, adding that safety must come first, and getting the buses in safely and efficiently is also a priority.

"It's been a problem my entire life," he said. "While I support all the effort put in years ago to place the statue, I put a priority on safety. We need to find the safest way for folks to cross the street and the best way for buses to turn into the station."

Fleetwood said the city would be continuing public outreach and feedback for another year, and the overall project wouldn't be bid out or started until 2024.

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By SAMUELE PETRUCELLI
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

While the city-issued indoor mask mandate for Boston businesses was lifted on March 5, private businesses can still require a covering for entry if they deem it necessary. A *Reporter* review found that many local merchants are embracing the current mask-less situation with cautious optimism. Olga Gomes, who owns and operates Luna Fitness Club on Morrissey Boulevard, wears a mask indoors to set an example. “I just want to let people know it’s okay if they want to wear their masks,” she said as she tries to balance the preferences of her clients with her own concerns.

During sessions, she opens windows and runs two air purifiers to make working out as comfortable as possible. A small gym, she said she develops close relationships with her customers. “You have the ones that want to wear the mask and you have the ones who don’t want to.” Public health officials still recommend that anyone at high risk of severe Covid-related illness use face coverings in certain indoor settings. Prior to the policy change, diners at restaurants were required to wear a mask when they were not eating or drinking. Tara O’Riordan, the general manager at Ashmont Grill, said that patrons there “were

very good about it.” Now, she says, “Everybody’s relieved and happy, and also maybe a little bit cautious. It’ll take some time, but I think people are feeling relaxed, feeling safe, and that’s the goal.” O’Riordan, who also manages the popular Tavolo restaurant and bar, says dining experiences are inching closer to pre-pandemic attitudes. “It makes what we do a lot more fun and enjoyable when I can see somebody, when I can smile at them, we can laugh together,” O’Riordan said. “It’s hard to have a good time when everybody’s covered up and nervous.” Junior Pena, who co-owns My Sister’s Crawfish and Kim’s Flower Shop in Fields Corner, says interactions were sometimes awkward



Daniel Baez is shown at work at Jhade Supermarket on Geneva Avenue in Dorchester. *Samuele Petrucci photo*

when the mandate was in effect and someone came in who was not wearing a mask. Now that it’s optional, those tensions have eased. “People are going to try to get into a different rhythm when it comes to going to places ... expecting to see people not wearing a mask,” Pena said. “This is going to be

the new normal.” With warmer weather on the horizon, some businesses are hoping to rebound from the pandemic’s dismal days. Gomes, who said her gym has not made a profit in the last two years, is hoping to gain another 20 or 30 members. The beginning of March, she said, was

the first time she had 18 people in one session. At times, she considered closing the doors, but she said it was the community that kept her open. “I had members say, ‘Hey, I don’t feel comfortable coming in, but, hey, I still want to pay my membership,’” Gomes said. “That’s why I kept the gym open.”

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Inflation, in small bites

(Continued from page 1) those problems becoming more widespread, inflation is hitting Dorchester consumers and small business owners where it hurts the most—in their companies’ net numbers. “They’re not doing it to rake more money in,” said Jeanne Dasaro, executive director at Greater Ashmont Main Streets. “They’re raising prices basically just to try to break even.” Said Kevin Do at a Fields Corner gas station minutes away from where he lives: “I definitely pay more,” said. “My car also uses a lot of gas, so the gas is actually kind of hurting my wallet just a bit.” Do has two cars: one he uses during the week, and a Mitsubishi ‘Evo’ he uses for fun on weekends. He does not see himself getting an electric vehicle. “There’s nothing that I can do about it,”

Do said. “I still have to get gas regardless.” Marcus Morisset is a Uber driver from Dorchester. Gas prices surged enough, he said, to make his 10-year-old son’s dance classes unaffordable. “It’s killing me,” he said. He’s trying to get another job because what he earns is no longer enough. “You’re working and making money, but you spend it on the car, so it’s not worth it,” he said.” At her Dorchester Avenue barber shop and salon, Catarina Dos Santos said she is losing customers to the high prices, and added that it has been harder to maintain regular clients. Instead of getting a usual design, customers will get cheaper ones to keep the same price as before. A few even began cutting their own hair, rather than seeing a barber. Others have resisted

