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## 'One Man Crime Wave' frustrates Fields Corner community

By SETH DANIEL News Editor

After two break-ins to their Pho Le restaurant on Dorchester Avenue, and several other unsuccessful attempts since February – all allegedly by the same man-it was hard for Tran Le and her family to put into words how relieved they

were on March 17 when Boston Police officers dropped by to say they had finally arrested the persistent intruder.

It was much easier that night for them to put into words how disappointing and frustrating it was for them to hear that the same man had reportedly broken into

their restaurant for a 5. "He had been arrested third time and again caused significant damage to the business after he had been released from custody

"He stole a lot of stuff from our business last time," said Tran Le during the Fields Corner Civic Association (FCCA) meeting on April that Thursday (March 17) and we were so relieved. The police came by to tell us they had caught him that Thurs $day. \, Then \, that \, Thursday$ night and into Friday, he broke in again. That's what I don't understand. He's taken stuff from multiple places. I don't

understand why he's still out there. Why isn't anything happening to him?"

That incident, as well as many other breakins - all suspected to be the criminal acts of the same man, 50-year-old Fields Corner resident Thanh Cong Le (not related to Tran Le) has led police to call him a "One Man Crime Wave."The situation has elicited ongoing frustrations by both police and community members about a small group of alleged criminals in the area who are arrested frequently and then sent back onto the street after brief appearances in

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#### A PRIME PERCH FOR PRIMATE PRESSER

On Tuesday, Mayor Michelle Wu was on hand as the Franklin Park Zoo opened its new \$9.1 million outdoor gorilla exhibit, which will, for the first time, allow its gorilla clan to cavort outside. As she began speaking, the zoo's long-time favorite gorilla, Little Joe, came over, sat down, and, by all appearances, listened intently as the mayor spoke about his new home.

Seth Daniel photo

## It's history vs. net-zero emissions for some on a gas lamp switch-out at Wellesley Park

By SETH DANIEL **News Editor** 

The soft glow of the gas lamps on Wellesley Park signals the preservation of an era long gone for anyone who lives on or passes by this side street of Melville Avenue. It is one of the few streets in Dorchester that have preserved its 19th century gas-lit fixtures.

However, with net-zero emissions a primary goal in Boston's climate planning, the two dozen lamps are set to be replaced with LED lights via a city project that will also impact neighborhoods like Beacon Hill and Bay Village.

This situation is not sitting



Two of the twenty-four gas-lit lamps on in Wellesley Park. Seth Daniel photo

well with some Wellesley Park residents.

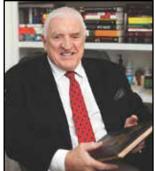
"These streets that have always maintained their gas lights should be allowed to maintain our gas lights as they are," said Domenic Accetta, a Wellesley Park neighbor who has kept a close eye on the lights for years. "Replacing these 24 gas lights is not going to affect our carbon footprint at all."

Accetta points out that while urban renewal projects in the 1970s re-introduced gas lamps to Charlestown, Back Bay, and Beacon Hill, Wellesley Park has never had any other type of streetlight.

"These neighborhoods and areas (Continued on page 16) gives BC High \$49m for campus wellness facility By Tom Mulvoy ASSOCIATE EDITOR Throughout a lifetime of success in the business

Alumnus's family

world, the late Patrick Finbar Cadigan, a Stoneham, Massachusetts native, never missed an opportunity to credit the Jesuits who taught him at Boston College High School (Class of '52) and Boston College (Class of '57) for defining the underpinnings of a life well lived in the Chris-



Patrick Cadigan: "His Jesuit mentors were powerful influences on him."

tian manner: a consistent moral integrity and a discipline of purpose in all things.

In return for their guidance, this son of Irish immigrants, who worked part-time at his father Dennis's cafe in Cambridge to help pay for his early education and later earned a fortune in high tech and real estate in Southern California, has paid the

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## Questions abound over Mildred Ave. pool closure

SETH DANIEL **News Editor** 

The swimming pool at Mattapan's Mildred Avenue Community Center is temporarily closed as city officials probe allegations that residents were forced to pay for swim lessons that are supposed to be offered at no charge.

Residents who use the facility, which is operated by the Boston Centers for Youth and Families (BCYF), who learned of the closure last Wednesday were initially informed that the shut-down was prompted by a shortage of lifeguards and low use.

However, on Friday, a spokesperson for Mayor Wu (Continued on page 15)

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## No penalty for ODP for Dec. assault on patron

The Boston Licensing Board last Thursday week ruled that the American Legion Old Dorchester Post 65 in Adams Corner could not have prevented a man from getting punched and knocked into unconsciousness on Dec. 27, leaving him so close to death that police called in the homicide unit just

The panel voted to not hold the bar responsible, ruling that the attack was "unforeseeable."

According to police and the bartender on duty at the time, the incident started around closing that night. At a hearing last week, the bartender said she told two men they'd had enough to drink and that it was time for them to leave. They agreed, but one asked if he could use the restroom first, she said.

On the way there, though, police say, Ryan McEleney-Lynch, 24, of Quincy, punched the victim hard enough to knock him out. Whether the man suffered life-threatening injuries from the punch or from hitting his head on something before he collapsed to the floor, however, was unclear. Still, by the time police arrived, he was in bad shape.

The man has, so far, survived, so McEleney-Lynch at this point is facing charges of aggravated assault and battery. The bartender said the victim and a friend of his had only been in the post for about 30 minutes. In contrast, McEleney-Lynch had been there for "a few hours," knocking back beers but causing no problems, she said.

She added she didn't know the victim but recognized McEleney-Lynch because he had been there before. He had gotten into occasional verbal scuffles, but nothing serious, she said.

A Boston man was killed early Sunday morning when his arm became stuck in the door of a Red Line subway car as it pulled away from Broadway station. Authorities identified the man Monday as Robinson Lalin, 39.

The district attorney's office, MBTA police, and the National Transportation Safety Board are investigating.

Foul play is not suspected, according to Jim Borghesani, a spokesperson for the Suffolk district attorney's office. The man was pronounced dead at the scene.

## Franklin Park Zoo opens \$9.1 million Gorilla Grove

By SETH DANIEL News Editor

The gorilla family at Franklin Park Zoo had never been outside until this week, so Zoo-goers have never had the opportunity to see the impressive animals under blue skies. But with the opening this week of a \$9.1 million Gorilla Grove habitat, the Zoo's gorillas are headed for a summer of fun under

On Tuesday morning, Zoo personnel and elected officials were on hand to officially open the exhibit to the public.

"People that have been coming here for many years to see the gorillas



Zoo New England COO Bob Chabot cuts the ceremonial ribbon on the Gorilla Grove outdoor exhibit at Franklin Park Zoo as Councilor Erin Murphy, Mayor Michelle Wu, State Rep. Liz Miranda, and Councillor Brian Worrell give an assist. Seth Daniel photo

see them in the Tropical Forest, and so it's been a long time since we've seen them outside," said Malu Celli, vice president of animal care. "We have set this up to be the best possible en- than 360,000 cubic feet

have only been able to vironment that allows them to climb, forage, and explore outside."

The new space, which was made possible by generous donors who wish to remain anonymous, features more for the gorilla troop to explore. With a mix of real and fabricated trees, a waterfall, climbing vines and a multitude of built-in foraging opportunities, the gorillas will be able to traverse the space three dimensionally and guests will be able to observe the natural behaviors and social dynamics of the gorilla family.

"This is a chance for us to connect to this other world and feel connected to their family," said Mayor Wu.

Franklin Park Zoo is home to six gorillas, including Little Joe, Kitombe (Kit), his mate Kiki and their three offspring-Kambiri, Azize, and Pablo, a male gorilla born in October 2020.

## Wu's E-Bus rollout touts 'trainer model'

Boston will roll in a small number of electric school buses next school year in a pilot program geared toward fully electrifying the city's fleet in the next eight years, Mayor Wu announced last Wednesday. The city is also laying groundwork for vocational training around electric vehicles.

Up to 20 electric buses will replace diesel buses in the 2022-2023 school year, Wu said, and the limited rollout will give the city a chance to test-drive the needs associated with electric buses, such as charging infrastructure and maintenance.

Wu said the goal is to fully electrify the fleet – which currently stands at around 700 buses, of be integrated into the core curricwhich half are diesel-powered by 2030.

The mayor also announced that 10 city mechanics from the public works, police, and school departments will be trained in electric vehicle service and repair, then certified to teach those skills as part of an initiative to train local voc-tech students.

"This will be the trainer model. because then we will be training our young people to be able to step into these jobs right away," Wu told reporters at Roxbury's Madison Park Technical Vocational High School, where she said electric vehicle training will ulum starting this fall.

Bill Coughlin, the city's central fleet maintenance director, highlighted how auto service is changing with the proliferation of EVs.

"It is beyond where we started out - points, plugs, condenser, rotate the tires, drum brakes. We are gone. We are into modules, more modules, and computers. And if they don't talk to each other, machine's down. Then it's your job to figure it out," Coughlin said, gesturing to a group of students, ʻand I know you all will."

 SAM DORAN SHNS

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## City golf courses now open for 2022 season

Tee times, registered in advance, are now available at Boston's two golf courses as the 2022 season gets underway on municipal and private fairways and greens across the state.

The city owns and operates the William J. Devine Golf Course at Franklin Park in Dorchester, the second-oldest public course in the United States and

Necklace, and George Wright Golf Course in Hyde Park, an urban gem built in 1938 to a design by the famed golf course architect Donald Ross. Both courses have received national accolades as challenging sites for golfing in the Boston area.

The 18-hole par 70 Wright course is open seven days a week through

part of the city's Emerald November, weather permitting. Contact PGA Professional Scott Allen at (617) 364-2300 for more information. The second-oldest public golf course in America and part of the historic Emerald Necklace, the Devine layout is open yearround, weather allowing. Contact PGA Professional Kevin Frawley at (617) 265-4084 for more information.

Golfers can go to cityofbostongolf.com for tee times and rates at both courses. Boston residents, who are eligible for breaks on playing rates weekdays and weekends, can also go to that site to enter a raffle for a season pass. Updates can be tracked on Twitter @Franklin-ParkGC and @George-WrightGC.

#### **UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Mass Afforable Housing Alliance's annual Taste of Dorchester event returns to in-person on Thurs., April 28, 6-8 p.m. at Freeport Hall, IBEW Local 103, 256 Freeport St., Dorchester. Tickets are \$50 in advance, \$60 at the door. Go to tasteofdorchester.org to buy tickets.

Roadway construction at the Morton Street and Blue Hill Avenue intersection and at the Morton Street and Harvard Street intersections will prompt temporary lane and sidewalk closures next week, according to the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (Mass-**DOT).** The work is scheduled to take place daily from Monday, April 11, to Friday, April 15, during daytime hours from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Vehicular and pedestrian access through the intersections will be maintained throughout the project, but MassDOT "encourages drivers to seek alternate routes, reduce speed, and use caution while approaching and traveling through the work zone."

A virtual public meeting will be held on Wed., May 4 at 6 p.m. to discuss a proposed 24-unit residential building at 1153 Washington St., Dorchester. See page 6 for more information.

A virtual meeting will be held on Tues., April 25 from 6-8 p.m. to discuss a proposal for

a five-story building with 35 units for 120 Bowdoin St., Dorchester. For more info, contact Quinn Valcich, 617-918-4362 or quinn.w.valcich@boston.gov.

The city of Boston will host a public hearing on Wed., April 27 from 6-7:30 p.m. to get input on the Mayor's Office of Housing action plan for the use of approximately \$28 million in HUD funds and \$21.6 million in American Rescue Plan HOME funds. See ad on page 15 for more info. Boston Centers for Youth & Families, Public Facilities Department and the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Services host a fourth community meeting to explore options for a new community center in Dorchester. The meeting will be held via Zoom on Thur., April 14, at 6 p.m. To participate in this meeting, please register at Bit.ly/BCYFDorchester. Translation services can also be requested when registering. To learn more about the study and review the presentations from the other meetings, visit Boston.gov/BCYF. Check out the mapping tool and take the survey to provide us feedback.

