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Medical workers at Carney Hospital gathered to watch a parade of vehicles that drove by the hospital to salute them last Thursday. The effort, organized by City Councillor Frank Baker's office, drew about 75 vehicles and also raised funds to pay for food deliveries to hospital workers through a fund at Pat's Pizza of Lower Mills. *Katie Trojano photo*

Six weeks into Covid-only care, Carney healers see 'ray of hope'

Sounds of music hail recoveries; numbers speak to stark reality

By BILL FORRY
EDITOR

It happens several times each day: The sound system inside Carney Hospital crackles to life with a classic RnB song. First comes the hum of Stevie Wonder's harmonica. Then, the tender vocals of Dionne Warwick: "And I, never thought I'd feel this way..."

The song is "That's What Friends Are For"

and when it fills the corridors, it means one of two things has just happened: Either a patient has just been extubated and can breathe again without a ventilator or someone who was suffering from COVID-19 has just been discharged from the hospital.

"I love to hear that music," says Tom Sands, the president of Carney.

The Dionne and Stevie duet has played in

steady rotation since mid-March when Carney became the first hospital in the country designated as a COVID-19 dedicated-care facility. Since then, the hospital has tested hundreds of people and treated scores of positive patients.

On Monday, there were 70 patients hospitalized with COVID-19 at Carney, according to data released by the state's Department of



Tom Sands
Neighborhood support
"uplifts the team."

Public Health. And the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) was filled to capacity, according to Sands.

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Baker calls off school for year; says state can 'deal' with surge Walsh: Stay vigilant

By REPORTER STAFF
AND STATE HOUSE NEWS SERVICE STAFF

Amid budding optimism that the worst of the coronavirus surge may have crested, state and city leaders urged residents to remain vigilant this week and to brace for an extended period of restrictions on daily routines. On Tuesday, Gov. Baker amplified that message by ordering schools in the Commonwealth to remain closed for the rest of the 2019-2020 academic year.

Confirmed COVID-19 cases in Massachusetts since the start of the outbreak increased by 1,566 to 39,643, marking the fourth day in a row with fewer new cases than the previous day, while newly reported deaths grew by 103 to a total toll of 1,809, according to the Department of Public Health's update on Monday.

"The data shows we are still very much in the grips of a pandemic here in Massachusetts," Gov. Baker said on Tuesday. "The facts on the ground tell us we need to stay strong, stay socially distant and stay home."

Baker extended his order to keep all public and private schools in Massachusetts closed through the end of the current academic year. "At this point in time there is no authoritative guidance or advisories with respect to how to operate schools safely and

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It's time to mandate masks, face covering in public spaces

By BILL WALCZAK
REPORTER CONTRIBUTOR

A clear picture is emerging on what it will take to allow our state and country to emerge from the shutdown of our economy and the self-quarantining of the vast majority of residents in states like Massachusetts.

Some of it requires the work of scientists and researchers to determine if exposure to COVID-19 creates antibodies that give long-lasting immunity to the disease, to develop drugs that will make the disease less virulent, and to come up with a vaccine.

An extension of that work will require access to regular testing with immediate results so that it will be known who is carrying the dis-

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ease and who is not, and quarantining for 14 days those who are infected.

The other requirements for an emergence from our cocoons are up to us. We need to develop different habits, probably permanently, (Continued on page 9)



Batter up, Bekah
Years of public service at a variety of nonprofits in Boston have prepared Bekah Salwasser, a Dorchester resident, to lead the Red Sox Foundation. Page 10.

New law will pause evictions, foreclosures – for time being

By KATIE TROJANO
REPORTER STAFF

Governor Charlie Baker on Monday signed a bill into law that will temporarily halt evictions and some foreclosure proceedings in the state during the coronavirus pandemic.

The legislation, H.4615, prohibits all non-essential residential and small business evictions and foreclosures, provides mortgage borrowers with forbearance options, and protects tenants from late fees.

The moratorium will remain in effect for 120

days, or for 45 days after the COVID-19 state of emergency is lifted.

Betty Lewis, a Mattapan resident and tenant association leader who is active with City Life/Vida Urbana, said she was issued an eviction notice just days ago. She (Continued on page 13)



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A large tent was erected last week in the parking lot of Codman Square Health Center to house COVID-19 testing.

Codman increases testing capacity with city Resiliency grant

By BILL FORRY
EDITOR

Codman Square Health Center on Washington Street in Dorchester has expanded its coronavirus testing capacity thanks to funding and logistical support from the city of Boston.

Sandra Cotterell, the CEO of the health center, said that support from the Boston Resiliency Fund has gone directly to pay for supplies and materials, including a large new tent that was set up in the parking lot of the health center last Thursday. Tests are conducted inside the tent, Cotterell said.

“We are asking people to call us before they come in to schedule an appointment for testing,” she said. “And we can also help with the pre-registration process.”

Testing will only be offered to people who are feeling ill with symptoms consistent with the virus, she said.

“This will allow us to test not only our patients, but our larger community,” said Cotterell.

Before the new funding, Codman had already tested about 260 patients since March 16, she said. Of that number, 48 percent tested positive. Test results are typically back within 2-3 days.

Last weekend, the center tested an additional 125 tests, a marked increase.

“This improves access, because there are a lot of people who aren’t feeling well and don’t know where to go,” said Cotterell. “Local health centers in the community have become a resource for people to get answers to those questions. And, of course, anyone who tests positive, that will be reported to DPH and added to the database.”

Call 617-822-8271 or go to codman.org to schedule a test.

‘Good Neighbors’ home-share platform connects seniors with volunteer helpers

By KATIE TROJANO
REPORTER STAFF

A free online platform dubbed “Good Neighbors” is helping Boston seniors and at-risk residents connect with volunteers to help with basic needs, including door-step deliveries, prepared meals and wellness checks.

Mayor Walsh’s office teamed up with Nesterly, a home-share platform, to create the service.

“This new volunteer platform will help organize and activate volunteers looking to help

seniors who need things like groceries, medication, or just a good old-fashioned phone call check-in,” said Mayor Walsh.

The Department of Neighborhood Development (DND), the Mayor’s office of New Urban Mechanics, and the Age Strong Commission, which focuses on connecting seniors to resources and opportunities, collaborated on the platform and will oversee its service.

Anyone identifying as at-risk during the COVID-19 pandemic is

eligible to receive ‘Good Neighbors’ deliveries and check-ins. After a request is submitted, the team will match each individual with a volunteer in their community. The volunteers will follow up with the recipient via email or phone to set up deliveries and check-ins.

An older Bostonian, or someone on their behalf, can submit a request over the phone or online at nesterlygoodneighbors.com. Volunteers must complete a background check, and will receive personal protective equipment (PPE)

guidelines and safety protocols.