the change. In some cases, “they would just give you money folded and walk away,” said Dos Santos, or “they would still come, and they would say, ‘Okay, I’m going to Cash App you,’ and you’re expecting them to Cash App the price – they don’t.” Nicknamed “Ludy,” Dos Santos said she likes to use good products on her clients. She noted that a unit of gel that used to be \$3.98 is now between \$5 and \$6. Overall, she does not expect prices to come down. “I see a lot of people who actually quit. People that are good at doing hair that quit,” Dos Santos said. “They go work in other places like a factory or Dunkin Donuts. Something that has income coming in, because here, if the client doesn’t show, you don’t make the money.” Dos Santos, who worked throughout the holidays, said the male barbers sometimes stay late, working till 11 p.m.

She has run the shop for about four years and says it used to be so full that clients waited in their cars for appointments. Now, repeat customers come monthly instead of weekly. “The business owner is grappling with some really difficult questions of whether or not they should close the business,” Greater Ashmont Main Streets’s Dasaro said. “We now have inflation kind of coming out of a pandemic, which is a really difficult situation.” A mother of two, Dos Santos does not live in Dorchester. She commutes an hour, sometimes two with traffic, from New Bedford. For her, what was once \$40 a week on gas is now \$70. Brick-and-mortar costs are up, too: her rent doubled during the pandemic. She is now considering another line of work. “You start thinking about other ways to make money,” she said.

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No doubt about it: BC High is No. 1 on the court



BC High’s Ryan Dear, left, drives to the hoop to score two of his 10 points in the second half of the Eagles’ 71-59 victory over Newton North on Sunday at Tsongas Arena in Lowell. At right, center Will Doyle dunked home a bucket with authority to help BC High complete its undefeated season with a title win on Sunday night.

John Gillooly ’89 photo/ BCH

Boston College High School’s top-ranked basketball team won the Division 1 state championship on Sunday, using its speedy and unrelenting offensive prowess to roll past a plucky No. 2-ranked Newton North team, 71-59, at the Tsongas Center in Lowell.

As was the case throughout a perfect season, team play, headed by senior guard Mike Loughnane and his 16 points – he posted a 27 ppg average for the year – carried the day in the ultimate win for the 25-0 Eagles. With Greg Cooper (14 points), Mahari Guerrier (12 points, and a tough 9 rebounds), and added punch off the bench from Ryan Dear and Connor Strickland,

Newton North (21-4) struggled to make any significant headway against the squad from Dorchester, though there were spurts of positivity – they were down 35-18 at the half, but had cut the margin to under 10 late in the third quarter when Loughnane, Cooper, Guerrier & Co. regained momentum. It was mostly a Run for the Roses after that.

After the trophy was in his team’s hands, Loughnane told the *Globe* that he “didn’t expect the team to go undefeated, but it was something we didn’t worry about. Greg and Mahari were so good offensively. The four guys I started with were as good defenders as you’ll find anywhere

This was such a talented team.” His dad Bill, the team’s coach, seconded the motion, saying, “We were never not ready to play.”

Eagles on the ice: Close, but no cigar

Backed again by amazing defense in front of the net by Jack Burke – yet another shutout bid that went 59 minutes into

the game – the BC High hockey Eagles fought into a second overtime before losing to eventual state champion St. John’s Prep in a semifinal Division 1 game on Tues., March 15

at Tsongas Arena. The loss ended a Cinderella run by the Eagles, who until St. John’s Prep’s late goal, had gone 10 periods without giving up a score.

– REPORTER STAFF

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OR OTHER PROTECTIVE ORDER
PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B,
§5-304, & §5-405
Docket No. SU22P0449PM
IN THE MATTER OF
BETTY KLASH
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
(Person to be Protected/Minor)

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Boston Medical Center of Boston, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Betty Klash is in need of a Conservator or other protective order and requesting that Jonathan Davey, Esq. of Quincy, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is disabled, that a protective order or appointment of a Conservator is necessary, and that the proposed conservator is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court.

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 **04/21/2022**. 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. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Felix D. Arroyo
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PURSUANT TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304
Docket No. SU22P0445GD
IN THE MATTER OF:
JOHNSON PHAM
of DORCHESTER, MA
RESPONDENT
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Nghi Truong of Boston, MA; Cam-Tu T. Tran of Dorchester, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Johnson Pham is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Nghi Truong of Boston, MA; Cam-Tu T. Tran of Dorchester, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve Without Surety 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 **04/28/2022**. 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.