City holds first Boston Rec Fest at Franklin Park April 19 — Mayor Michelle Wu and the **Boston Parks and Recreation Department** present the first annual Boston Rec Fest (Recreation Festival) during the April school vacation week at the Playstead in Franklin Park on Tuesday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This free event for kids 18 and under will feature a variety of sporting activities for young Boston residents. Fun inflatables will provide skills challenges in the All-In-One Sports Arena, Full Court Press basketball game, QB Blitz football throw, Field Goal Challenge, Slap Shot Hockey, Soccer Shoot Out, All Star Challenge obstacle course. The event will also include an appearance by Red Sox mascot Wallv the Green Monster. The festival location is at the Playstead on Pierpont Road near the rear entrance of Franklin Park Zoo. By MBTA, take the Orange Line to Forest Hills and the #16 bus to the zoo. By car, the park can be reached from Blue Hill Avenue, Seaver Street, or Circuit Drive. Ample free parking. Fully handicapped accessible. For more information and to stay up to date with news, events, and improvements in Boston parks, call 617-635-4505, visit Boston.gov/Parks, join our email list at bit.ly/ Get-Parks-Emails, and follow our social channels @bostonparksdept on Twitter, Facebook, and Instagram.

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 iennifer.misiaszek@boston.gov, or call 617-961-3083. Franklin Park Kite & Bike Festival - Saturday, May 14th from 12 noon to 4p.m. A spring family tradition since 1969 features kite-making tables and kites for sale, bicycle activities for elementary-age children with Countdown to Kindergarten, helmet giveaways, a bike repair station, food trucks, and community vendors. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors. On the Franklin Park Playstead ballfields - bus #16 from Forest Hills Orange Line station or JFK on the Red Line. For more information and directions: franklinparkcoalition.org

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## Boston Little Saigon seeking support for street festival on Dot. Ave in July

#### By SETH DANIEL **News Editor**

Vietnamese community leaders are hoping to stage an inaugural street festival along Dorchester Avenue this summer to highlight the newly created Little Saigon cultural district. Annie Le, director of Boston Little Saigon, told members of the Fields Corner Civic Association (FCCA) on Tues., April 5, that the board wants to close Dorchester Avenue from Park Street to Adams Street on Sun., July 31, in the late afternoon and evening hours for an event featuring food, performances, music, and information booths.

"Many people might have seen Open Newbury [in the Back Bay]," said Jeannie Cai, who is helping to organize the event. "It will be similar to Open Newbury. We're keeping cars out and people in on the street and having businesses utilize the street and really try to highlight all we have in Fields Corner with an exciting event. That's what we're aiming toward."

"We want to do this in Fields Corner along Dorchester Avenue," said Le. "The reason for us doing it on Dorchester



The BT Group, fronted by Hiep Chu of Fields Corner, is proposing to develop a 14-studio building on a vacant lot at 22 Freeman St. that abuts the MBTA

Avenue, as opposed to the Town Field Park where we have a lot of other things, is that the pandemic really hurt a lot of our businesses. When we did in-person events, we had a hard time getting people to come to the Field if food wasn't free. Restaurants had to keep their business open and send extra staff to the event, and they weren't doing that well. The idea here is instead of the vendors coming to us in Town Field, we'll be bringing the event to them."

As of now, organizers are still gathering support and talking to city

officials about the logistics. Le said that having that area of Dorchester Avenue closed makes sense as it would still allow traffic to use Adams Street to connect with Dorchester Avenue.

#### FIELDS CORNER **NOTEBOOK**

• The BT Group, led by Fields Corner resident Hiep Chu, gave the first showing of a zero-parking transit-oriented development that it is proposing for a vacant lot that it owns, 22 Freeman St., which abuts the Fields Corner MBTA Station. Hue Architecture's Jenny Ha and Chu told neighbors that they are proposing a new building with 14 rental studios and no vehicle parking, but 15 bicycle parking spaces.

The building would be five stories tall but would utilize the current topography to have the first floor underground. That space would contain indoor bike parking, mechanicals, trash, and storage rooms. The first floor would feature an expanded outdoor veranda with greenery, as well as community space inside and two units. The top three floors would be only residential units. All the

units would be between 378 and 396 square feet.

BT Group is now working out the affordability aspects as the project begins to take shape. Chu said he feels that the development meets a need in Dorchester for young professionals who cannot afford to live in the neighborhood, but who want to live here or want to stay here.

'The reason we want to do studios is we're targeting another group of people that do not have a family and...need decent high-quality housing next to the T," he said. "I don't anticipate that population has a car or can afford a car."

In addition, he mentioned, BT Group has had preliminary talks with property owners next door, as well as with the city regarding the community garden two doors down. Chu said there is a possibility that both of those properties could be developed with a similar product.

"The intention is there." he said. "We haven't been able to figure out how to move forward yet.":

 The new officers for FCCA were in place for the meeting on April 5: President Jim Doyle, Vice President Shamia Hicks, Treasurer Hiep

Chu, and Secretary Tran Le. Doyle indicated that graffiti is becoming a serial problem and they are hoping to get a more long-term solution to preventing and eliminating it in Fields Corner – particularly on private property. The May 5 meeting will feature a neighborhood anti-graffiti group from the Back Bay that has had success, as well as the city's Graffiti Busters.

- The Dorchester Bike Kitchen will now be open on Saturdays, from 6 to 9 p.m., at 1443a Dorchester Ave., which is the office for Boston Little Saigon. The kitchen features bike tools and other repair facilities, as well as opportunities to help with bicycle giveaway programs.
- The Massachusetts Asian Restaurant Association, a new effort by the Massachusetts Restaurant Association (MRA) to try to attract more Asian eateries, will have its kick-off meeting at Pho Le Restaurant in Fields Corner in early May. More details will be forthcoming.
- FCCA voted to make a \$200 donation to the Dorchester Day Parade Committee for this year's





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# On \$60m rehab of Blue Hill corridor, some are asking: Who is all this for?

If they build it, will someone else come?

By Seth Daniel News Editor

There's been no shortage of hesitation within low-income, Black, and Brown communities in Dorchester and Mattapan when the city comes through touting major plans and multi-million-dollar upgrades.

Most residents wonder out loud if those upgrades are really for them or are they precursors to their being pushed out of a community they have known and loved all their lives. It is that level of anxiety that many in Dorchester and Mattapan along Blue Hill Avenue – often referred to as the spine of Black Boston – are feeling about an upcoming \$60 million reconstruction and revisioning project aimed at the corridor.

In other words: If they build it, someone else will come.

That was a major topic on Monday night, April 4, when Jascha Franklin-Hodge, the city's chief of streets, visited a meeting of the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council (GMNC) to chat about the upgrade and its implications.

"We want to make sure this project is built with and for those that live in the community along Blue Hill Avenue," he said. "There's a fear that if the city makes things nicer, it's not for me and not for now, but for people that will come later...We're really ... doing this work with the goals and needs of those that are on the corridor."

Conceding that the city doesn't have "all the answers," Franklin-Hodge said that officials are working with experts who will approach the Blue Hill Avenue project with a mind that it will support businesses and residents. He added that improvement without displacement will be a hallmark of this massive project, which, he noted, is the largest capital investment in the mayor's budget aside from large bridge projects.

Continuing to develop affordable housing on the many city-owned vacant lots in and around Blue Hill Avenue is one first step, he said, adding, "My hope and my expectation is we will have the Mayor's Office of Housing by our side throughout the course

'I hear people who are yelling about why we are getting so much all at once. It's because this is the right time and the right place. It's not to push anyone out of this neighborhood.'

— State Rep. Russell Holmes

of the Blue Hill Ave project so that we can start to develop more tools for stabilization and helping keep people in their communities and keep those communities intact and healthy for the people that are part of them.

"We see this risk," he said. "We share that anxiety, and we want to make sure we're not forcing the community of Mattapan and Dorchester along Blue Hill Ave to choose between good transportation and housing affordability. That's not good enough, and we want to do better than that."

Some of the outreach for the project has already started in one segment from the Blue Hill Avenue commuter rail station to Mattapan Square. Meanwhile, Grayscale, a consultant group, will be running the outreach for the project from the rail station to Grove Hall, reaching out to neighborhood associations, churches, and community leaders.

One aspect of the rehabilitation prompting debate is the proposal for a dedicated center lane for buses and dedicated inside lanes for bicycles, with the latter seen by some as harbingers of gentrification or an amenity that few current residents would use.

One critic on the meeting call said that it "doesn't make sense to me" to create dedicated bike lanes since "I just haven't seen it. It seems like it's a lot of wasted space when there's more cars on the road. Or is it that you have a plan of a different type of people that will be coming in the area that would be living here in the future?"

Vivian Ortiz, who lives in Mattapan, quickly reacted to that thinking, noting that she rides a bike every day on Cummins Highway and knows many others who do as well. Allentza Michel, also of Mattapan, said she would ride her bike more often on Cummins if there were separate lanes to make it safer.

Franklin-Hodge said one of the key goals of all three projects includes a narrowing the road to make drivers want to slow down. One of the tools, he said, in giving less space to cars is to put in bike lanes.

"Tve ridden on Cummins Highway with one of your members," he said," and it's not the primary mode of travel. We know that. Riding on that street with a bike, I did not feel safe. If we look at streets that are unsafe to ride a bike on and we say – 'Why put a bike lane there because no one is riding a bike?' – well, some of the people are not riding their bikes there because they don't feel safe. The only way they will ride is if we build that infrastructure. It's a bit of a chicken and egg question."

State Rep. Russell Holmes said the sudden focus on these projects comes from long discussions about equity during GoBoston, which he chaired several years ago. He said the "ABC" projects are getting done because of those conversations, and they are specifically being done to make residents safer, to keep people from racing on these roads, which often has caused loss of life.

"We chatted often about equity and there were three roads – American Legion, Cummins, and Blue Hill," he said. "This is about disinvestment, and so a lot of times I hear people who are yelling about why we are getting so much all at once. It's because this is the right time and the right place. It's not to push anyone out of this neighborhood."

#### MATTAPAN NOTEBOOK

- The GMNC Zoning Committee will host two meetings this month to address the new development by Lena New Boston at the old State Hospital property that was recently awarded after the original developer decided not to move forward in 2021. The meetings will take place on April 21 and 28, said Chair Fatima Ali-Salaam.
- •Sheriff Steve Tompkins appeared at the GMNC's April 4 meeting to announce he is on a listening tour to talk to community organizations and residents about what services they would like the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office to provide. He will return to a future meeting to discuss more of what his office wants to do, and to hear from residents as well.
- •Powerful Pathways will be hosting a Mattapan Square Brainstorming session on Sat., April 16, to explore ideas for Mattapan Square improvements. The online meeting will be from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information, visit powerfulpathwaysinc@gmail.com.





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Dorchester District Court or other courthouses — even though, police say, some of the charges involve illegal weapon possession.

"Things have been happening," Police Officer Mike Keaney told the community at the April 5 meeting in response to Tran Le's question. "We've been arresting him. Unfortunately, the courts are letting him out left and right... We're seeing people let out all the time, and even people with open gun cases out on personal recognizance or low bail and they get arrested again with a gun.

a gun.

"It's always personal recognizance or low bail. It's regrettable. We keep arresting the same people for the same things. This guy is a notorious thief—breaking into businesses or cars. If they see a mark, they just go after it. You all are really preaching to the choir."

Added Sgt. Tim Golden, "We do our job. It's up to the judge. In this case, the judge released him...It's frustrating on our end, too."

District Attorney Kevin Hayden said he also has found the situation frustrating. He noted that in the most recent arraignment for breaking and entering, the DA's office requested Thanh Le be held on \$1,000 bail. He will remain in jail for 90 days under that condition.

"These crimes are frightening and harmful for the residents and business owners of Fields Corner," Hayden told



Vietnamese flags flew over businesses along Dorchester Avenue near Fields Corner in 2019. Jesse Costa/WBUR file photo

the *Reporter* this week. "In fewer than five months, Mr. Le has been identified and charged in six crimes. Other, similar offenses in Fields Corner remain under investigation. For now, Le remains held on a bail revocation."