“At a time like this, we are especially grateful for the responsive and innovative team at the City of Boston, in particular the DND, Age Strong, and MONUM, who partnered with us to build Good Neighbors, a timely and much-needed platform,” said Noelle Marcus, Founder and CEO of Nesterly. “We are proud to continue to connect generations and shine light on the incredible generosity and resiliency of our communities.”

Online tool maps local testing sites

The Boston Public Health Commission on Monday rolled out a new map showing various locations around the city that offer COVID-19 testing.

“Every community deserves full access to COVID-19 testing. We will continue to work to expand access to testing for all residents across Boston, particularly our hardest hit communities,” Mayor Martin Walsh said. “Access to neighborhood-based testing will help us quickly identify cases, and get people the care and support needed to recover and prevent the further spread of COVID-19.”

The mayor’s office said Hyde Park had 413 reported cases of COVID-19, Mattapan had 298, Dorchester had 1,274, East Boston had 410, Roxbury had 335, Roslindale had



A map shows locations of testing facilities in Boston.

302, and the South End had 372, citing BPHC data. Through the map, residents can find testing hours and the number to call for pre-screening and to set up an appointment,

the mayor’s office said.

Locally, the sites include Mattapan Community Health Center, Carney Hospital, Codman Square Health Center, DotHouse Health,

Upham’s Corner Health Center and Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center.

— COLIN A. YOUNG
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Girl shot to death on Topliff St.; teen held

A 17-year-old teenage girl was shot and killed on Topliff Street near Speedwell Street in Dorchester last Wednesday afternoon (April 15) in a brazen, broad daylight attack. The victim— who has since been named as Alissa King— was pronounced dead at the scene.

Late Wednesday night, police announced the arrest of Anthony Kelley, 18, of Dorchester,

for the murder.

On Thursday, Judge Jonathan Tynes ordered that Kelley will be held without bail at an arraignment in the Dorchester Division of Boston Municipal Court.

“Because of the officers’ quick response, we do have a person of interest at this time, as well we do have a firearm recovered at this scene,” said BPD Commissioner William

Gross, who asked anyone with information to call 1-800-494-TIPS.

“It’s quite unfortunate,” said Gross. “This incident happened in broad daylight. This is not indicative of this neighborhood. We need to stick together and no acts of violence should be tolerated.”

Mayor Walsh also spoke to reporters at the scene: “It’s a tragedy in the city of Boston.”



Commissioner Gross

District Attorney Rachael Rollins said that the investigation is ongoing.

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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Where to go for food resources in Dot, Mattapan

In response to spikes in food insecurity coinciding with the COVID-19 crisis, the city of Boston has created a map of food resources compiled from information on free breakfast and lunch sites for Boston students, meal sites for adults, and locations of food pantries and soup kitchens across the city.

Following is a list of designated food resource locations in Dorchester and Mattapan:

Dorchester Youth Meal Sites: McCormack Middle School, 315 Mt. Vernon St.; Lilla G. Frederick Pilot Middle School, 270 Columbia Rd.; BCYF Holland, 85 Olney St.; BCYF Marshall, 35 Westville St.; VietAID, 42 Charles St.; Community Academy of Science and Health, 11 Charles St.; Faith Christian Church, 301 Harvard St.; Joseph Lee K-8 School, 155 Talbot Ave.; Dorchester YMCA, 776 Washington St.;

Dorchester Food Pantries: USCCB/Blessed Mother Teresa Parish, 800 Columbia Rd.; Salvation Army/Kroc

Center Emergency Food Pantry, 650 Dudley St.; St. Mary’s Food Pantry, 14 Cushing Ave.; Pilgrim Church Community Lunch, 540 Columbia Rd.; Holy Tabernacle Church, 70 Washington St.; CCAB/Yawkey Center, 185 Columbia Rd.; Dot House, 1353 Dorchester Ave.; Greater Anointing Church Pantry, 20 Charlotte St.; Bethel Tabernacle Pentecostal Church, 12 Bicknell St.; Codman Square Health Center, 378-A Washington St.; Eglise Baptiste Haitienne, 1 Dix St.; BCYF Leahy Holloran* (Adult Meal Site), 1 Worrell St.; CSNDC/Franklin Hill Food Pantry, 1 Shandon Rd.; Faith Pentecostal Church, 301 Harvard St.; Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center, 895 Blue Hill Ave.; USCC/ St. Matthew’s Church Food Pantry, 33 Stanton St.; HHS/Neponset Health Center Food Pantry, 398 Neponset Ave.

Mattapan Youth Meal Sites: BCYF Gallivan, 61 Woodruff Way; Mildred Ave. Community Center, 5 Mildred Ave.

Mattapan Food Pantries: BCYF Mattahunt* (Adult Meal Site), 100 Hebron St.; Glad Tidings Food Pantry, 573 Norfolk St.; BMC/Healthy Baby, Healthy Child, 213 River

St.; Greater Boston Nazarene Compassion Center, 130 River St.

For more information regarding hours of operation, visit boston.gov.

Street cleaning to begin on schedule— Mayor Walsh said this week that the city’s daytime street cleaning program began as planned on **April 1**. Check the posted street sweeping signs on your street for the schedule and parking restrictions. However, Mayor Walsh has said there will be no ticketing or towing for street cleaning until the COVID-19 emergency ends. Trash and recycling pickups are also on a normal schedule.

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SJC cuts in half the number of signatures candidates need for a spot on primary ballot

**By KATIE TROJANO
REPORTER STAFF**

The Supreme Judicial Court last week halved the number of voter signatures candidates need to qualify for a place on the ballot in the Sept. 1 primary election. The high court's decision also gave those running for district or county offices an extra eight days – from April 28 to May 5 – to gather and file their names.

The decision, handed down by Chief Justice Ralph Gants last Friday, was hailed by those who said that the constraints of physical distancing measures during the coronavirus crisis put an unfair burden on their efforts to get the signatures.

The court's move evoked reaction from four likely candidates for the 12th Suffolk District seat being vacated by state Rep. Dan Cullinane. In order to qualify for a spot on the primary ballot, a candidate now has until May 5 to get the 75 (down from 150) certified signatures he or she needs.

Stephanie Everett, Cameron Charbonnier, Brandy Fluker-Oakley, and Jovan Lacet have all indicated that they

will seek to run as Democrats.

Lacet, who has run unsuccessfully for the seat in the last two cycles, called the SJC decision unfair. He told the *Reporter* on Monday that he already collected well in excess of 150 signatures in February and March, before coronavirus restrictions began.

"I want to thank the 500 plus people who signed my nomination papers. I've been a certified candidate on the ballot since March 11," Lacet said in a phone call.

He said the ruling is "not fair to the process. It creates the position where people don't have to earn it. I can understand it for folks who need 1,000 or 2,000 signatures, but for 150? C'mon."