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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

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Window closing on enhanced rental assistance from state

**By CHRIS LISINSKI
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE**
The Baker administration will stop accepting new applications for federally funded emergency rental assistance next month, closing the door on a diminishing stream of money that advocates say has provided a “lifeline” to tens of thousands of families under financial strain during the pandemic. Officials last week said that “on or around” April 15, Bay Staters will no longer be able to apply for housing aid covered by federal Emergency Rental Assistance dollars, which the administration expects it will exhaust before the June 30 end of the current fiscal year.

The impending change will close off the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), the Subsidized Housing Emergency Rental Assistance program (SHERA) and the ERAP-enhanced HomeBASE program. The state-funded Residential Assistance for Families in Transition program (RAFT), which Beacon Hill has targeted for a funding boost, will continue to accept applications after April 15. Housing advocates are concerned the move will impose unnecessary disruption on lower-income households that are still struggling to recover from the damages wrought by Covid-19, and they are in the midst of a campaign pressing state lawmakers to intervene and replenish the pool of aid.

“These programs have been a lifeline to tens of thousands of people facing eviction and homelessness during the pandemic,” the Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless, Massachusetts Law Reform Institute, and National Consumer Law Center wrote in a joint letter. “The economic and health effects of the pandemic continue to rage, threatening vulnerable households across Massachusetts and disproportionately harming communities of color. Both programs must continue accepting application(s) without interruption to avoid further catastrophe.”

With injections of money flowing from multiple federal relief packages, Massachusetts received about \$843 million in emergency rental aid to help keep tenants housed amid a flood of housing insecurity and looming evictions.

Accounting for money already committed for future payments, about \$201 million remains unspent from the Bay State’s pot of federal rental aid funds, which Baker administration officials expect will be exhausted in the coming months based on the current rate of applications and payments.

Altogether, the administration said it has distributed more than \$582 million in housing aid to about 72,000 households since the crisis began in March 2020.

The ERAP program offers more significant benefits on a longer-term basis than RAFT, making up to 18 months of funding available to cover rent arrears and future rent. Applicants must provide a statement attesting that they lost employment or wages or face increased expenses due to Covid, though documentation is not required.

Even with RAFT still in place and in line to receive a jolt of additional state funding, Mass. Coalition for the Homeless Associate Director Kelly Turley said the forthcoming elimination of ERAP applications could result in many families in need falling through the cracks.

RAFT offers aid to households earning up to 50 percent of the area median income, compared to the 80 percent threshold under ERAP, and unlike the federally funded program, it caps benefits at a dollar amount -- \$10,000 last year and \$7,000 this year.

“We know that given the slow recovery emerging from the pandemic, in particular many low-income households that have been struggling for a long time with housing instability and communities of color have benefitted from ERAP in a way that RAFT hasn’t been able to reach,” Turley told the News Service.

Gov. Baker proposed adding \$60 million to the state’s RAFT account as part of a mid-year spending bill (H 4479). The House bumped that figure up to \$100 million in its version approved last week (H 4532), though representatives rejected a Rep. Marjorie Decker amendment backed by advocates that would have effectively applied ERAP’s looser eligibility requirements to the state’s RAFT program.

Turley said supporters want to “use the existing state-funded RAFT program and be able to use it in a way that matches ERAP’s target populations.”

Advocates are hopeful they will have greater success in the Senate, which has not yet rolled out its own version of the spending bill.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Request for Proposals for the long-term lease and redevelopment of 555-559 Columbia Road in Dorchester

The Boston Redevelopment Authority, doing business as the Boston Planning & Development Agency (the “BPDA”), is issuing a Request for Proposals (“RFP”) for: the redevelopment of 555 Columbia Road and 559 Columbia Road (collectively, the “Premises”). This RFP seeks qualified proponents to: 1) deliver affordable housing; 2) deliver affordable commercial space; and 3) deliver core and shell for a community space anticipated to be used for a branch library. The Premises consists of approximately 18,800 square feet of developable land area. The Premises are currently occupied by a vacant three-story masonry building and a 17-space parking lot. The BPDA expects a ground lease price proposal for the Premises of at least \$3 per gross square foot of floor area per year upon project stabilization. However, the BPDA may consider an offer price below the asking price if the proponent can demonstrate clear and quantifiable public value in a proposal that includes an offer for less than the appraised value. The Premises is intended for disposition through a long-term ground lease by the BPDA pursuant to the RFP. The Premises is being offered as is, without warranty of any kind, express or implied. If concerned about the Premises’ condition, legal or physical access and the maintenance thereof, property lines or boundaries or any other matter affecting the Premises, prospective developers should investigate and conduct whatever due diligence and inspection deemed necessary.