The DA continued: "My office intends to hold Mr. Le fully accountable for his serious violations while ensuring that he has access to the services and resources that might help prevent future incidents like this. We are working closely with our partners in the community, law enforcement, and at City Hall to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the Fields Corner community."

A list of offenses going back to last November for Thanh Le is troubling, multiple sources said.

Hayden's office said Thanh Le was arraigned on Nov. 23 on possession of a Class A substance, possession of a Class B substance, and resisting arrest. Bail was set at \$100, but the next day he was arraigned again on charges of receiving stolen property, possession of a Class B substance, breaking and entering during the daytime, and larceny under \$1,200. Prosecutors said they requested \$1,000 bail and other provisos, but the suspect was released on personal recognizance — or without any bail.

On Jan. 10, he was arraigned again on breaking and entering during the daytime and trespassing, and prosecutors requested \$500 bail. He was released on personal recognizance again.

Most recently, on March 31, he was arraigned for breaking into a restaurant in the daytime cases, with a bail of \$1,000 asked and a request to revoke his three other bails so that he would be held for 90 days. That was granted and he remains in jail. That said, he was arraigned again recently for a March 8 shoplifting arrest, with a bail of \$10 set.

At the meeting, police detailed other cases that are still in the works. One is a March 19 investigation into a break-in at another nearby restaurant, just one day after the March 18 break-in at Pho Le. From video evidence, detectives believe Thanh Le to be the culprit. On March 9, he allegedly broke into a home on Hecla Street while a resident was inside, and then fled in a car with stolen plates.

On March 16, officers spotted the suspect vehicle in Fields Corner and stopped it; Thanh Le was inside. However, the victim from Hecla Street refused to identify the suspect, saying only that "karma" would get him instead, according to Keaney.

In the most recent statistics that we put out by the Boston Police on April 3, the year-todate totals show that most of the reported property crimes are going up in District C-11, which includes Fields Corner. Commercial burglaries are up to 9 from 5 last year, and residential break-ins are up to 27 from 20 on C-11. Auto thefts have more than doubled to date this year, and larcenies from motor vehicles are up significantly over the five-year average.

The "one man crime wave" and other cases spoken about by police have some in the

community wondering if the welfare of the suspects in crimes are being prioritized above that of victims and residents. There is also discussion about treatment options and how drugs and alcohol might be factoring into this and other situations. Can a balance can be achieved where criminals get the help they need without a victimization of residents and businesses.

The matter of former DA Rachael Rollins's 'List of 15' crimes that she implemented as a way of not prosecuting offenders for minor offenses has also come up in conversations, with some wondering how it might be affecting cases like this one and others.

DA Hayden's office said the 'List of 15' doesn't include any of the offenses charged in Thanh Le's case, adding that it wasn't meant to address cases involving repeat offenders. Under Hayden's leadership, the list has been expanded to increase access to services and treatment if cases sync up with such a need. However, the office said such access would not apply, and did not apply, to this case.

Which is of little comfort to merchants like Tran Le.

"The restaurant has been open since 2010, and nothing like this has ever happened before – maybe some minor things – but nothing that resulted in repeated thefts like this," he said. "We feel like we're so helpless in this situation. That's the worst feeling. We're feeling victimized."





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## It's time to strictly enforce corporate responsibility in every neighborhood

#### By SETH DANIEL News Editor

Anyone who lives on the west side of the neighborhood can't help but notice that corporate chains have a different view of "upkeep" here than they do elsewhere and sometimes that dramatic difference can be witnessed within the same zip code.

 $Corporate \, responsibil \hbox{--}$ ity is almost non-existent in the neighborhoods west of Washington, and it's high-time for the city to stop wasting breath about places like the North End – spending money and time over there to make pretty, prettier – and go on a campaign to impress corporate property responsibility in Dorchester and Mattapan.

For my money, the "new" CVS on Washington Street in Four Corners is one good example. The building was formerly a church, and before that a market, and CVS was ushered in quickly. It has been nothing but a swing and miss to me. Without proper planning on Washington Street, the chain simply renovated the one-story building and kept the sprawling, unused parking lot in

#### **West Side Stories**

place. If ever density was appropriate, this was the location. Yet, it became a suburban-style chain store with an oversized parking lot minus the upkeep or beautification you'd see elsewhere.

Corporate irresponsibility has crept in. The inside of the store is dirty and unkempt – with chronic staffing shortages - and not as nice as older stores in other parts of Dorchester that are in the same zip code, never mind examples farther out of town.

Here, everything is locked up on the shelves, if the shelves are even stocked. Maybe you want to get toothpaste, mouthwash, and shampoo? You've got to ring three different bells and wait 15 minutes or so for someone to unlock and retrieve the goods for you and hold them there until you pay up. The assumption is that you'll steal them.

Beyond that, there's a lot of graffiti and the parking lot is often a small step above the conditions of a public toilet at the South Station Bus Terminal. Sometimes they clean it up, maybe if there's a complaint. It's astounding how a new store can so quickly fall into such blight.

Yet there's no reason to just pick on the new CVS, as this sort of scene is rather common. The old Walgreen's in Codman Square is no better. The somewhat-new Dollar Tree at the old Franklin Field Lumber on Talbot Avenue has worn the same obnoxious graffiti for months, has a trashed parking lot, and rarely has a full inventory on its shelves.

You can go up and down Blue Hill Avenue and find the same situation time and again from the corporate entities that take up space along the business districts.

These are all wellheeled corporations with millions, perhaps billions, in revenues; they aren't 'mom-andpops' struggling to make payroll. They have the money and can afford to do better, but they know they don't have to.

Why is it that corporations come to this part of Dorchester and assume they can just do what they want with no recourse? It is, quite simply, because they can, and they always have

A chain in one part of town isn't equal to a chain on this side of town. People power and 3-1-1 can only do so much. Neighborhood residents need the city to push the buttons on corporate responsibility, turn the screws on corporate HQ.

I suggest that the city worry a little more about that and a little less about restaurant owners in the tourist areas who mostly live and pay taxes in Wilmington and Lynnfield and probably couldn't find Four Corners with a magnifying glass.

#### CONCERT T-SHIRTS **COOL AGAIN?**

I was in Codman Square not long ago with a group of teenagers – some of them my own – and got a look at the newest fashion. That trend includes young, urban teens (and pre-teens now) wearing concert T-shirts from, of all things, heavy metal bands from the `80s and

I attended my share of music shows. I saw great R&B acts like Etta James, went well-beyond midnight with Willie Nelson singing church hymns at the Orpheum,

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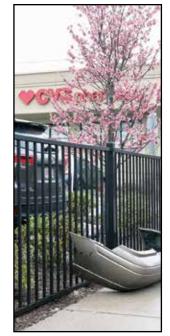
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as Guardian to serve on the bond. The petition asks the Court to determine chilled with jazz greats like Claude 'Fiddler' Williams and the organ specialist Jimmy Smith. I think I once even saw Dr. Dre and Eminem. But I also saw my share of hard rock shows-hair bands. Some I'm still proud of, like Guns n' Roses and Metallica in the same show, as well as Smashing Pumpkins and Ozzy Osbourne, who pretended to eat a fake rat on stage. Others like AC/DC, Cinderella, Poison and so on maybe I don't trumpet.

As I observed this new trend, with kids wearing Nirvana, AC/DC, Guns n' Roses, and Metallica concert shirts, I felt that the styles had rotated back my way. After quite a long wait, I was so out of style that I was back in style. I've been waiting a long time for this moment.

I quickly announced to the carload of teens that I had all these shirts, and that I should go up to the attic, get them back out, and start wearing them around the neighborhood. They were the originals, I said, not replicas.

Dread appeared on the faces of the kids. Some even held in laughs. What had gone wrong?



Here, at the "new" CVS on Washington Street, conditions are typically messy and unkempt. In this photo, the front bumper of a car sat on the walk outside the entrance for many days last week.

#### Seth Daniel photo

My own teens took it upon themselves to break it to me. No one wears the shirts, they said, because they are cool and that anyone that went to those concerts in person is cool. In fact, the shirts had become popular because most kids felt it was funny that such music ever existed let alone that anyone would pay to see such a thing live.

"It wouldn't be cool if you wore it, Dad," they said. "But we could wear

Apparently, the trend is more about irony than anything else, sort of like if I'd worn a Paul Anka T-Shirt to a Metallica smash-up back in the

So, rather than joining in coolness with the young, urban crowd, I've only risen to the ranks

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OF DORCHESTER, MA

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(Person to be Protected/Minor)

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by The Bostonian Nursing Care & Rehab of Dorchester, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that James Ellis is in need of a Conservator or other protective and requesting that Ann M. Ellis of Albamy, NY (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Conservator to serve With Corporate 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.

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The proposed project consists of 24 residential units and 18 at-grade garage spaces. This will also include 1,650 SF of ground-floor commercial space.

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Sale of abandoned property under MGL c.265, s.39A. Owner intent to sell at Public Auction at 8am on 04/25/22 at Peters Towing, 150 Freeport St, Boston, MA 02122. 2009 Toyota Corolla Red Vin#JTD-BL40E699052387 Owner Name: Erin Ann Dailey Owner Address: 372A Washington St. Apt A Franklin, Ma. 02038

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# Reporter's People

#### News about people in and around our Neighborhoods



#### **Next Wave** selection for Dot designer

Dorchester resident Dane Austin, principal of Dane Austin Design, has been named a House Beautiful Magazine Next Wave designer, Class of 2022.

Since 1998, House Beautiful has been showcasing rising talent in the design industry.

Each year, House Beautiful searches the country for the most promising young designers, spotlighting those they think will shape the future of design as the Next Wave.

Said Austin: "I am honored to be recognized by House Beautiful as a Next Wave designer. Congratulations to my fellow honorees. "Sharing our interior design work on a national level is always a joy and very exciting for our team."

## City, volunteers team up to buff up Willowwood Rock

By Samuele Petruccelli SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

A small patch of city-owned land got a much-needed scrubbing last Saturday as the Parks and Recreation Department hosted a cleanup of Willowwood Rock, an "urban wild" that sits in a heavily residential Dorchester neighborhood near the Mattapan line. A mix of city workers and volunteers removed littered objects ranging from soda cans to pieces of twisted metal to a handheld vacuum cleaner. One person found a wrench with a seedling growing from its head.

Nick Long, urban wilds foreman for the department, said the cleanup was a step toward restoring the land to its natural state. Individuals also removed some Rosa multiflora, an invasive plant species.

"We want these sites to be self-sustaining to the extent that they can be," Long said. "They would invite native animals, pollinators, birds, things like that, for shelter and forage.'

His team organized the event alongside the city's Environment Department, and they were joined by volunteers



Above: Willowwood Rock is one of 29 urban wilds managed by the city of Boston. Atright: Taylor Powers, holding a salamander found at 30 Willowwood St. He and his son volunteered to help cleanup the city-owned "urban wild" last Saturday morning. Samuele Petruccelli photos

from the newly established Youth Green Jobs

The property is tucked into a steep incline of mudstone outcropping near Woodrow Avenue. Taking up about half an acre, it's one of the smallest green spaces in the city's park portfolio.

The presence of mudstone hints that the site, like much of Boston, may have once been underwater. In restoring the land, Long said, the city must be mindful of its delicacy and adhere to the expression "Don't fight the site."

Lynette Griffeth has lived near the lot for 30

years. A member of the Woodrow Avenue Neighborhood Association, she brought face masks and shields for anyone who needed them on Saturday.

Before the cleanup, vegetation on the property was overgrown, Griffeth said, with people thinking it was a dog park. The neighborhood already has its fair share of residential development, she added, and she is not interested in having a contractor building on the site.

"Just to have a place to just walk and feel safe and just enjoy the greenery and the natural



beauty that's right here in our community," Griffeth said. "To be able to have a green space right in the heart of our community - it's a blessing."

Taylor Powers and Davo Jefferson run the Youth Green Jobs Corps, which will begin training Boston residents for opportunities within a climate-justice economy. They volunteered to help clean the lot and are preparing their program to accept its first cohort of up to 30 students next

Powers brought along his 10-year-old son, Thomas, to help with the cleanup. At one point, Thomas carried an object approximately his height downhill to be discarded. His favorite part of the morning was finding salamanders.