He added: "If you truly represent the people this is the kind of work that should have been done in advance. Most people got their signatures in by the first week of March."

Everett, a Mattapan-based attorney who made her plans to run for the 12th Suffolk seat official last week, called the SJC decision "essential" to safely collecting signatures.

"I am pleased with the

ruling," Everett said. "The extra time is really essential to our strategy for safely collecting signatures-- dropping off and mailing out nomination sheets so people can fill them out safely at home and send them back. We are exploring the use of electronic signatures as well."

Charbonnier, a Dorchester resident and a longtime aide to Mayor Walsh, said on Monday that he submitted his first round of signatures a few days before the ruling last week.

"The city does not formally certify what I've submitted until later this week, so I am still gathering signatures in adherence to all the physical distancing guidelines and will do so until the city and the Secretary of State's office certifies my position on the ballot," he said.

"Still, I support the goal of this ruling. I know firsthand the difficulty of safely gathering signatures in this climate and anything that prevents these circumstances from diminishing equitable access to our democracy is a good thing."

Fluker-Oakley, a Mattapan attorney, said the

ruling is important.

"During these unprecedented times, ballot access and voter participation are more critical than ever. The SJC's ruling was important in ensuring that our political process can continue to work in a way that protects the health and safety of our residents."

In order to meet their reduced requirements, the court said, candidates can scan and post their nomination papers online for voters to print or download the image and either apply an electronic signature with a computer mouse or stylus, or sign the printed version, and return the form electronically or by mail.

Gants's ruling was issued one day after the court heard oral arguments in a lawsuit brought by three candidates running for office. The state Senate passed a bill last Thursday to reduce the requirement by 50 percent for all can-

didates needing 1,000 or more signatures. But the bill was not taken up in the House of Representatives before the court made its decision.

Gants noted the inaction by the full Legislature. "Here, where the filing deadline for nomination papers fast approaches, and the Legislature has yet to take decisive action, we have little choice but to provide equitable relief," he wrote.

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Dorchester’s Christian Merfeld captured this image of the “wicked” high tide on April 8 along the HarborWalk near Tenean Beach. The tide reached 12 ft. above normal level that evening in a cycle that continued through Saturday.

Volunteer cleanups at parks held off; sports organizers plan for green light

By KATIE TROJANO
REPORTER STAFF

The rites of spring in the city — from the marathon to Little League baseball — remain on pause this week with stay-at-home advisories in place through at least next month. Still, with Bostonians making heavy use of public spaces for outdoor quarantine breaks, staff from the Parks and Recreation Department are keeping busy cleaning up and maintaining parks across the city.

This year, though, city employees won’t be able to count on help from the thousands of volunteers who typically lend a hand in April for Boston Shines, an effort co-ordinated through the mayor’s office.

“Unfortunately, we won’t be doing [that] for now,” said Steve

Bickerton, an assistant director in the Parks Department. “We aren’t confident that it’s feasible to do those group cleanups in a safe way, so we’re postponing until we can. In addition to the group nature of the work itself, there’s also a lot of sharing tools, etc., that would be hard to do in a safe way.”

Paul McCaffrey, director of permitting, athletics, and special events in the department, said the cleanups are usually an important jumpstart in preparing parks and playgrounds for the spring season, noting that “our employees are still doing regular maintenance, things like cutting the grass, picking up trash, laying down lines, and mounds in fields.”

“As far as permitting certain activities, I have obviously had to shave

off the dates because of the state of emergency,” he added. “People are thinking ahead and waiting for guidance from the governor and the mayor, but I know that various youth league organizers are working on plans for when things might start to open back up, although no one is sure of timing.”

Organizations like All Dorchester Sports and Leadership (ADSL), which coordinates educational and athletic programming for youth ages 5-18, are focusing on communication with coaches and parents.

“Academics-wise and athletics-wise, everything is at a standstill, but we’ve been in contact a lot with softball coaches to see what we can do to gauge how parents are feeling about gathering kids if and when this situation slowly resolves,” said Dewayne Clachar, ADSL’s athletic director. “We’ve been thinking about ways to condense the regular season into a playoff or a tournament when the time comes.”

Clachar added that ADSL is looking to the Red Sox RBI program for ideas.

More formally known as the Red Sox Foundation’s “Reviving Baseball in Inner-Cities (RBI) Program,” the effort is aimed at boys and girls

aged 9-18 in Boston and its neighborhoods, providing team equipment, uniforms, field access, and umpires at no cost to players and their families, according to its charter. It also supports a cohort of dedicated coaches who use baseball and softball as a platform to teach core values of teamwork, respect and leadership.

“I’ve been on some conference calls with RBI. We’re seeing what they’re doing and thinking about how we could apply some of those resources,” Clachar said.

Some of this could include virtual resource training and developing virtual participation content outlining athletic skills and drills for youth.

“A lot of the work right now is just being in frequent communication on what we can do and what the parents are going to feel comfortable with,” he said. “It’s been a mixed bag, and we’re seeing that some parents are optimistic about getting their daughters back on the softball field and some are very skeptical and cautious given what’s going on.”

Clachar expects that kids might be able to get back on the fields in July or August. “Once we get a better sense of timing, we’ll have a better idea of what we can do. It’s



Frank Loconte from the Mayor’s Office of Tourism, Sports and Entertainment mounted speakers on trucks for neighborhood coronavirus announcements last weekend.

Mayor’s Office Photo by John Wilcox

all just very tough to say right now,” he said. “The best thing for us to do is to keep in conversation with coaches and families and let the kids know that we haven’t forgotten about them. We’re bummed out as much as they are that we have to postpone.”

Charlie Maneikis and Mike Manning, co-presidents of Dorchester Baseball, remain hopeful that the Little League might be able to take the field sometime this spring, pending approval by public officials. In a letter sent to parents and guardians recently, they wrote: “If spring baseball becomes a reality, we expect that our season will look differently. As we put together different contingency plans, we are focused on keeping the kids and volunteers safe.”

In the meantime, the

league is developing methods for their players and coaches to participate in “spring training at home,” which they will share virtually on their social media. “At this point, we don’t know what the season will look like, or even if we can hold games, but we want you to know that we are preparing. We should know more in the next few weeks and will work to finalize plans at that time,” they wrote.

Everything from dugout seating to post-game sportsmanship will change as the team implements new safety procedures, Maneikis and Manning said. “Masks will be as common as ball caps, and that in addition to bubble gum and sunflower seeds, disinfectant wipes and sanitizer will be fixtures on the benches and in the stands.”

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UMass Boston alumnus donated \$100k to emergency fund

UMass Boston alumnus Jack Carvalho, who grew up in Cambridge and Somerville and is a managing director at Morgan Stanley, has made the largest gift ever for emergency student aid at the UMass Boston campus.