The RFP package will be available on the BPDA Procurement Portal at www.bostonplans.org/work-with-us/procurement on March 23, 2022. Completed proposal applications must be submitted as instructed and returned directly to the BPDA, 22 Drydock Avenue, 2nd Floor, Boston by June 15, 2022, no later than 12:00 PM. Late proposals will not be accepted. For more information about this Request for Proposals, contact Morgan McDaniel, Real Estate Development Officer at (617) 918-6250 or via email to: Morgan.E.McDaniel@boston.gov.

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CONNECT THE DOT: BGCD Marathon Team Sponsor Elliott Physical Therapy Holds Fundraiser at Steel & Rye: On Monday, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's Marathon Team Sponsor, Elliott Physical Therapy, held a fundraiser at Steel & Rye in Milton to help support the six team members of Elliott who are running in this year's Boston Marathon. The night was filled with delicious food, great silent auctions items and a raffle item to win 4 tickets to see NKOTB. The fundraiser was a success, with all proceeds benefiting BGCD. Thank you Darryl & Patti Elliott and the entire Elliott PT team for their hard work and dedication. We're proud to partner with such a committed group of individuals who care about our community and the children and families we serve. If you would like to donate to the BGCD Marathon Team, please visit www.givengain.com/cc/bgcd2022.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: BGCD Program Highlight - Social Recreation & Dance Classes: Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester offers a variety of evening enrichment programs out of our Social Recreation space in the Marr Clubhouse.

As a part of our Social Recreation programming, BGCD offers a variety of dance classes including Hip-Hop & Jazz (Tuesdays), Musical Theater (Wednesdays) and Contemporary Dance (Wednesdays). Other Social Rec programming includes Board Game Tournaments (Mondays), Video Game Club (Thursdays), and Music Video Making (Thursdays).

To see our full Social Rec schedule, please visit www.bgcdorchester.org/leadership. For more information, please contact Social Recreation Director Shannon Zarnoch at szarnoch@bgcdorchester.org.



BGCD Program Highlight - Social Recreation & Dance Classes: See details below.

DID YOU KNOW: BGCD Celebrates Women's History Month this March - Highlighting Queenette Santos: March is Women's History Month, an annual declaration month that highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society. At Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, we celebrate our strong, amazing women today and every day. We want to make sure that every day our women are all equal, valued, and inclusive. Today, we highlight Vice President of Youth & Teen Development, Queenette Santos. Queenette has been at BGCD for over 25 years, and is celebrating the 19th anniversary of the Walter Denney Youth Center. She is passionate about our children and our community, overseeing the Walter Denney Youth Center in Harbor Point every day. We are so grateful for your passion, perseverance, dedication, and so much more.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Family Paint Night**
April 7
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- New Balance Clubs Basketball Jamboree**
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- April Vacation**
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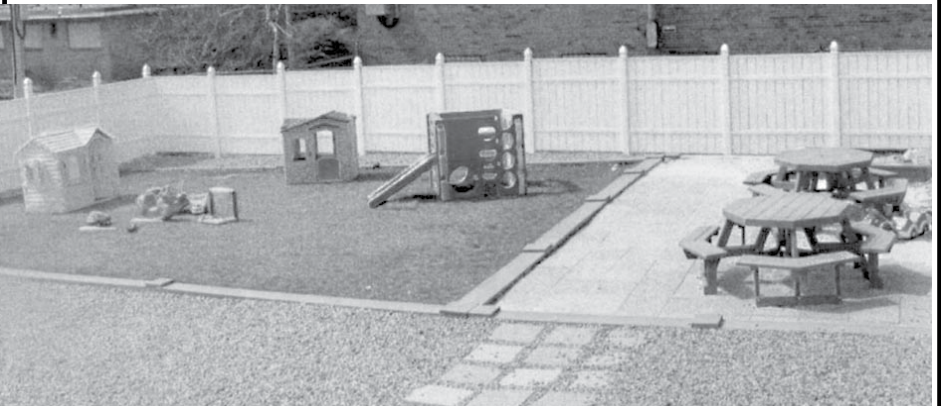
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RECENT OBITUARIES