Erinn Rowell recently moved from Atlanta to Dorchester. A grandmother, she wants every child to have the opportunity to experience nature.

"I'm just sitting here thinking of the things I can do this summer with the kids," she said. "If you can find dead possums and salamanders, I am the coolest thing going."

There are 29 urban wilds managed by the city and about 12 future cleanup partnerships set between the Environment Department and Parks and Recreation Department, a city spokesperson said.

"It just shows how little effort you have to put in and make your space beautiful," Rowell said. "Somebody who drives by here every day, they're going to drive by here on Monday and say, 'Hey, somebody cleaned out the lot."

## Two from Dot welcomed into Park League's Hall of Fame

Dorchester's Charles "Curly" Peterson and Ed Neal were inducted into the Boston Park League's Hall of Fame at the league's Hall of Fame dinner held last Friday (April 8) at Moseley's on the Charles in Dedham. Curly and Ed had large numbers of people on hand to see them welcomed into the Hall in the Class of 2021.

The Boston Park League and the Yawkey Baseball League of Greater Boston are two of the premier amateur/semi-pro baseball leagues in Massachusetts.



From left: Doug George, Anthony DeBello, Tony DeBello, Charlie Maneikis, Kevin George, Bobby Diggins, Curley Peterson, Mike Manning, Charlie Conners, Susan and Mark Chase.

One of a family of ten was a standout pitcher the Conley Club of the who lived on Wrentham at Boston Latin, North-Boston Park League. He

and pitching coach at Boston Latin for many years. Notably for his fans, Curly started for Northeastern against Louis Tiant and the Red Sox in a 1977 game at Fenway Park, striking out George "Boomer" Scott and Rick Burleson before leaving the game to a standing ovation with his team holding a lead late in the game.

This year, Ed Neal is starting his 39th year of coaching the Boston Padres. His teams have won championships in the Yawkey Baseball League, the Boston Park League, and the Boston

Junior Park League. Ed is also a member of the Yawkey Baseball Hall of Fame.

Ed thanked his dad for teaching him the game of baseball and his mom, Mama Padre, for all her support throughout the years. Many of Ed's original Padres from 39 years ago were there to hail his induction, including Wayne Selden and Abdias Gonzalez.

Other 2021 inductees: Grady Campion, Chris Johnson, Brian O'Leary, and Johnny Phelan.

– KEVĬN GEORGE

#### YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Dorchester Woman's Club

The following is excerpted from a longer piece published by the Society:

The Dorchester Woman's Club was incorporated in 1896 with a mission to promote moral, social, and intellectual culture in the community. The founding group first met in 1892 at the home of Mrs. Clara May Ripley, after which membership continued to increase, and in 1896, Harriet E Bean, Ella C. R. Whiton, Ellen E. C. Blair, and their



associates submitted the articles of incorporation.

The Club soon gathered the money to build a clubhouse and in 1897, it purchased a lot on Centre Street and hired A. Warren Gould, a local architect, to design their new home. Shown in

this week's illustration, it was built the next year in the Colonial Revival-style with other influences: The cornice is reminiscent of the Gothic-revival style, but the corner quoins and cylindrical bay windows are more reminiscent of Colonial-revival designs.

The left side of the building was called Ripley Hall in honor of the founder, and the right hand side of the building, was named Whiton Hall, for Ella Whiton of Melville Avenue, wife of Royal Whiton, a retired railway official. Instruction in the early years included a choral class and a local history class that embraced the history of Dorchester from its settlement in 1630 through the Revolution. The group established and maintained sixteen programs per year intended to be stimulating to the thought, the sympathies, or the artistic sense of the attending members.

The club lasted into the 1960s. The 124-year-old building is now owned by New Life Restoration Temple, Inc.

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

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.

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#### **Editorial**

# The contraction of Catholic Dorchester

St. Brendan Church on Gallivan Boulevard will close its doors as a worship space next month, per order of its current pastor, Fr. Chris Palladino, who says that the building's worsening physical condition is a safety hazard. After consultation with parishioners, the pastor has also recommended that Cardinal O'Malley close the church permanently through a canon law process called "relegation"— a decision that is still pending as of this writing.

News of the imminent closure has upset some longtime parishioners who feel that the current fiscal crisis — and its related drop in attendance at Masses— is linked to the clergy sex abuse scandal that has enveloped the Boston church in recent decades. This week, the Boston Globe's Kevin Cullen gave voice to some who feel strongly that St. Brendan has been abandoned by church leaders, both literally and spiritually. They feel, Cullen suggests, that they are being penalized for the wrongdoing of long-dead clergymen who either abused kids or enabled the abusers.

Last week, we published a letter from Lauren O'Brien, a devout parishioner who appealed to O'Malley for a reprieve.

"We are disheartened, but we are not yet broken," she wrote. "We are a strong community with many contractors and tradespeople willing to help. Please give us a period of reprieve and let us raise funds to save Our Church....Keep a beacon of our faith on Gallivan Boulevard. Let us keep Catholicism alive in our Dorchester neighborhood."

There are those who might dismiss her appeal — and those expressed in Kevin Cullen's article— as sentimental parochialism. The Globe's comment section under Cullen's column reveals a clear undercurrent of anti-Catholic bigotry among some of the more virulent commenters.

But those who have a special attachment to St. Brendan— or any church, mosque, or synagogue—should not be held in such contempt. These buildings are sacred places to the generations of men, women, and children who have been raised in this part of the city. The loss of one's parish is a trauma for hundreds, perhaps thousands of people who are without fault in its demise. Those who delight in such an outcome for our neighbors might want to reflect on their lack of empathy and compassion.

St. Brendan's parishioners, sadly, may well find common ground with other Dorchester Catholics who have suffered through closures, mergers and, in some cases, the elimination of long-cherished worship spaces in the last 25 years. Even as we report on the crisis facing St. Brendan, our pages include other stories about what will likely be done with another recently shuttered church, St. Matthew's. Developers are currently planning housing for that Stanton Street location, which will likely require the demolition of the church, an outcome not without precedent in recent years.

St. Kevin Church in Uphams Corner was razed in 2014 to make room for apartments. St. Brendan church, if this relegation process moves ahead, will likely be dismantled as well to clear the way for redevelopment.

The contraction of Catholic Dorchester is not a sudden event, and it's not the result of one man's criminal deeds. It has been many years in the making, cemented by shifting demographics and a move away from religious piety among younger Americans.

But the fact that it has been telegraphed for years ahead of time certainly does not make it cause for celebration. For many in this part of the city, it's more a case of: "There but for the grace of God go we."

-Bill Forry

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Florian Hall was the site of a program held last Sunday (April 10) with some leading Boston journalists and photojournalist Bill Brett in a benefit for the a new Dorchester Fieldhouse planned by the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester and the Martin Richard Foundation. The 75,000-square-foot-facility in Dorchester's Columbia Point neighborhood will include turf fields, indoor courts, walking track, a theater performance space, teaching kitchen, community meeting space, and an outdoor café that will forever impact the Dorchester community.

Pictured with Brett are Lisa Hughes, WBZ-TV, and Latoyia Edwards (OFD), NBC 10 Roston

> Photo via Facebook courtesy Bill Brett

## Keep the School Committee appointed

By SAMUEL R. TYLER

I worked for the Boston Municipal Research Bureau for 46 years, until I left in 2019. From 1972 to 1981, I observed and wrote about the Boston Public Schools (BPS) with the worst and better of the five-member elected School Committee, and from 1982 to 1991 about the dysfunction of the 13-member elected School Committee, and since 1992 about the seven-member appointed School Committee.

From these years of experience, I am convinced that the appointed School Committee structure affords Boston the best chance to improve school performance in all areas —educational, financial, and managerial. No governance structure by itself will determine the success of the Boston School Department's ability to improve student achievement and address the racial opportunity gap, but I remain confident that the appointed School Committee has the best potential to achieve those goals if it functions as intended and if the mayor and School Committee properly understand and exercise their respective responsibilities and governing protocols.

In discussing governance structure, it is helpful to remember that the Boston School Committee is an educational policy body, not an appropriation authority or legislative body. The structure should ensure that members bring an appropriate mix of experiences and work as a cohesive policy body.

The issue of the future of school committee governance is not a civil or voting rights issue. This is an issue of which governance structure serves the best interests of the BPS students, not the best interest of adults. Unfortunately, in recent years, the effectiveness of the appointed School Committee has been mired by actions of the prior mayor that undermined the authority of the School Committee and personal actions made by a few members. Nevertheless, the appointed structure remains Boston's best chance for student success.

The primary benefit of the appointed committee is that it holds one person accountable for Boston school performance - the mayor. The fundamental flaw of the elected committee was that it did not ensure direct accountability. The mayor was required to raise the funds to support the BPS budget, but the School Committee controlled the actual spending. This division of duties contributed to a culture of mistrust and finger-pointing rather than the improved collaboration that exists today. Politically, the mayor did not need to become directly invested in school performance as the mayor must now. With the elected committee, the priority of most members was to serve their voting constituents, causing them to focus more on day-to-day operations rather than systemwide educational policy.

The old system provided no incentive for the School Committee to control spending or any penalty if it did not. The elected committee incurred annual operating deficits in 11 out of the 14 years prior to 1992, while the appointed committee has achieved operating surpluses every year since 1992. School overspending had been noted by the bond rating agencies as a concerning factor.

The appointed School Committee now brings together Bostonians from diverse backgrounds to work with the superintendent in developing school policy, which was not replicated with the elected Committees. Today, of the seven-member Boston School Committee, three members are Latinx, two are African American, one is Asian, and one is

Caucasian. The continued benefit of the appointed board will require highly qualified residents with appropriate experiences to be submitted to the mayor for appointment to the Committee.

A system that holds the mayor fully accountable for educational performance also ensures that more voters will be able to influence school improvement. Prior to 1992, school committee races lacked competition as well as votes. In 1989, incumbents in four out of nine district races ran unopposed. No district candidate in a competitive race received more than 16 percent of the vote that year.

The stability and steady progress in Boston schools under the appointed board for more than two decades gave national and local foundations and businesses confidence to financially support a variety of education initiatives. In 2006, the Boston Public School System was awarded the Broad Prize for being the nation's most improved urban school system. The School Department was a finalist for this award for the three previous years. The earlier years show that the appointed Board offers the best chance to improve school performance and student achievement.

A hybrid school committee structure of members partly elected by the voters and partly appointed by the mayor has been suggested as an alternative to the current appointed structure. Each time the hybrid structure had been raised in the past, it was dismissed as being divisive and incompatible with the need for real accountability and a clear line of authority and responsibility. Issues have been raised as to whether in this city, a natural competitiveness would develop between the appointed and elected members that would inhibit a hybrid committee's ability to function as a cohesive educational policy body.

The departure of Superintendent Brenda Cassellius at the end of the current school year now requires full focus on the search for a new, experienced superintendent. Moving forward to change the school committee structure during the search process would create uncertainty and would discourage top tier talent from applying. The most important legal responsibility of the School Committee is to manage the search process and appoint the superintendent.

Mayor Wu has appointed four members of the School Committee and will appoint two more members in December. The mayor should be given the opportunity to show a how a Committee she appoints can further support Boston students.

No board structure by itself is the solution to the challenges facing the Boston Public School System. However, the existing appointed board structure is the City's best chance to ensure that the mayor remains fully accountable for public education while adhering to appropriate governing protocols, that School Committee members have the mix of experiences and skills to be a cohesive educational body, and that the School Committee responsibly exercises its educational policy and fiduciary duties, all of which will better serve the interests of the BPS students.

The City Council should make no change to the school committee governance structure, but should hold the mayor and School Committee accountable for improved student achievement.

Samuel R. Tyler is the former president of the Boston Municipal Research Bureau.