A 1992 graduate who lives with his family in Miami, Carvalho donated \$100,000 to the Beacon Student Aid Fund. “Jack Carvalho’s generosity knows no boundaries,” Interim Chancellor Katherine Newman said in a statement. “He

steps forward without being asked. Jack understands how critical philanthropy is to the success of UMass Boston’s students.”

The fund provides small grants to students who need help with paying rent or food

and living expenses, a challenge affecting more students due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

“I am very proud to be a Beacon,” Carvalho said. “So many students are facing a challenging time. I hope that this gift

will encourage an outpouring of support from my fellow alumni and friends of UMass Boston to contribute to this fund. We are all in this together; let’s help these kids out.”

– MICHAEL P. NORTON, SHNS

Duck Boat, with assist from RMV, helped salute nurses

Last week, Newton native John Krasinski and the Boston Red Sox teamed up to surprise nurses from Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center’s (BIDMC) COVID-19 unit with four ‘tickets for life’ and a tour of Fenway Park. In recognition of an unofficial “Opening Day,” the nurses were also invited to run the bases and throw out the ceremonial first pitch as a symbol of gratitude for their service on the frontlines of the ongoing pandemic crisis.

A key, unheralded factor of the story was the Duck Boat—dubbed ‘the most sanitized Duck Boat in America’ by Krasinski—used to transport the nurses to Fenway. The city’s famous Duck Boats, which are housed in a garage near Fields Corner, had been out of commission with all tours and sporting events on hold for the time being. As such, it took some last-minute scrambling by essential employees at the Registry of Motor Vehicles to make the tribute to health care workers possible.

“With the duck boats now un-registered, uninsured and otherwise sidelined for the season too, it was the RMV that was humming away in the background to get the boat’s plates reactivated so this surprise could be pulled-off successfully,” noted Deputy Registrar for Operations Colleen Ogilvie in an email. “This example just goes to highlight how important the RMV’s mission of administering the rules and privilege to drive safely on our roads really is.”

– DANIEL SHEEHAN



Richard Foundation funds meals program for front-line workers

**BY DANIEL SHEEHAN
REPORTER STAFF**

The Martin Richard Foundation and Salem-based nonprofit Sailing Heals last week announced the launch of Sailing Heals Meals, a new initiative aimed at feeding frontline medical workers on the North Shore while giving local restaurants a much-needed boost to business and helping a local nonprofit keep its mission alive amid the COVID-19 pandemic. In honor of One Boston Day, Sailing Heals Meals will provide 350 boxed meals to feed the entire overnight shift at North Shore Medical Center’s Salem Campus.

“First and foremost, we want to show support and gratitude for our caregivers. These are the people showing up every day to take care of us and our loved ones -- putting their own health at risk, with families at home and a tremendous amount of stress and intensity at their jobs,” said Bill Richard, co-founder of the

Martin Richard Foundation and Board Member of Sailing Heals. “At the same time, we hope this program will be a lifeline to local businesses who have been deeply impacted by this pandemic, as well as a bridge for our partners at Sailing Heals as they repurpose their mission on supporting caregivers with meals rather than a healing day at sea. We can do our part but we’re asking others to join the effort.”

Initial funding for the program is being provided through a grant from the Dorchester-based Martin Richard Foundation, with a goal of attracting additional local funding partners to expand to additional restaurant partners and deepen impact for health care workers.

Sailing Heals has been a long-standing supporter and provider for the caregiver community by offering healing trips at sea with local cancer patients and their caregivers. Without the ability to

host patients and caregivers on the water for the near future, and with their mission focused on caring for caregivers, the organization has refocused its support to providing meals to those serving the community in our hospitals.

“At this critical time, we are grateful to help provide nutritious meals to health care workers through the generosity of the Martin Richard Foundation and others who step up to the plate to join our effort,” said Trisha Gallagher Boisvert, Executive Director of Sailing Heals. “We are proud to support our caregivers; whether on the water or through this effort, the work continues.”

The partnership plans to continue the initiative through the COVID-19 crisis.

For more information and to support Sailing Heals Meals, visit SailingHeals.org or call 978-914-6609.

At left: An image from a video posted by Newton native and actor John Krasinski shows nurses from Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center’s COVID-19 unit riding in a Duck Boat last week.

YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Capen Bowl
Today’s illustration features a bowl brought to America by the Capen family who migrated in the 1630s. Barnard [or Bernard] Capen, a shoemaker, and his wife, Joan Purchase Capen, arrived in Dorchester in 1633 on an unnamed ship with sons Bernard and John and daughter Honor. Three years earlier, their two other daughters had come to Dorchester – Susanna with her husband William Rockwell and Dorothy with her husband Nicholas Upsall – on the ship “Mary and John.” The Capen family brought with them this hammered brass bowl, probably made in Spain in the late 16th century.

The Capen Bowl is about 20 inches in diameter and 5 inches deep.



Its size required it to be made of several sheets of metal riveted together. It was probably used for every purpose a bowl could be used for, from washing dishes to washing a baby. It was exhibited in 1982 at the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, in the exhibit “New England Begins.”

Built by 1637, the Barnard Capen House was located at corner of what is now Washington and Dunlap streets. The house is considered to be the second oldest house in New England and

was built in the style of the West Country with heavy framing. According to William Dana Orcutt’s “Good Old Dorchester” (Cambridge, 1893), “The farthest end of the house, consisting of four or five rooms, was built first; and some hundred years later the end nearest the street was added. The house was built on one side with especial reference to protection from the Indians; and the present owner [John Hewins] has found several arrows during his residence there, which had been sent with hostile intention by the wily savages against the home-fortress of his ancestors.” In 1833 a Capen relative, John Hewins, bought the house and built additions and a shed.

The house that Barnard and Joan built in the 1630s remained in the Capen family for nearly 270 years. On Feb. 7, 1909, the *Boston Sunday Herald* carried an article entitled “Barnard Capen’s Old Home in Peril” reporting that the contractor who was about to demolish the house to make way for a development of three-deckers would gladly spare the old house if some society or public-spirited citizen desired its preservation.

The Harvard professor Kenneth Grant Tremayne Webster bought the house for \$50. “Through a relative, Webster engaged an MIT student to make drawings, number, codify, and catalogue every board, brick and timber in the old house. He next hired a building wrecker to take the house apart and haul its components to a plot he owned at 427 Hillside Street, Milton. A carpenter then put the house back together,” reported the *Milton Times*.

When a new owner later wanted to replace the house with a larger and more up-to-date design, the Capen House was again taken apart and put in storage for possible sale to a new owner.