Richard (Richie) Jerrier

Richie passed away March 15, 2022 after a 12 year battle with Breast Cancer. He was the youngest son of the late Lawrence and Anabelle (Swenson) Jerrier. He was the beloved brother of Patricia Podgurski of Quincy, Leonard Jerrier and his wife Cindy of Dorchester, Kenneth Jerrier of Wakefield, Margaret Farro of Hanson, Stephen Jerrier and his wife Ann of Carver, Allen Jerrier and his wife Lisa of Whitman and the late Gene Jerrier.

He is the beloved and dedicated Uncle/Bonus Father of Lisa Podgurski and her fiancée Jeff Theriault of Foxboro and Robert Podgurski of Brockton. He leaves behind many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews.

Donations in Richie's memory can be made to Tommy's Place Foundation, Inc., 90 Shore Ave. Quincy, MA 02169. See Keohane.com for directions and online condolences.



Lynell Berry of Boston. She is also survived by five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

BATTLE-NELSON, Clyde Anne, of Mattapan, originally from Panama City Florida. She was the oldest of two of the late Alex Berry Sr. and Lettie Mae McClain. She owned Michelle's Beauty Salon for over 30 years. Clyde Anne was preceded in death by her brother Alex Berry Jr., of California, sister Lonnie Mae Champion of Boston MA., son Lynell Berry of Boston, former husbands Leon Battle, Sr. of Maryland and Stanley Nelson Jr., of Alabama. She is survived by children Michelle Battle-Darby, Beverly Battle-McLeod, Stanley Nelson (and wife Michelle) of Boston, and preceded in death by son



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of Glenbeigh, Margaret O'Connor of Glencar, Lucy O'Connell of Glenbeigh and Maureen Sheridan of Hays, Middlesex, England. Her sisters Ann and Noreen and brother Nelius predeceased her.



FISH, Ann M. (O'Hearn) of Hingham, and Milton, originally from Dorchester. Mother of Karen Will and her husband Frank, Edward A. Fish, Jr. and his wife Ellen, John F. Fish and his wife Cynthia, Kevin Brine Fish and his wife Sandra, Melissa Ann Crane and her husband Kenneth and the late Elizabeth Ann Fish. Grannie Annie of 11, and 10 great-grandchildren. Sister of Elisabeth M. O'Hearn and the late John P. O'Hearn, Jr. and Jean P. O'Hearn. Daughter of the late John P. and Elisabeth L. (Brine) O'Hearn. The Fish family encourages a donation to be made in Ann's name to a charity of your choice.



FLAHERTY, Edward B., 73, of Dorchester. Son of the late Paul F. Flaherty and Rita E. (Gleavy) Flaherty. Father of Alanna Rose Flaherty of Webster. Brother of Anthony J. Flaherty of Dorchester and his late wife Catherine Flaherty, Barbara A. and her husband Stephen Black of Bridgewater, Paul F. Flaherty Jr. and his partner Donna LeBlanc of Quincy, and the late Mary Lou Flaherty and John W. Flaherty. Edward is also survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, and the late Catherine "Katie" Flaherty. Donations in Edward's memory may be made to the American Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Avenue, Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601, or at alz.org.

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D.J.R.



FRAZIER, Mary P. "Pat" (McGowan), 87 of Quincy She worked for many years as a waitress at the Hollow in Quincy and Harbor Lights in Dorchester. Sister of Shirley Djerf of Quincy and late Lorraine Daly of Weymouth. Mother of Leon Frazier and his wife Diane of Hilton Head, SC, Kyle Frazier and his companion Suwana of Quincy, Maryann Brown and her husband Marc of Needham, and Gerald Frazier and his wife Patricia of Quincy. She is also survived by 7 grandchildren. Donations may be made in her memory to St. John the Baptist Church in Quincy.