# Nearly 10 years after the Boston Marathon bombing, a survivor and her congresswoman fight for healing

By Manya Chylinski and US Rep. Ayanna Pressley

On April 15, 2013, at 2 p.m., Manya Chylinski was thrilled to be sitting in the bleacher seats at the finish line of the 116th Boston Marathon, an event and tradition central to the culture and heart of the city of Boston. For the first 49 minutes, the experience was amazing and celebratory—cheering for the runners who worked so hard to cross that line. Manya and so many others were caught up in the joy of this beautiful day.

Then, in an instant, everything changed. An eruption of sound and panic crashed down around her when two bombs exploded on the north side of Boylston Street. One ear-splitting explosion. Then another. Chaos, fear, and confusion followed as Manya feared for her life, not knowing what would come next. In the following days, she was bombarded by graphic images of the deadly impact through gruesome news coverage.

Unlike many that day, Manya walked away without any physical injuries. She thought that meant that she was lucky to leave unscathed, that she was okay. But soon, she realized that she was not. In the days and weeks that followed, she experienced deep anxiety, fear, and emotional numbness. Daily tasks were interrupted by intrusive thoughts that the world around her was exploding. Many months later she was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

## Available mental health support failed to meet the moment

Despite solidarity expressed across the nation, a powerful community response for those impacted, and an outpouring of recovery resources for survivors' physical injuries, support for the many dealing with the mental health impacts was difficult to find. After struggling to find affordable and



Manya Chylinski

accessible mental health care, Manya got help through her private healthcare provider, the Massachusetts Office for Victim Assistance, and the Red Cross.

While these resources eventually helped her to heal, more could have been done in the immediate aftermath of the bombing to help survivors navigate and identify counseling and group support. In the years after the bombing, Manya has met many others who were at or near the finish line that day, returned home traumatized from the experience, but did not know how or where to get support.

If it weren't for her own tenacity in seeking support, she may not have become the bold, active advocate, and survivor she is today. That advocacy work led her to reach out to Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley's office in 2021.

In the summer of 2021, Manya shared her story with Pressley, who was a Boston City Councillor at the time of the bombing. Since arriving in Congress in 2019, Pressley has made addressing trauma a top priority, organizing the first ever Congressional hearing on childhood trauma and introducing legislation to support community-based, healing-centered resources.

Manya shared her story of feeling invisible and marginalized due to the lack of resources to address the mental health wounds experienced by so many.



US Rep. Ayanna Pressley

Her case is only one example of how the federal government did not provide survivors with the support they needed.

In the following months, Manya and Pressley worked hand-in-hand to draft H.R.5703, the Post-Disaster Mental Health Response Act, which would extend the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) existing Crisis Counseling Assistance and Training Program (CCP) to crises that receive Emergency Declarations, like the Boston marathon bombing.

CCP reimburses state and local governments for hiring counselors, organizing group counseling and intake appointments, and establishing mental health support hotlines, for instance, at no cost to the survivors. Currently, this grant program is only available following larger-scale major disasters.

Mental health wounds don't discriminate by the size of the tragedy, and feelings of distress are normal. According to recent Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration report, mental health and substance use issues during and after disasters constitute a major public health concern, and there is overwhelming evidence that the majority of injuries or trauma in most

disaster settings are psychological, as opposed to physical. The report also notes that many people who develop new mental disorders after disasters or other traumas do not receive treatment in time to reduce distress or prevent disorder, in part because they are not identified and assessed in a timely manner.

With more than 4,000 Congressional districts experiencing at least one Emergency Declaration over the last decade—from hurricanes and earthquakes to terrorist attacks and other mass acts of violence—passing this legislation is more important than ever.

Pressley has been working to build a coalition of support for passage of H.R. 5703 in Congress, and momentum for the bill is growing. In February, the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee held a markup of H.R. 5703, and just last month, the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee passed the Senate companion legislation out of committee unanimously.

As we mark One Boston Day and reflect nine years later on the Marathon bombing, we must continue centering the needs of survivors of *all* disasters and provide them the resources and counseling they need to recover from their trauma and begin to heal. We can start by enacting the Post-Disaster Mental Health Response Act, a simple fix that will help people in their hour of need and have a lasting impact on the health of our communities.

Manya Chylinski is a speaker, writer, advocate and board member of the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Massachusetts. US Representative Ayanna Pressley represents the Seventh Congressional District of Massachusetts.

#### Off the Bench

## An unlikely correspondence

By James W. Dolan Reporter Columnist Dear Lindsey:

What the hell happened? You used to be a sensible guy; you were my good friend and sidekick. We rarely disagreed on issues. I fondly remember all the good times we had together. But Donald Trump came on the scene. I died, and you changed. You needed a new sidekick, and despite his disparaging the five years I spent in a North Vietnamese POW camp after being shot down over Hanoi, you embraced him. What became of the values I thought we shared? Character, integrity, and honor were more than just words. They were what we strived for even in the give and take of politics.

Sure, being a senator is a great job; you get a lot attention, you're important, people listen to you, you have power, and the travel opportunities are informative and fun. We had many a good time on some of those junkets. It also provided the opportunity to make progress in pursuit of the elusive common good. As we discussed on many occasions, I was concerned that Trump's election would harm both the country and our party. That, unfortunately, turned out to be true.

What I and those of our former colleagues up here with me cannot understand is why you have become one of his most vigorous defenders. Is the job so important to you that you cannot risk defeat by offending Trump and his supporters? Is being a political celebrity now more important to you than respect for the rules and traditions of the Senate, bipartisan cooperation and duty to uphold the Constitution? Are you blind to the dangers posed to our nation by Donald Trump?

There was one flash of the old Lindsey, during the Jan. 6 riot, when you took to the Senate floor to denounce the insurrection and Trump's role in promoting it. You said that was too much and that you had had it. But within a week, you were back defending him. You may be able to rationalize that support by claiming it is better to be with him than against him, because that way you can offer advice and thereby discourage his worse impulses. That may satisfy your conscience, but it looks like a sellout.

Ambition can make us do dumb things. Take, for example, my naming Sarah Palin as my vice-presidential choice during my campaign against Barack Obama. I was losing and, against my better judgment, figured the only way I could win was by choosing a colorful personality. It was a mistake; she was not qualified for the job. Given that experience, I was disappointed in your recent vote against elevating the obviously qualified Judge Jackson to the Supreme Court. It may have endeared you to the MAGA wing of the party, but it certainly was not a profile in courage.

There is probably only one thing worse than losing the respect of others, and that is losing your self-respect. Old friend, I am afraid you have lost the respect of many who admired you before you became a Trump ally. I hope that in so doing, you have not sacrificed your self-respect on the altar of ambition. Even if successful, it is not worth the price. There is still time for you to be an important and influential voice in protecting our democracy. If I were there, you know that is what I would be doing.

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#### **Boston's Home Loan Gap**

## City gets billions in home loans; but white areas get 'much bigger piece of the pie'

Second in a series

#### By ZENINJOR ENWEMEKA, ADRIAN MA, AND SAURABH DATAR WBUR REPORTERS

Homeownership is the primary way most Americans build wealth. And for most people, buying a home doesn't happen without a mortgage loan. Altogether, home loans amount to billions of dollars flowing into Boston every year, but this infusion doesn't reach all parts of the city equally.

A WBUR analysis has found that lenders make a significant majority of home loans in predominantly white areas in Boston. In a city as segregated as Boston, looking at the geography of where mortgage lending is happening — or not — reveals which neighborhoods continue to lose out on investments that others are getting.

"Unfortunately, it follows a pattern that we have seen in the past where certain neighborhoods in Boston, in a sense, get a much bigger piece of the pie," said James Jennings, a professor emeritus at Tufts University and an expert on race, urban planning and economic development.

WBUR analyzed loan data for home purchases in Boston from 2015 through 2020. That's 37,465 loans, totaling \$24.1 billion. Here's a snapshot of what we found:

- About 63 percent of home loans went to majority-white census tracts in Boston, while about 11 percent went to majority-Black census tracts.
- South Boston received more home loans than all of the city's majority-Black census tracts combined.
- In most neighborhoods where people of color are the majority, white homebuyers still received the largest share of mortgage loans.
- Some lenders issued more than 20 times more loans for properties in white areas compared to Black areas.

Buying a home can create financial security, ensure housing stability, and leave wealth for future generations — which can have an impact on a family and on a community. And economic development experts say home lending can influence how neighborhoods are shaped and transformed.

Many factors contribute to differences in mortgage lending, including turnover in the housing market, construction of new housing, property values, and long-standing economic disparities. But the data reveal how access to homeownership is not equal throughout Boston.

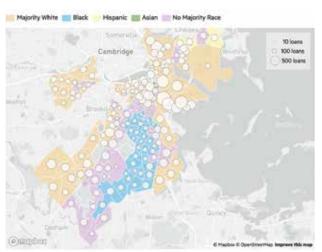
"These disparities in lending continue to drive racial disparities in wealth, and racial disparities in wealth drive disparities in so many other dimensions of life: health, education, employment opportunities, well-being, etc.," said Justin Steil, an associate professor of law and urban planning at MIT, who studies racial equity in housing.

The areas in Boston with a lot of mortgage lending have also experienced tremendous development, including high-end housing, in recent years.

WBUR's analysis found that significantly more new housing units were added in majority-white areas than other parts of the city. City data show that two-thirds of certificates of occupancy for new units were issued in majority-white areas, which account for less than half of the city. Fewer than 5 percent were issued in majority-Black areas, which constitute 17 percent of the city. About 25 percent of census tracts in Boston have no clear racial or ethnic majority.

Along Broadway, which cuts through the center of South Boston, there are juice bars, trendy restaurants, and niche retail shops to pamper pets, plants and people. There are also construction sites and shiny new buildings. In front of one building, a sign reads, "New luxury condos. Now accepting reservations," in art deco-style font. Down the street, two other luxury condo developments promise even more high-priced dwellings, retail space and other amenities

'There's a certain kind of almost boutique atmosphere to it," Jennings said during a walk through the neighborhood.



Source: HMDA data. Some census tracts have been excluded because the Census Bureau does not provide demographic data. Saurabh Datar/WBUR

Strikingly, South Boston, which is 77 percent white, received more home loans -4,689 — than all of the city's majority-Black census tracts combined.

Jennings would like to see the same kind of injection of money and new development that South Boston has received directed to other neighborhoods, where most people of color live. He said this would give those residents more opportunities to enjoy the benefits of homeownership.

"Owning a home — and having access to resources to own that home and also to fix it up — means that people have equity to start businesses. People have equity to pay for education costs of their children," he said. "People have equity to transfer wealth from one generation to the next generation."

Mortgage lending can also help bring other types of lending into a neighborhood, according to Brett Theodos, a senior fellow at the Urban Institute who studies how capital moves in cities across the country. "Home lending is associated with other lending to a very high degree," he said, such as for small businesses and commercial developments like grocery stores.

In Boston, homes are expensive and in short supply. The highly competitive market makes it even more challenging for historically disadvantaged groups to buy homes. For some Black residents, that has meant leaving the city to make their dream of owning a home come true.

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"I literally had no choice financially," said former Boston resident Sabrina Xavier, who ended up buying a single-family house in Brockton last summer. She said she's happy to have her own home, but there are downsides. It's less walkable, and there are fewer food options and other amenities than where she has lived in Brighton, Dorchester, and Roxbury. Xavier now has to commute over an hour by car and train to get to her public health job in Boston.

She purchased her home with help from the state's ONE Mortgage, which offers a low down payment and other benefits for low- and moderate-income homebuyers. But Xavier said the amount she was pre-approved for just wasn't enough to compete in Boston's housing market.

As the youngest of eight, Xavier always wanted to have her own property. That way she could build equity that might help her and future generations of her family. "It felt horrible that I grew up in the city that I couldn't even afford to live in."

"Hopefully things change in Boston where, you know, we're not being pushed out," Xavier said. "I feel like Black and brown folks are being pushed out of Boston because it's so expensive, and they're going to other suburbs where there's less resources because that's all they could afford."

In fact, according to the 2020 census, Boston's Black population has dropped compared to 2010. Hyde Park, Mattapan, Roxbury, and Dorchester — where 75 percent of Boston's Black population lives — each saw declines in the percent of Black residents.

The data WBUR analyzed showed that in most of these neighborhoods, white borrowers received the largest share of home loans. More than half of the loans approved in Dorchester went to white borrowers, even though white people made up about 22 percent of the population.