Barnard lived from approximately 1562 to 1638 and Joan from 1578 to 1653. Their gravestone in the Dorchester North Burying Ground – it was later moved to the New England Historic Genealogical Society – is said to carry the oldest date of any known gravestone in New England.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org. The Dorchester Historical Society’s historic houses are open on different dates. The Le-muel Clap House (1712 and remodeled 1765) at 199 Boston Street is open on the third Saturday of each month. The James Blake House, 735 Columbia Road (1661) and the William Clap House, 195 Boston Street (1806) are open on the third Sunday of each month. Open hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Mike Mackan and Chris ‘Tiger’ Stockbridge in an image posted on Facebook this week.

Prayers are up for lives in peril, and signs of hope

There’s no doubt that corona fatigue is setting in for many of us who are feeling house-bound and trapped. So, it’s natural to seize upon the apparent drop in daily COVID-19 case numbers in Massachusetts — five days in a row now — as a glimmer of light at the end of the tunnel.

That may be so, but that tunnel is still hulking above and around us and could very well collapse on some of us before this journey is over.

“I think that the worst is yet to come for a lot of people,” Mayor Walsh said on Monday.

One of the people fighting for life this week is a Dorchester native who has shared a title and many days on the campaign trail with Marty Walsh. Mike Mackan served as the honorary mayor of Dorchester in 2000. He earned that title by raising thousands in donations for the Dot Day Parade. Mike has served for years as a code enforcement officer for the city of Boston and as a volunteer officer for the Lower Mills Civic Association. Mike was a key operative for Mayor Tom Menino and even ran for office himself a couple of times using the slogan “I’m Backin’ Mackan.” Always a devoted Dorchester booster, he has been very active posting on the excellent Dining in Dorchester page on Facebook in recent years.

At this hour, Mike is in grave condition at St. Elizabeth’s Medical Center in Brighton. He started feeling poorly about two weeks ago and was tested for coronavirus at the Carney. By last Thursday, he was so ill that he had to be admitted in the middle of the night. Within two hours, he was hooked up to a ventilator.

His brother, Chris ‘Tiger’ Stockbridge, passed word of his best friend’s grave condition to friends on social media. It has been a tough month for Tiger and his family — including Mike and his wife Joyce. On April 6, Tiger and Mike lost their mom, Jo Spencer, at age 77. She’d been ill for many months with cancer, but in the end, she also ended up contracting COVID-19. Mike was at her side in the hospital before she passed.

Tiger could not visit his mom in her final days because he and his girlfriend were in recovery after both tested positive for COVID-19 themselves. Stockbridge had had a nagging cough since mid-February and finally went to get tested after he nearly blacked out during a coughing fit. For two-and-a-half days, he battled at home the worst of the symptoms we’ve all heard about: night sweats, a “wicked” high fever, body aches, loss of taste and smell. He was flat on his back.

“It was incredible, like I’d just played seven hours of tackle football at Walsh Park,” he said. On day three, Tiger says, it just went away.

He remained quarantined from friends and family for two weeks and has tested negative. Now, he’s desperately trying to donate his own blood in hopes that it will help save other people who might benefit from the antibodies in his system.

His brother Mike may be one of them.

When I spoke to Tiger on Monday, he was very worried about Mike’s condition. By Tuesday, he was more upbeat. “The power of prayer and positive vibes is working. Slowly but working.”

Tiger’s urgent call to fellow COVID-19 survivors is to “donate your blood so they can take the good stuff out so they can give it to those who need it. I’m going through St. Elizabeth’s Hospital in Brighton. Call 617-789-2078 and ask for Arthur or Heaven. They are running the COVID-19 Donor Registry.”

Prayers are up across Dorchester for everyone battling this scourge right now — and for the people helping our neighbors weather the storm.

Bill Forry

What to make of all these death notices?

By TOM MULVOY
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Those who read through last Sunday’s Boston Globe print edition probably took notice of what surely was a record, and by a vast margin, in the paper’s nearly 150 years of publishing: 22 pages in a row dedicated to 245 death notices, and 179 photos of deceased members of the Greater Boston community.

At first glance, readers probably assumed that this necrology was a reflection of the deadly impact of the pandemic that, specialists say, has been peaking in Massachusetts over the last week. And while that is likely the case, a close look at the attributions in the texts of the notices in this one journal allows only for that presumption, not a determination.

Historically — until the internet and social media kidnapped their advertisers — newspapers had been the main provider of local news about the dead. Set in small type — unlike the staff-written obituaries that usually feature a headline and a photograph or two — a death notice, which a family or a friend or an organization composes, relays to the community the when, where, and why of a person’s passing, maybe his or her age, and perhaps a short account of what he or she did during their lives that rates a mention.

Few standards of journalism apply to these notices that families pay to have published. Fact-checking is a rarity. Some give a cause of death, some don’t, some give an age, some don’t, some mention a person’s accomplishments and good deeds, and some don’t. Such was the case in the Sunday Globe’s impactful 245 family snapshots of mostly local deaths in a time of pandemic. They showed:

- Cause of death attributed to Covid-19 in 26 notices. Some of them listed ages, some didn’t.
- Four deaths of people 100 years of age and over; 60 of people aged



Two pages from Sunday’s Boston Globe death notices

90-99; 51 of people aged 80-89; 20 of people aged 70-79; and 10 of people under age 65.

- There were 91 notices from residents of Boston and its neighborhoods. There were 33 from the city of Newton
- Of the 179 photos that ran with notices, 174 were of white people, 3 were of black people, including the Rev. Russell Winston, former pastor of St. John’s-St. Hugh’s parish in Grove Hall, one was of a man of Indian descent, and one was a man of Filipino ancestry.

There’s lots to extrapolate from all that. To each readers his own.

With respect to that last notation, The Globe doesn’t pursue death notices; they come in from funeral directors and other outlets at the direction of families. Over the decades, minority communities, beginning with the Irish in the late 19th century and continuing to today with the diversity that defines Boston, have made much less use of the Globe’s death notices than white families. Marketing studies have suggested that’s partly a matter of culture and inclination and pricing, which many families find is too expensive for them to even consider telling stories about their departed relatives and friends.

For all that, the days of the Globe’s domination of the local deaths report have been over for years. Its print circulation has fallen dramatically over the last 20 years, diminishing the impact of its coverage. Yes, the notices are posted online, and are very accessible, but the ability of mourners to interact with the grieving family and connect with other friends and relatives on funeral home websites — messages of condolence, remembrance donations, flowers, has changed the dynamic forever, or so it seems.

Tom Mulvoy, a native of Dorchester, is a former managing editor of The Boston Globe.

A new way to be Boston Strong

By STEFANIE O’SHEA

This is Marathon Week, and as the president of the Dorchester Running Club, it is like homecoming for us. In a typical year, we would head to Hopkinton or Copley together on Marathon Monday to joyously run for Martin or watch our friends cross that famous finish line. But not this year. This year we were alone. On my solo run this weekend I went to Copley and it was silent: no scaffolding, no throngs of tourists, no runners, just a few lone people in face masks. The scene hit me hard. I felt the pain of our community missing out on something that brings so much joy, and I was reminded that there was so much more to lose and that many are suffering much worse.