GRIFFIN, Deborah C. of Dorchester, unexpectedly at age 60. Daughter of the late Christin (Brandt) and Harvey Smith, Jr. Mother of Charles Griffin, IV and grandmother of Charles Griffin V. Sister of Annette (Smith) Gaston and Anita Smith-Snead and her husband William Snead.



HOLLAND, Victoria J. (Zawacki) of Dorchester. Wife of the late Albert F. Holland. Mother of Karen E. Holland of Dorchester, Donna M. Holland of Whitman, Jill Kristine Bolger of Marshfield, and John D. Holland of East Boston; also survived by 6 grandchildren; sister of Janet

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Zawacki of Dorchester and the late Stephen and Walter Zawacki; nieces and nephews. Memorials in her name may be made to Animal Rescue League of Boston, 10 Chandler Street, Boston, MA 02116 or arlboston.org

KALIL, Joan M. (Kuzmich) in Dorchester formerly of South Boston. Mother of Colleen Walsh and George Kalil, Jr. Grandmother of 5. Sister of Michael and William Kuzmich and the late Jane. Daughter of the late William and Joan (Griffin) Kuzmich.



McPHAIL, Margaret (Welch) of Dorchester, formerly of Quincy. Wife of Robert McPhail of Dorchester. Mother of Kristin Harding and her fiancé Rob Mahoney of Dorchester. Daughter of Beverly (Logan) of Quincy and her late husband Alexander Welch. Sister of Mary Welch, Beverly Loughnane and her husband Bill, Kathleen Munson, Maureen Welch and her partner Bill Walsh; all of Quincy, and her late brother, Dennis Welch. "Nana" to 1. Donations in memory of Margaret may be made to Pancreatic Cancer Network, 1500 Rosecrans Avenue, Suite 200, Manhattan Beach, CA., 90266.

MICKIEWICZ, Robert A., 66, of Dorchester Robert graduated from UMass Boston and New England School of Law. A lifelong resident of Dorchester, where he also worked as an attorney, Robert was active in the community and was a devout Catholic. The son of Alfred and the late Angela Mickiewicz; brother of Barbara J. Langlais and husband Charles of Wilmington, Judith Cataldo and husband Stephen of Burlington, Brenda Mickiewicz Dolan and husband Terrence of Quincy; Uncle of Jeffrey, Joseph, Andrea, Kelsey, Connor; and is also survived by his great nieces and nephews. Donations in Robert's memory can be made to the Pilgrim Congregational Church in Dorchester.

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NUGENT, Margaret (Coefield), 102. She was born in St. John's, Newfoundland to Edward and Frances Ronayne Coefield. She graduated from Dorchester High School for Girls in 1937. She is survived by her children Thomas Nugent, Gail Vaughan, and John Nugent; her 7 grandchildren; and her 7 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her children Anne Nugent Goodman and Robert Nugent, Jr. and her grandchild Miles Nugent. Donations can be made to The Mother Teresa Foundation or Edgartown Council on Aging.

OLSON, Robert M. "Olie," 74. Son of the late Oscar Olson and Margaret "Peg" (Connolly) Olson. He was the husband of Joanne Kveraga-Olson and brother to the late James Olson. Originally from South Boston, Bob also resided in Dorchester, Stoughton, and Bridgewater. Bob retired as a Probation Officer from the Boston Juvenile Court. He leaves behind many good friends and loving cousins.



SULLIVAN, Edward H. of Dorchester. Husband of the late Ruth T. (Maloney) Sullivan. Father of Edward and his wife Kathryn Sullivan of CT, James and his wife Maureen Sullivan of Plymouth, Maureen and her husband Mark Delorey of Weymouth, Eileen and her husband Christian VanDerslice of Braintree, Julie and her husband Arthur Perham of Weymouth, Joseph and his wife Leann Sullivan of Westwood, and the late Paul Sullivan. Grandfather of 18 grandchildren and one great-grandson. Brother of Helen Collins, Rev. Francis Sullivan, and the late Catherine, Joseph, James, and Dorothy (Griffin); and brother-in-law of Francis Maloney and Richard Griffin. Uncle of many nieces and nephews. US Navy veteran. Donations may be made in memory of Edward to St. John Paul II Catholic Academy, 239 Neponset Ave., Dorchester, MA 02122.

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