Amid these trends, some Black homebuyers are concerned about gentrification. There's Jha D. Amazi, who is determined to find a multifamily house in Dorchester, Roxbury, Mattapan or Hyde Park. "I'm from here, and I've always been committed to pouring back into the place that helped raise me," she said.

The 36-year-old and her wife spend their evenings on various real estate apps and have looked at dozens of houses. The process has been a mix of excitement and frustration that has constantly ended with her getting outbid. Amazi said she's considering leaving the state altogether if things don't pan out in Boston.

"We'll have to figure out how much longer we have in us before we throw in the towel," she said. "And



Kellie and Jha D. Amazi search online listings looking for a house in Boston.



Sabrina Xavier wanted to purchase a home in Boston, but she ended up buying this house in Brockton.

Robin Lubbock/WBUR photos

if we have to look outside of Boston, then that's a bridge we'll cross when we get there. But it is kind of Boston or bust."

Citywide, when looking at loans given to majority-white and majority-Black areas, white areas received nearly five times more loans than Black

A closer look at specific financial institutions shows some with an even wider disparity. For example, large national lenders like JP Morgan Chase and Wells Fargo, as well as regional banks like People's United and Webster Bank, made more than 20 times more loans in white-majority areas compared to Black-majority parts of Boston.

When asked for comment on WBUR's analysis, many lenders pointed out that they fund various programs to help first-time homebuyers, increase accessibility to mortgage loans, and create affordable housing.

"Massachusetts banks are working to ensure that all qualified homebuyers have access to fair and affordable mortgage products," Massachusetts Bankers Association CEO Kathleen Murphy said in a statement. "Our members continue to innovate, creating programs and partnering with non-profit organizations and local governments to make the homeownership dream a reality."

Connecticut-based People's United made 27 times more loans in majority-white areas than majority-Black areas – the largest disparity of any bank. The bank said it regularly conducts its own lending analysis and has found "no significant statistical difference" between its lending and its peers' lending to Black residents in Boston from 2018-2020.

"Our underwriting requirements are applied equally to all mortgage applicants regardless of race, ethnicity, location, or any other prohibited basis, and applicants must meet the bank's underwriting requirements which include factors such as income, credit scores, and debt-to-income ratios," People's United spokesman Steven Bodakowski said in a statement.

JP Morgan Chase made 25 times more loans in majority-white areas than majority-Black areas. The bank said that in 2020, it made a \$30 billion commitment to improving racial equity and is expanding its presence in the city, including a new branch now in Mattapan.

It did not open its first Boston location until late 2018, although federal data show that the bank made loans in the city before that time.

"We expect to serve more Bostonians with their home buying needs in the months and years ahead," a spokeswoman said in a statement.

Housing advocate Symone Crawford, the executive director of the Massachusetts Affordable Housing Alliance, said more financial institutions should offer products like the state's ONE Mortgage program, "so people of color can actually be able to purchase" homes.

Some lenders in WBUR's analysis, including People's United and Webster Bank, do offer that mortgage product, but many do not. Experts said that's at least one of many potential solutions lenders could put their resources toward.

"We have the capacity to help Black and brown people into the housing market," Crawford said. "And these lenders need to seriously put their money where their mouth is."

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#### **Commentary**

## Of yesterday and today and the BC High campus

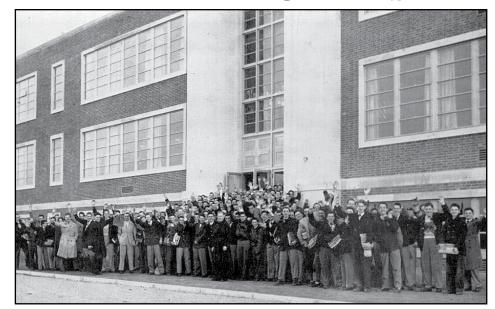
#### By Tom Mulvoy Associate Editor

When I first heard about the Cadigan family's munificent \$49 million gift to BC High for the construction and maintenance of an all-purpose wellness center on its Morrissey Blvd. campus, my memory flipped its pages back 66 years to September 1956, when I entered Cushing Hall as a first-day freshman and marched past a barking dean of discipline named "Big Ed" Sullivan, S.J., en route to the opening session of the school year where two more Jesuits, Rev. Ambrose Mahoney and Rev. Phillip Moriarty, welcomed back the sophomores, juniors, and seniors and invited the freshmen to a community where

scholarship came first, make no mistake.

The invitation came with a caution: "Look to your right and to your left," said Father Mahoney, the school principal, "One of you won't be here on graduation day." By June 1960, who was counting?

The contrast in appearance between the BC High campus of 1956 and the one shining brilliantly last week in the architect's drawing of a campus with the new Wellness Center in place sits as stark as the school's new homestead did during Dwight Eisenhower's two terms as president. The move from the South End, where BC High had been established in 1863, was ongoing: A number of the Jesuits still lived



In November 1950, some 600 juniors and seniors hailed the opening of McElroy Hall, the first building at the school's new home, 135 Morrissey Blvd. The second building, Cushing Hall, where freshmen and sophomores had their classes, opened in 1953. In 1957, with the completion of Loyola Hall, the school's Jesuits finally had a home on their campus. BC High file photo

there; they arrived in Dorchester in the morning, emerging one by one

from a station wagon of some sort. Three buildings-McElroy, Cushing, and Lovola Halls - dotted the Columbia Point landscape like trees in the Petrified Forest. Neighbors included the Channel 5 studios next

door, a housing project on the wane after only eight years in existence, an ancient pumping station, and a dumping ground at the end of what folks of the day called Mile Road. No UMass Boston, no JFK Museum, no Edward M. Kennedy US Senate Institute, no high-rise housing and garages; no Massachusetts Archives, no Commonwealth Museum, no

Bayside Expo. The freshmen class in the fall of 1956 comprised just under 400 students. In June 1960, the graduating class numbered 302. Dorchester was home to 48 graduates; the rest of the city of Boston congratulated the 70 students they sent to the school; and next door Milton graduated 23.

Almost all of the city students had been nurtured in parish parochial schools by nuns of various orders whose disciplinary ways were good preparation for Jesuit classrooms. The faculty was wall-to-wall Jesuit, with a few lay instructors. The freshman curriculum was straightforward-English, Latin, Math, History, Religion. There were adjunct "societies" like debating and drama, and there was a school paper and a team that produced the Renaissance yearbook. The uniforms of the day were black robes for most of the teachers and shirts and ties for the students. (one student I know knotted his tie on the first day of freshman year, put it in his locker every day after classes, and took it home, the first-day knot still intact, after his last class four years later). The yearly tuition was \$240. During the eight de-

cades between then and now, the Jesuit community as a whole, lay teachers and administrators, faithfully stalwart, generous alumni, and friends of the school have successfully steered the institution through the ups and downs and in-betweens of the secondary school experience as the 20th century turned into the 21st. Today's campus is wonderful testament to how all that energy worked in the spirit of the Jesuits' baseline religious sentiment - For the Greater Glory of God and for the students who have studied and played there.

You don't have to take that from me. Here is what BC High senior John Forry (of the Dorchester Reporter Forry family) said about his six years on the Boulevard last week as he introduced school President Grace Cotter Regan to make the announcement of the Cadigan grant:

"I've had the great privilege of experiencing all that BC High has to offer, and I couldn't have done it alone. I've had the best teachers a student could ask for, always making time to see me if I missed days or did not understand a topic. And, I've had the best friends a guy could have. Both my teachers and my friends pushed me to find my true self.

"I remember that when I first arrived here, I kept hearing the phrase 'brothers for life. While it took a bit for me to forge them, the bonds I've made with so many bright young men here, and the experiences I've had with them, will never leave who I am. During my time here, I've been a part of the track program, of affinity groups such as the Black Latino Student Union and Cabo Verde Student Association, and the Inaugural Cohort of the Michael D. White Center for Emerging Leaders run by the amazing Mrs. Manning.

"Most recently, through my inclusion in the Students Organized Against Racism program, I had the oncein-a- lifetime opportunityjust last week to travel between notable Civil Rights locations and memorials in the South. learning more about the movement and era than I ever would have had I not had the chance to go.

"Such an experience would not be possible if BC High did not strive to meet its students' and faculty's desires for deeper education and learning, offering opportunities I previously thought impossible. The relationships I've made with so many students here wouldn't have been possible without the inclusive and open environment that BC High promotes and prides itself on."

From this alumnus of 62 years to John Forry '22: Amen.

Tom Mulvoy is associat editor of the Reporter.

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From Eck MacNeely Architects, a rendering of what the new Wellness Center will look like on the BC High campus.

## Alumnus's family gives BC High \$49m for wellness facility

(Continued from page 1) Jesuits back, and to the nth degree, as they say.

Last week, BC High announced that the Patrick F. Cadigan Family Foundation has gifted the school \$49 million to build the Patrick F. Cadigan '52 Wellness Complex, a 50,000-squarefoot space that will feature a 6,200-square-foot state-of-the-art strength and conditioning area; a 3,700-square-foot cardio space; a 1,000- squarefoot athletic training center; and an eightlane, 25-meter pool with 1-meter and 3-meter diving boards.

flexible classroom space, complete with a wellness kitchen, to help students learn about and incorporate healthy, nutritious foods into their active lifestyles. Construction is anticipated to begin in January 2023.

This grant followed a precedent set for the Jesuits by Mr. Cadigan in 2012 when he gave \$12 million to the high school for a new center for arts and recreation and \$15 million to Boston College for the Cadigan Alumni Center.

Said BC High President Grace Cotter Regan in making the announce-

It will also include a ment this week along with Board of Trustees Chair Fr. Rev. Michael McFarland, SJ.: "This gift is not just an investment in a physical space here on campus, but an investment in the formation of generations of young men. We are profoundly grateful for Pat and his family's enduring commitment to supporting student health and wellness. The Wellness Complex will continue to deepen our approach to relational teaching and learning, enhancing both the philosophical and physical aspects of a Jesuit, Catholic education."

Added Rev. McFarland: "Pat Cadigan has left an indelible mark on BC High and our students. Ten years ago, he transformed our fine arts program with a gift that enabled BC High to envision and build Cadigan Hall, a space that gives our students the opportunity to express themselves and deepen their relationships and connections with each other and with God. This latest gift will further strengthen the school's Jesuit mission of forming the whole person, intellectually, socially, physically, and spiritually."

Mr. Cadigan's daughter, Maria, who was on hand this week to present the gift to BC High on behalf of the family, said that "Dad felt a strong personal responsibility to give back to the schools that contributed to the man he became and to the success he achieved. He always told me that his time at BC High truly formed him as a person. His Jesuit teachers, and the relationships and fellowship he had with his classmates, were powerful influences on him. They instilled in him the values and discipline needed to be successful

in every aspect of both his business and his life."

Of the new complex, she said: "This is to be an inspiration for those who come from modest means, that you can be anything."

BC High also received a substantial gift last month from an alumnus that will be used to enhance its campus on Morrissey Boulevard as developers are pushing big plans to rearrange things across the way and on the Columbia Point peninsula: John Murphy donated \$2.5 million last month for a new school stadium.

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## Report: Government choices are shifting college costs to students

By MATT MURPHY STATE HOUSE **News Service** 

The erosion of government support for higher education over the past 20 years has made obtaining a four-year degree increasingly inaccessible to low-income students in Massachusetts, particularly students of color, as tuition and fees increases have required greater borrowing, a new report shows.

The study, produced by the Hildreth Institute and published on have climbed 13 percent, Monday, found that the report found. while state funding for public higher education declined 20 percent per full-time student between 2001 and 2020, tuition and fees at fouryear institutions rose an average of 59 percent.

Financial aid has also failed to keep pace with rising costs being shifted onto families, falling 35 percent for full-time students from \$595 to \$386 during a time when median household earnings

"After two decades of disinvestment, we're too far down the road to expect a few reforms will re-chart a new course for our public institutions and students. Years of inaction will force the state to finally decide the role that the Commonwealth, which prides itself on being the birthplace of public education, should play in post-secondary public education," wrote Bahar Akman Imboden, managing director of the Hildreth Institute and the author of the report.