On that run, I also ran past Little House, where for the last year I have worked with the team at College Bound Dorchester building its Boston Uncornered solution to urban poverty. Another pang of hurt hit, because I miss that building, I miss big bear hugs from the mentors we call College Readiness Advisors, seeing our students and hearing their stories of resilience and hope. There too I felt both pain and my good fortune. I still get to “see” my team every day on Zoom meetings, get to hear their voices on calls and feel the impact of their connections.

My job is to support. My life calling is to bring people together to be connected, to share and it’s all pain and gratitude right now and I don’t know where to go.

How do I best support my children and their at-home learning needs, while my husband, who is considered essential, is working in biotech? I can contribute to pizza funds for healthcare workers, the children create cards for EMTs and the police, but what about the less obvious people in our community who need support? The maps of those who are sick and dying are the deepest color purple right in my zip code. The students who we serve and people like them are a hidden population. I know that like me they are anxious about what is happening and, like me, they must take care of family, bills, and themselves, but with significantly less resources, financially and otherwise. Many of them won’t be

receiving the stimulus check; most do not have access to or trust many of the government resources that fill our news feeds. Life before this economic crisis was already a financial burden for them and employment options were difficult even during our city’s previously low unemployment rate. What do we, as their neighbors, do to make sure they are supported through and after this?

I don’t know the solution, I barely even know what day it is, but I do know that finding time and space to think about others brings me joy. I know that no matter how down I am, I can serve and as I do so, I am lifted up. I wonder if we all use this time to think about the people who are suffering in silence, the hidden populations in neighborhoods that are being the hardest hit by COVID-19, where racial inequity already immensely affects health, income and outcomes in life. As we proudly share our Boston Strong memories, let us remember all Bostonians and think about how we can support everyone.

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It's time to mandate masks, face covering in public spaces

(Continued from page 1) such as social distancing, the regular washing of hands, and the use of masks/face coverings.

After conflicting messages just weeks ago on about whether or not people should wear masks in public, including one from our national Surgeon General who tweeted that masks “are NOT effective in preventing general public from catching #Coronavirus,” scientists and health officials now universally recommend that people wear face coverings in public to slow the spread of the virus.

As a result, wearing masks or face coverings is becoming a requirement in many areas of the world.

In California, which seems to have avoided the case and death toll of the Northeast thanks to an earlier shutdown of the state and a higher degree of wearing masks and practicing social distancing, Gov. Gavin Newsom has stated that face coverings will likely remain a feature of public life. Many communities in California have made it mandatory to wear a mask in any public setting; other communities have made it mandatory to wear a mask if going into any business setting; and some businesses are now requiring patrons to wear a mask in order to shop.

On April 15, Gov. Andrew Cuomo of New York sent out the following tweet: “I am issuing an executive order today that all people MUST wear a mask or face covering in public in situations where social distancing is not possible.” On the same day, Gov. Tom Wolf of Pennsylvania issued an order that masks must be worn by workers and customers in Pennsylvania businesses, and requires that businesses deny entry to customers who are not wearing masks “unless the business is providing medication, medical supplies, or food, in which case the business must provide alternative methods of pick-up or delivery of goods.” San Antonio in Texas issued a similar order.

Across the world, Singapore

District	#Counted	Mask/face covering Worn#	Mask/face covering Worn%
JP Centre Street	100	77	77%
Codman Square	101	71	70%
Mattapan Square	114	69	61%
Fields Corner	113	65	58%
Ashmont	90	52	58%
Uphams Corner	125	71	57%
Bowdoin/Geneva	103	49	48%
Savin Hill	144	67	47%
Andrew Square	101	38	38%
Broadway South Boston	126	47	37%
Along Carson Beach	93	18	19%
	1210	624	51%

gapore has a mandatory face mask requirement, and the Czech Republic requires everyone to wear a mask covering the nose and mouth at all times outside the home. Austria has recently allowed thousands of hardware and home improvement stores to reopen, but both workers and customers must wear masks. These countries have successfully “bent the curve” of the virus and are in the process of reopening.

Locally, the town of Brookline is requiring anyone out in public to wear a face mask or face covering, and Salem has issued a requirement for mandatory masks in businesses. State-wide, our Department of Public Health has only issued an “advisory” that “a face covering may help prevent you from spreading COVID-19 to other people.” The city of Boston “is encouraging people to wear a face



A military police officer stood watch at a field medical hospital at Joint Base Cape Cod.

John Tlumacki/Boston Globe/Pool photo

covering when they leave their home to help stop the spread of COVID-19.”

So how are “advising” and “encouraging” working?

I spent parts of two days this week visiting ten business districts and one beach area (Carson)

to see how many people are wearing masks/face covering. I spent 20-30 minutes in central business district locations on sunny days and monitored people going by, counting the total number of people and how many were wearing any type of face covering. The number of individuals ranged from 90 to 144 per location, and I counted people who had a mask/face covering on their head as wearing it, even if it didn't cover their mouth and nose. Though it would not qualify as a scientific study, I believe it tells a story of how effective our state and city's “advice/encouragement” approach is working.

My conclusion after counting about half of the more than 1,200 people

I saw in my ride-around last week not wearing any kind of facial covering? We're not going to get where we need to be to stop the spread of the virus through “advisories” or “encouraging. The governor and mayor need to mandate the use of masks/face covering in public spaces.

Beyond that, they need to mandate the same thing for those preparing food (currently not a requirement) and for those who work in businesses that are open to the public. We also need businesses to require customers to wear face coverings if they want to shop in their stores. We're in the surge. It's time to order face coverings for all who go out in public.

NOTICE

The Dorchester Historical Society's historic houses are closed at this time due to the COVID-19 corona virus.

We will announce when the houses will be once again open to the public.

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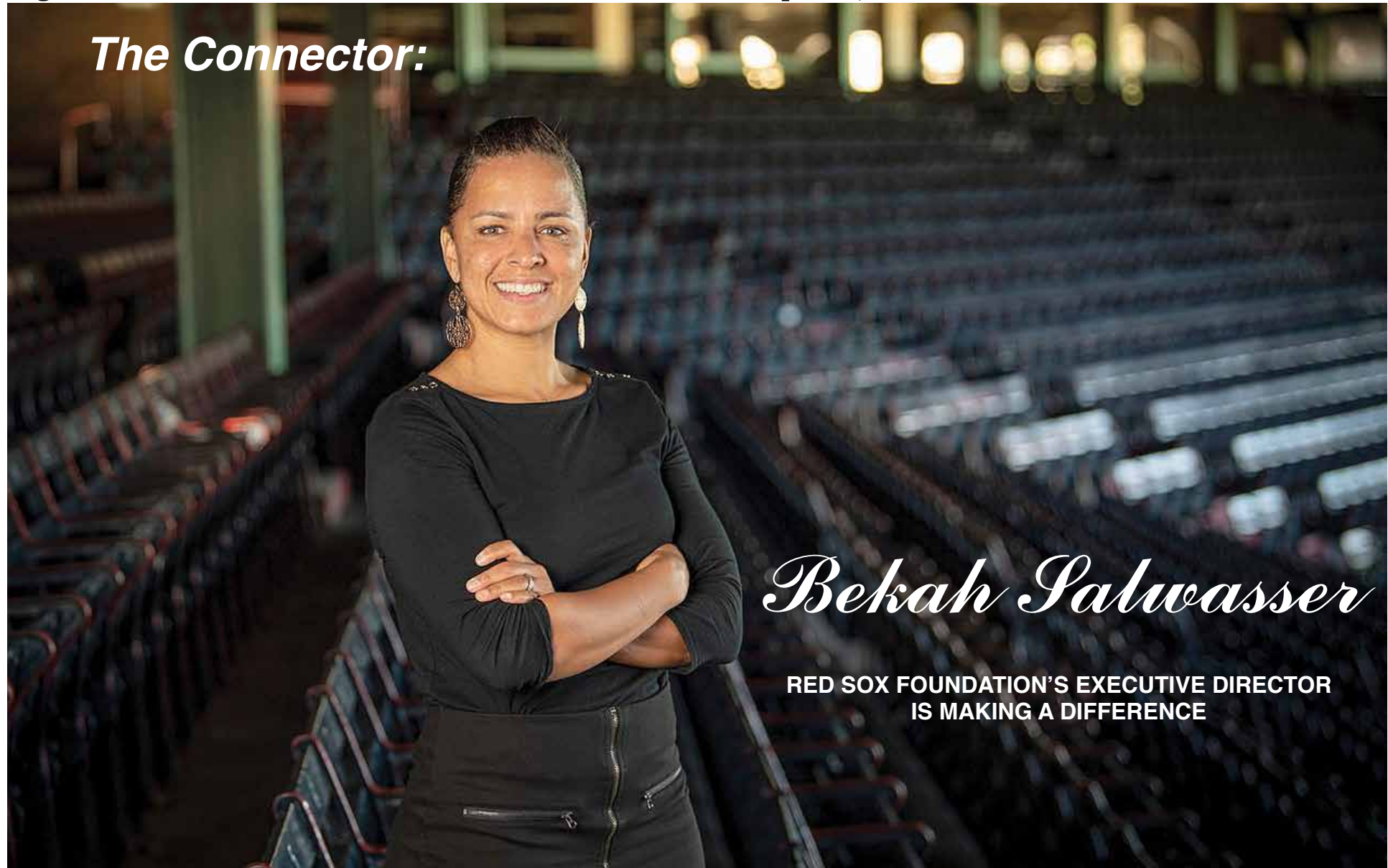


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RED SOX FOUNDATION'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Boston Red Sox Foundation executive director Bekah Salwasser poses for a portrait at Fenway Park.

Photo by Billie Weiss/Boston Red Sox

By Gordon Edes

Bekah Salwasser's empathy was seeded in a chaotic, crowded household in North Cambridge, the one with the coal stove in the kitchen and the wood stove in the living room, where there was hardly enough room for all the kids (5) and the cats (2), never mind the hundreds of thousands of bees raised by her mother in the backyard. Her competitive zeal was forged on the playing fields of private schools and universities, where she learned that talent could triumph over privilege.

Baseball and the Red Sox? That came later, an unexpected twist for a woman who grew up with a soccer ball at her feet, a lacrosse stick in her hands, and a basketball as a trusted companion. She first glimpsed the lights of Fenway Park from the roof of a neighborhood high school where her father, John Splaine, served as guidance counselor. Back then, it was a landmark to be discovered, not a destination to hang a dream on.

Now, she is two years into her job as executive director of the Red Sox Foundation, the largest charitable arm in baseball and one of the biggest in professional sports, and touches all the bases that enormous job entails: plotting and executing all the ways the Sox can fulfill its mission of serving the community while raising the millions required to do so. She is as much at home in her office abutting the third-base grandstand as she once was as a prep school All-American converting an exquisitely placed cross into a picture-perfect goal on the fields of Buckingham Browne and Nichols and later Brown University.

Years of public service at a variety of nonprofits around town have prepared her for this moment, including a stint as community relations director for the Boston Celtics and her most recent position, as executive director



for Scholar Athletes, a nonprofit organization that used sports as a vehicle to promote academic achievement in the Boston public schools. Making connections with the team's biggest social outreach partners—the Jimmy Fund, Home Base, and the Dimock Center, that all comes naturally.

Salwasser admits, however, that the gaps in her baseball knowledge still get exposed from time to time. Like when she made a presentation to club personnel during spring training at JetBlue Park and a distinguished silver-haired gentleman approached afterward.

"He comes up to me after and says, 'You know, that was wonderful. If there's anything I can do, please let me know.' And I say, 'Thank you so much, now remind me who you are again?' The man gestured at the large banner that stretches along the walkway outside the clubhouse, the one that pictures Sox Hall of Famers in all their life-sized glory. "Uh, miss," he said. "Turn around and look at that big poster outside. That's me."

Bekah Salwasser, meet Dwight Evans.

This was all a long way from North Cambridge, where Esther Splaine, a registered nurse who worked for many years at Charlestown High, took John and their kids and moved into the home where she had grown up as a child. The house had history,

but no central heat. Hence the coal chute into the basement, the cordwood stacked outside, and the nightly race upstairs every evening (the heat from the coal stove and wood stove didn't make it to the upper floors) to turn on the electric blankets so everyone could be relatively comfortable overnight.

"I remember somehow we would turn this into a fun game," Salwasser recalls. "Right around 6, everyone would run upstairs and turn on their electric blankets and then run back downstairs because it was freezing. Then when it was bedtime, you'd run upstairs and go to bed. And there were nights when you'd sleep in like a hat and a sweatshirt and sweatpants even with an electric blanket. Because the third floor – an attic which they converted into makeshift bedrooms – was freezing. And you never wanted to have that as your bedroom."

But there was no shortage of days when the sun was shining, the kids would be sent out to play, and little Bekah Salwasser discovered at an early age – she remembers being 4 or 5 – that she had an affinity for sports.

"My mom and dad, I compliment them on this and thank them all the time, they were very intentional about getting us into sports," she said. "All of us. And probably because they had too many kids at home, they were like 'Get out and do something!' So they signed all of us up for youth soccer. Cambridge youth soccer.