The state this year budgeted nearly \$1.2 billion for its higher education campuses, including \$577.5 million for the University of Massachusetts, out of a \$48 billion state budget. After passing a law before the pandemic

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reforming the way the state funds K-12 education, lawmakers are now grappling with how to make education more affordable at both the beginning and advanced stages of a student's educational career.

Senate President Karen Spilka and House Speaker Ron Mariano have both discussed finding ways to use federal dollars and other resources to lower the cost of early education and care while state Rep. Natalie Higgins and state Sen. Jamie Eldridge have filed legislation to make debt-free college a reality for tens of thousands of students.

Mariano and House Ways and Means Chairman Aaron Michlewitz are expected this week to announce new investments in the early education workforce that will

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be a part of the House's fiscal 2023 budget due out on Wednesday.

Imboden said state policymakers should seriously consider the framework put forward by Higgins and Eldridge in their bills (H 1339. S 829) to guarantee debtfree higher education for all students, and estimated that it could cost between \$771.7 million and \$1.015 billion, depending on who would qualify for enhanced aid.

Public universities now rely on tuition and fees for 40 percent of their revenue, according to the report, which is a far different paradigm from the 1980s when student charges delivered less than a quarter of an institution's revenue.

In the 1980s, financial aid through the MassGrant program - the state's main form of need-based financial assistance - covered 80 percent of a student's tuition and fees. It now covers 10 percent of a full-time student's expenses, researchers wrote.

"With this shift and the decline in financial aid to students, the financial burden on public higher education students and their families is at an all-time high," Imboden wrote.

The shift puts more hardship on students from low-to moderate-income backgrounds, requiring them to work more hours outside of school and take on more student loans, and putting them at greater risk of not finishing their degree.

Sixty-three percent of

students at public universities now take out loans to complete their degrees, compared to 53 percent of their peers at private colleges, the report found, and public university students now graduate with more debt (\$24,112) on average than their private school peers (\$23,940).

The pandemic has only made the situation more dire, according to the Hildreth Institute, which found that public higher education enrollment dropped 6.9 percent in 2020 and another 4.2 percent in 2021, with community colleges seeing the sharpest declines and Black and Latino first-year students dipping 33 percent between 2019 and 2020.

"Until we address the fact that chronic disinvestment has priced out those who stand to gain the most through higher education, we will continue to see negative enrollment trends that further disenfranchise communities most in need of investment," the report stated.

Communities of color have a higher rate of student loan debt in default than white communities - 12 percent to 5 percent.

The Hildreth Institute concludes that state government should expand eligibility of the MASSGrant program, as well as the types of educational expenses that students can put the money toward, and boost funding to cover the unmet need of students attending public institutions so that they can graduate with little to no student debt.

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Ward 15 Dems Monthly Meeting **Community Announcement** 

> Saturday, April 16, 2022 10:00-11:30 AM

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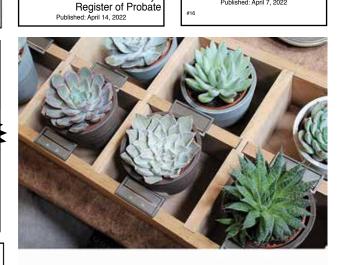
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## Questions abound over Mildred Ave. pool closure

(Continued from page 1) told the Reporter that those problems were "exacerbated by allegations of improper behavior at this site. BCYF has been informed by community members that swim lesson participants were charged for classes offered by BCYF for free. The city is currently investigating this issue and working to quickly resolve the issues for full access to our pools across the city."

Some residents have told the *Reporter* that they were charged \$70 for a seven-week swimming course that is supposed to be free of charge. In a statement last week, BCYF officials said that anyone who was charged a fee for swim lessons would be getting a refund.

 $News \, of the \, all egations \,$ did not sit well with two elected officials who represent Mattapan.

"The allegations that employees at the Mildred withheld publicly funded swim lessons and charged our community for this free service are troublesome," said state Rep. Brandy Fluker Oakley. "Because of these allegations, our community has been deprived of both access to a summer family activity, and to a potentially life-saving skill. This is heartbreaking and Boston needs to right this wrong quickly."



A view of the swimming pool at Mattapan's Mildred Avenue Community Center before it was abruptly BCYF photo closed to the public last week.

City Councillor Brian Worrell said he was concerned about equity in the decision-making to close the pool at Mildred Avenue, especially considering the increasing numbers of accidental drownings.

"Last year, we saw a record number of accidental drownings in Boston and its surrounding communities," he said. "We should be expanding free swimming lessons for kids, not closing down pools - especially in the heart of Black and Brown communities."

Each BCYF community center is operated by a resident council that is tasked with raising money to pay for programming within the center, including at the pool.

Sources have told the Reporter that the fees could have been collected to pay for equipment and supplies if fundraising wasn't adequate at the Mildred Avenue site. If that is the case, it wasn't clear by press time, and many leaders in the community wanted answers as to what exactly was going on at the Mildred Avenue Pool.

"My understanding is that this decision was based on pool usage numbers and did not focus on equity, which is not acceptable, particularly in 2022 in the city of Boston and as the Mattapan community recovers from the devastating effects of Covid," said Fluker-Oakley. "I hope that we can continue this staple program through efforts such as recruiting high school students and offering signing bonuses."

A city spokesperson last weekend noted that the pool was closed in part due to the lifeguard shortage, and that the situation was no different than labor shortages encountered in many industries right now. The spokesperson said the city will be conducting mass hiring events for lifeguards to help re-open pools and be prepared for the upcoming outdoor pool season.

Murphy said the studies shown to her indicated that ther Mildred Avenue pool had 50 or less users per day, while many other sites had more than 100. Meanwhile, she said, the lifeguard shortage is a real problem, hampered by hiring rules and fulltime guards who want to be transferred to other locations – particularly locations not attached to a school.

When pools are attached to a school, programming can only occur outside of school hours resulting in less desirable working hours for lifeguards. Murphy said that one of the main reasons for the Mildred

City Councillor Erin Avenue closure was that a lifeguard there had been granted a transfer to a pool with better working hours - leaving a shortage at Mildred Avenue.

Murphy said she found there were 25 permanent openings for lifeguard positions in the city and there will need to be more than 64 seasonal guards brought for the summer months.

She also noted that the Condon Pool in South Boston, which is also attached to a school, was closed in November, and still hasn't re-opened. She said she's worried that the closings might expand to other pool facilities.

"Definitely it's a staff-

ing shortage when half of 70 permanent positions are consistently open,' she said. "That would be hard for any organization...Ithinkit's going to continue to snowball. I think they're trying to be creative right now."

The closure and the investigation remain fluid this week, and a city spokesman said there were no new updates as of Tuesday.

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2) Input on the draft program design for \$21.6 million in American Rescue Plan HOME funds to help individuals and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. This Plan will also be submitted to HUD.

Due to the ongoing Coronavirus Pandemic, this will be a Virtual Hearing held on 4/27/22 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm.

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Tim Davis **Deputy Director (MOH)** 



## It's history vs. net-zero emissions for some on a gas lamp switch-out at Wellesley Park

(Continued from page 1) but they are a visible that have always maintained the gas lighting should be allowed to continue as an historical piece," he said. "Where that is the case, I think it should be allowed to remain so."

Other neighbors, like Paul Losordo and Dominique Chouteau, said they are concerned with the color and quality of the proposed replacement lighting. But they also want to hear more about how the historical nature of the neighborhood can be preserved while keeping in mind the city's environmental initiatives, including the elimination of leaky gas service lines.

"Replacing the illumination source with  $something\,more\,efficient$ is supportable as long as we are sensitive to its character," they said in an e-mail. "The gas the current lamps burn is not, in our opinion, a major source of emissions, signal to the community of the city's commitment to move off fossil fuels."

The Mayor's Office said the city's Municipal Energy team is finalizing contracts to have a citywide lighting audit conducted that will include recommendations on how to get the lighting sector to net-zero emissions. That could include electrifying streetlights in Wellesley Park, as well as a small patch of lights on Rundel Park off of Ashmont Street.

Mayor Wu has indicated there will be no need to choose between historical integrity and sustainability because the city has pledged not to change the character of any neighborhood with a retrofit.

The administration has pointed out that the 2,800 gas lamps in the city, which make up 4 percent of the city's overall streetlight inventory, account for 37 percent of

streetlight greenhouse gas emissions. There are also concerns about frequent, dangerous leaks in the gas lines that supply fuel to the lamps.

Additionally, the administration notes, it costs 90 percent more to power a gas light than an equivalent LED lamp.

The replacement effort has started already in Bay Village, where neighbors and the Boston Landmarks Commission (BLC) have begun looking at live mockups of potential LED replacements that are often associated with a "blue" type of light. That has been adjusted in the mock-ups with the use of a LED with a lower light temperature and a change in the lumen output on the lamp.

WithblueLEDlighting coming in at a temperature of above 3,500 Kelvin – sometimes as high as 5,000 Kelvin - the new streetlights will be using 3,000 Kelvin and 2,500 Kelvin to produce a warmer glow. Lumen adjustments can prevent the lights from being too

The mock-ups at Bay Village contain a type of "mantel" that mimics the way gas lights produce light. Those lights can use existing poles and fixtures.

One negative is that any conversion involves street excavations for gas lines to be removed and electric lines to be installed, an expensive, time-consuming, and disruption to neighborhoods like Wellesley Park.

Residents there point out that there is no electrical service on the street; electricity comes from behind the houses. That would mean digging up the street to exchange the power lines and retrofitting poles and fixtures.

A reconstruction of the street, sidewalks, curbs, and the center-island park was done 15 years ago and things are still

One of the grand houses at Wellesley Park with its gas lamp on the sidewalk in front. Massachusetts Film Office photo

in good condition. Neighbors said converting the 24 lights on their street means an awful lot of expense and effort for a small drop in the bucket.

"Replacing these lights is not going to affect the planet; no polar bear is

going to die because of our 24 gas lamps," said Accetta. "It's an all or nothing proposition it seems, and that's unfortunate because in all this discussion, there's not discussion.'

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#### Theresa "Terry" Dolan

Theresa "Terry" Dolan, of Dorchester, age 73, died unexpectedly on Saturday, April 2, 2022. She was the eldest daughter of the late Joseph and Virginia (O'Toole) Dolan. She was predeceased by her beloved siblings, William Dolan and Kathleen Dolan Newberry. Terry is survived by her siblings Martha Dolan Cosgrove and her husband Brian of Mashpee, Thomas Dolan and his wife Maura of Westborough, Joseph Dolan and his partner Erin of Canton and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. She was lovingly known by her family and relatives as "Susie.'



Terry's devotion to her family, her political and social causes, and her generosity and volunteerism were something to be admired. Her heart knew no limits and she could never say "no." No matter how big or small the request may have been, she was always there to lend a helping hand.

A graduate of Fontbonne Academy, Regis College, and with an MBA from Simmons College, Terry possessed a lifelong love of learning. She first started working as a Unit Coordinator at Mass General Hospital, then in 1983 began her career with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; first, at the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, and then for the next 23 years, under six Governors, as Director of Administration, Office of the Governor. It was a position she not only thrived in, but that she cherished. Post retirement, Terry worked part-time as the Assistant to the Dean at the Northeastern University School of Public Policy and Urban Affairs.

Never one to sit idly by, Terry could also be found devoting herself to her many causes, which included: Lower Mills Civic Association, Shattuck Partners Inc, Neponset River Watershed, Dorchester Historical Society, as well as her local and state political campaigns.

When Terry did slow down and relax, it was to spend time with her family doing jigsaw puzzles, playing Scrabble, discussing books, knitting, and relaxing at Humarock Beach. She was a loving, generous, loyal, and devoted daughter, sister, aunt, and friend. Terry has left an indelible mark on all who knew her. She inspired the people around her to always be the best versions of themselves. She will be missed every day; think

of her and smile. A Funeral Mass was celebrated in Saint Gregory Church, 2215 Dorchester Avenue, Dorchester, Tuesday, April 12th at 10:00AM.

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BAGLIO, Charles F. "Charlie" of Dorchester. Husband of Filomena (Buono) Baglio. Father of Madeline Block and her husband Stephen of Pembroke, and the late Frances Powell of Tyngsboro. Grandfather of 4. Great-grandfather of 1. Brother of the late Eugene Baglio, Phyllis Gulinello, Joseph Baglio, and Catina Calvino. US Army veteran serving in World War II. Please consider making a donation in memory of Charles to the Disabled American Veterans Charity.



BOYD, Regina De**nise**, 59, of Mattapan. Daughter of Sandra and James Boyd. Regina worked as a PCA. Regina is preceded in death by her baby brother William Boyd. Mother of Errol, Joshua, Sandra Sinclair and Darrel Strother, Jr. Grandmother of 8. Sister of Dawn, Darelle, Angelina, Crystal and James. She is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and special friends whom she loved dearly.



BURKE, Richard K. "Dick," 87, of Plymouth, formerly of Braintree, originally from Dorchester. Son of Elizabeth

(Mahoney) and Mark F. Burke. Husband to Gail A. (Morrissey. Dick was the brother of the late Edward Burke of Weymouth. He is survived by his brothers, Walter and his wife Joan, and Paul and his wife Marlene. Father to Kathleen Carey of Pembroke, Kevin and Alejandra Burke of Fort Lauderdale, FL, David and Meg Burke of Edgartown, Joanne and James Hajjar of Hanover, and Richard and Stacy Burke of Rochester, MN. Grandfather of 10. Donations made in his name may be made to St. Jude Hospital (stjude.org/donate) or a charity of your choice.



CORBIN, Augustus "Gus," 83. Born in Guyana, he was the eldest of 3 children to Nathaniel and Agnes Corbin. He worked at the Argosy Newspaper Company and West Indian Shipping, he served as a photographer in the Guyana Defense Force (GDF). After immigrating to Boston with his family in 1985, he became involved in the Caribbean community as a Freelance Photojournalist, covering many events. He wrote articles for the Dorchester Community News, where he was a volunteer journalist, the Jamaica Gleaner, and Guyana Enter-Magazine tainment (GEM). He was one of the founding members of the Guyana Friends of Massachusetts. He was a Vestry Member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. He is survived

#### Robert J. MacLean, B.P.D.

Robert J. MacLean, B.P.D. C-6, of Dorchester passed away unexpectedly on April 6, 2022.



Beloved husband of Courtney M. Whelan. Devoted father of Nolan Thomas MacLean. Loving and devoted son of Harold M. and Mary Ellen (Pimental) MacLean of Dorchester. Cherished brother of Scott, Sean, and Brian MacLean. Adoring uncle of Conner, Madison, Tyler, and Caitlin. Caring godfather of Ty-

ler MacLean, Payton Clougher, and Sadie Walsh. Dear son-in-law of Patrick J. Whelan. Faithful butler to Gunner 2.0, and formerly LP Monster, Gunner Bubba Cletus, Prince Man, and Bo. Rob will be truly missed by a large extended family

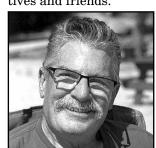
and many close friends.

Visiting hours were held in St. Ann's Church, Neponset, Wednesday, April 13 from 4-7 pm followed by a Funeral Blessing in the Church on Thursday morning at 10:30 am. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited. Flowers must be omitted due to Holy Thursday. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Angell Memorial Hospital, Boston Police Relief Fund, 100 Club of Massachusetts or The Rob MacLean Memorial Fund c/o Rockland Bank, 405 Washington St., Braintree, MA 02184, in memory of Rob. Interment in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

by his wife Bridget, and five children. Simeon. Kenneth, Coretta, Sean, and Michelle; his seven grandchildren; son-inlaw, Claude Rival and daughter-in-law, tricia. The family asks that donations be made in memory of Augustus to the Pine Street Inn at pinestreetinn.org/ or St. Marks Episcopal Church at diomass.org/parish/ dorchester/st-markschurch.



FRANCISCO, Gregory, 75, of Dorchester, originally from Chattanooga, Tennessee. Son to the late Owen and Leona Jones. He was Assistant Minister of Music at Holy Tabernacle Church, under the leadership of the late Bishop Dr. Joe L. Smith and until his transition, Bishop Dr. Arthur F. Jack. He also served as Minister of Music from 1995-2006 at New Hope Baptist Church, under the leadership of the late Pastor Willie Du-Bose, Jr. He is survived by his daughter, Arneechia "Nesii," her mother, Veronica, his six grandchildren; four extended family members: Jamesena "Olivia," Cynthia (James), Robert "Cecil" and Noella. He also leaves a host of nieces and nephews other relatives and friends.



LAVIE, Bruce of Braintree, formerly Dorchester. Father of Nicholas LaVie and his wife Beth, and Samantha Kane and her husband Mike. Former spouse of Virginia (Willis) LaVie. Grandfather of 2. Brother of Renee Whitehouse, Lisa Donovan, Theresa Ruka, Michelle Mank, and Harold LaVie Jr. Bruce will be dearly missed by his lifelong best friends Gary Drinkwater and Robert Johnston, as well as many nieces, nephews, and friends

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## God bless you, Kay White Savin Hill's 'First Lady' has been laid to rest

#### By Kevin Devlin SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

On Tues., April 5, at the New Calvary Cemetery in Roslindale, hundreds of people said farewell to Catherine "Kay" (Glavin) White as her body was laid to rest. Family and friends alike were sad, but it wasn't just a time for sadness; it was a time to rejoice, a day of remembrance for a great lady who lived a long and wholesome life. She was two months shy of her 99th birthday when she died.



Catherine "Kay" White A well lived long life

Kay, also known as "Nana White," was the matriarch of her family and, in my estimation, the First Lady of Savin Hill. One of ten children in the Glavin household, she was married to the late Robert White for more than 40 years. Kay had seven children: Cathy, Barbara, Margie, Bobby, Walter (Wally), Edward (Eddie), and Father Joseph (Joe) White. She also had 20 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchil-

dren, and anticipated great-great grandchildren. Yes, we are sad," said her son, Father White, on the church altar. "But we are here to celebrate the

life of Kay White. She lived a very good and long life...and we are here to rejoice because this is not the end...only the beginning of eternal life."

Kay worked as a cook and unofficial secretary at Saint William's Church in Dorchester for many years, hence one reason for 20 priests being present at her funeral Mass. When the church closed in 2005, Kay was heartbroken, so she decided to expand her crocheting activities (which was previously focused on creating Saint Patrick's Day Irish-knit berets for family and friends) to include making American flag blankets for those who served in the armed forces. These flags are now scattered throughout the world with those who were fortunate to have known and

loved one of God's best.

Kay's home in Savin Hill was the center of ceaseless activity for many years, as family members, friends, and priests, visited her often and then stayed longer than anticipated. Her door was always open; she said the Rosary at least once every day; she handed out wise advice; and she was stern, when necessary, with family members. If she said yes or no to a question, she never wavered in her decision.

Kay was a devout Catholic who embraced God every minute of her life. She taught all in her family to love one another, to love God, to love and respect one's neighbors, and to defend this great country.

"She was a model of magnanimity," Father Joe added. "And she passed her faith on from one generation to the next. She nourished us in so many ways leaving us with shared experiences, faith, and hope."

Her son Wally, who spoke at the Mass, said his mom would be pleased to see so many people in

"My mom always told us to be kind," he said at the church podium. "She told us to be compassionate, live our faith, and stay out of trouble. She was an amazing woman who showed us the way. Although we are saddened...we are here to celebrate her life of faith."

Life has changed for Kay White, yet it has not ended as she begins her righteous path to immortality next to the throne of God, whom she loved so deeply. On the days when she was waked and then laid to rest, the sun shone brightly. The weather was perfect. God was preparing, welcoming Kay up to heaven. The day after the services, it rained. I walked outside of my house and thought that God was crying, but when I heard birds chirping in nearby trees, I realized the rain was our tears and the birds singing was affirmation that God had indeed welcomed Kay into his kingdom.

Kay was one of a kind, without doubt a "model of magnanimity" who will be sorely missed by many for many years.

And until we meet again, I will steal Kay's two favorite words, the ones she used regularly when saying goodbye to company, by declaring, "God bless" to everyone, especially to you, Kay White.

Kevin Devlin is a writer and a Dorchester native who has been a lifelong friend to the White Family.



Leonard Alkins (right) sits with his wife, Carole Alkins, in an undated photograph. Photo courtesy of Michael Curry

## **NAACP** leader Leonard Alkins remembered for energy, hard work

Leonard Alkins, a long-time face of the NAACP Boston Branch with a four-decade career working in the Legislature, died of cancer Sunday, according to former Boston NAACP President Michael Curry,

"He understood that leadership isn't always just about conflict, it's also about relationships. And he masterfully used both tools well," Curry said. "One particular thing marked his leadership. He let you fall down. He let you make mistakes. But he always picked you up. He had this leadership style that said, 'Hey, I want you to learn how to do this stuff. I want you to figure it out as you go, and I always got your back."

Mr. Alkins began working for the state Senate in 1962, according to a biography written when he was honored with the Boston Branch's Distinguished Service Award

The Brockton resident went on to serve as an aide to the Senate majority leader (1965-1970), legislative assistant and administrative assistant to Senate President Kevin Harrington (1971-1978), and clerk of the Committees on Rules of the two branches until

He was elected president of the NAACP Boston Branch in 1995.

An obituary for Mr. Alkins featuring a poem by Johnny Ray Ryder Jr. has been posted to the website for the Floyd A. Williams Funeral Home in Dorchester (floydawilliamsfunearlhome.com). CHRIS VAN BUSKIRK

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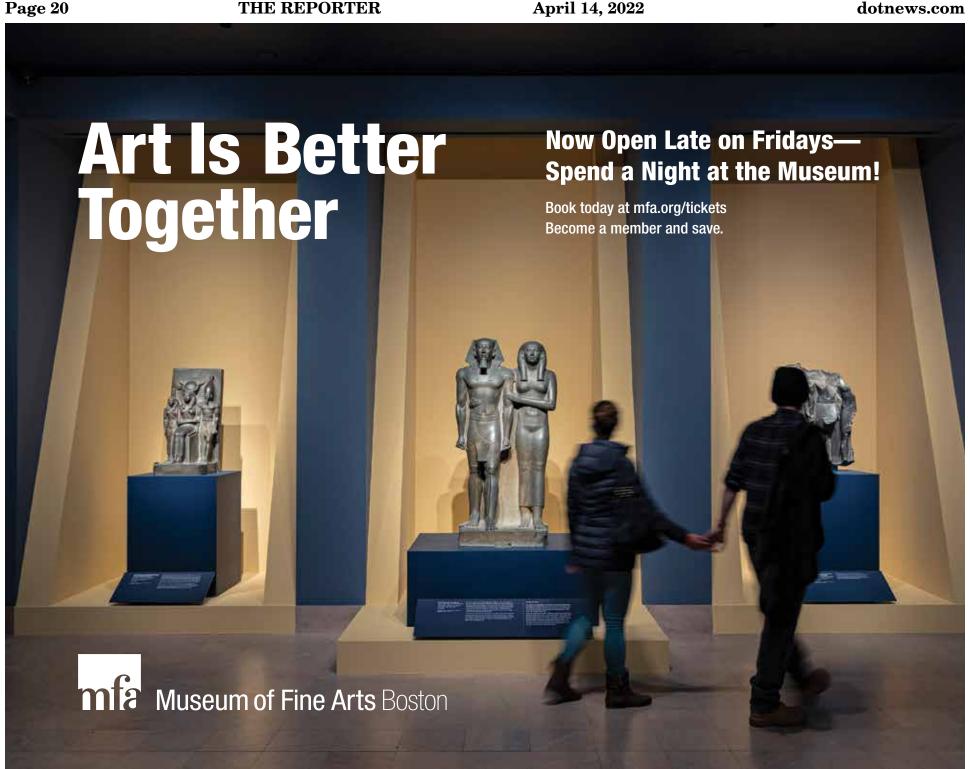
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