"And I just, I mean, I fell in love with the sport. I always say that I think it was organic, my love for the sport. I just had a natural disposition for athletics. But I also think that psychologically and emotionally I immediately loved it because it was my space.

"So when I was on a field, it felt – and I still feel this when I get on a

field – I just forget everything else that's happening. All of my life's pressures go away. All of the anxieties fade away."

Her talent assured that it would become more than that, especially as she was learning to navigate the rarefied halls of BB&N. John and Esther, so committed to their kids' education, enrolled her into the exclusive private school while she was still in kindergarten. "All of us on scholarships," she said. "My mom and dad constantly were working two, sometimes three jobs trying to make it work."

But as Bekah excelled in soccer and lacrosse and basketball, the yawning gap between the affluence she witnessed and her more modest upbringing shrank every time she took the field or court. "I think, for me, having the craziness of my life at home, and then the juxtaposition of almost having to, you know, chameleon my way through school because I was very, very different from everybody I went to school with – being a minority ethnically and racially, but then also socioeconomically – sports was the thing that kind of neutralized everything for me," she said.

"And that's why I think I invested so heavily into sports. It allowed me to feel – and this is no kind of judgment on myself – but it allowed me to feel equal to my peers who I looked at as having so much more than me. I can look back now and say that they didn't, but what do you know when you're 17? So sports was a thing that kind of neutralized and equalized the playing field, on and off the field."

That skill set – to be able to "chameleon" herself – has served her well.

"In any environment, you do have to know how to fit in in many ways," she said. "That doesn't mean you're lessening who you are. It just means that you know how to talk the talk and

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walk the walk in a way that is going to position yourself to advance and be successful. And I learned that skill at BB&N. Because either it was a choice to be, unfortunately, ostracized, or to fit in and excel. And so sports really allowed me to do that. Because I excelled on the playing field, I was immediately accepted socially into the fabric of the school.”

Bekah was a star, an All-American in both soccer and lacrosse, and when you are a star, especially at a place like BB&N, doors are opened. There would be a scholarship to play soccer at Brown, which the Ivy League school honored even though Bekah suffered a devastating knee injury at a club tournament in Florida that eventually required two surgeries to repair her anterior cruciate ligament.

She recovered to play at Brown, and when a women’s professional soccer league was formed after her senior season, she fully expected her playing days to continue. But she went undrafted, a keen disappointment that she translated into two years of playing for, and serving as captain of, the Boston Renegades in the second-tier US women’s soccer league. She eventually signed with the Boston Breakers, in 2003, but after one season, the league folded. Bekah was 24, and contemplating her next move now that her playing days were over.

Her sports connections offered an answer. A friend who had played men’s soccer at Brown offered her a job at a Boston nonprofit called America Scores, which used soccer to promote literacy among middle school students. Bekah jumped at the chance and loved it. Her next



Bekah Salwasser greets a scholar as she is introduced during a Boston Red Sox Foundation Scholars pre-game ceremony before a game between the Boston Red Sox and the Toronto Blue Jays on June 23, 2019 at Fenway Park.
Photo by Billie Weiss/Boston Red Sox/Getty Images

job also had a sports connection: Teagan Leonard, who had played lacrosse with Bekah at BB&N, said her dad had just opened a nonprofit in Charlestown called the Charlestown Lacrosse and Learning Center and wanted to hire Bekah as executive director. It was a small operation but a great learning experience, and gave her sufficient props to impress the Celtics when they hired her to become their community relations director. That led to Scholar Athletes and ultimately, lunch with Sox Chairman Tom Werner and CEO Sam Kennedy, who were looking for a successor to Gena Borson to run the Red Sox Foundation.

Bekah was about to become immersed in the world of bats and balls. Soccer remains her refuge from her multiple roles as executive director, wife, and mother of three children – she still plays when she can – but she is now on a first-name basis with Tim

Wakefield and Jim Rice and Pedro Martinez and David Ortiz and all the other Sox players and alumni who play key roles in the Foundation’s mission.

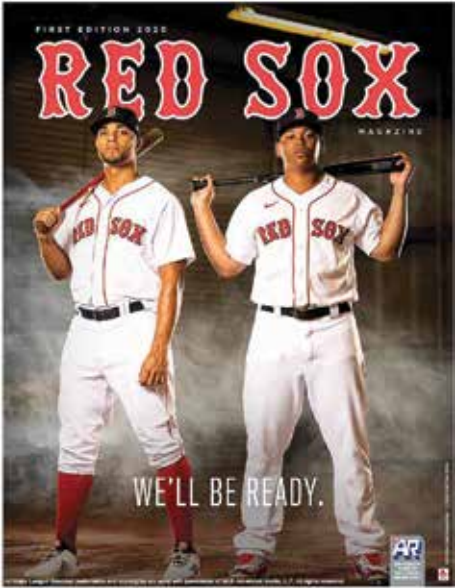
“It feels limitless,” she says of her current incarnation. “And I can say that as a huge positive, not in an overwhelming way. You won’t believe this, but I’m telling you sincerely that one of the greatest highlights of my day is looking at my inbox. Because I just feel like I never know the opportunities and correspondence that I’m going to get. Every day there’s a different idea. There’s a different road, there’s a different journey.

“And I feel so supported by Tom Werner and Sam Kennedy in chasing those opportunities. I feel like we have the resources and the inventory and the assets and the means and capacity to potentially pursue them. Part of my life’s goal is just to bring opportunity to under-resourced,

under-served, under-appreciated, overlooked populations and areas and communities and people. And we have the means to do that.

“I feel like I’m the connector. I see this opportunity. So every day I just feel empowered and feel immense gratitude to feel like I make a difference every day. Not many people get to say that, and I recognize that.”

Gordon Edes is the Red Sox Team Historian.



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Red Sox Scholars pregame ceremony before the Sox’s game against the Toronto Blue Jays at Fenway Park on Sunday, June 23 2019.
Photo by Cameron Pollack/Boston Red Sox

Tailor re-tools to make protective masks for neighbors

**By DANIEL SHEEHAN
REPORTER STAFF**

Dorchester resident Julia de los Santos is yet another small business owner who has seen her business model transformed by COVID-19.

After moving to Boston from the Dominican Republic at a young age, the fashion designer and tailor worked for years at retailers like Nordstrom, Saks, and David’s Bridal before starting her own business, JDLS Couture, out of her Washington Street home studio in 2017.

Normally, de los Santos gets a lot of orders for dress alterations and custom costume designs, meaning that the upcoming summer months — prom and wedding season — tend to be the busiest. Now, with many of those events canceled and all in-person tailoring work deemed untenable, de los Santos has channeled her sewing abilities toward a new initiative: making custom, high-end protective face masks.

The switch to mask-making was about “trying to survive,” said de los Santos.

“It’s another ability to learn at the last minute. Because COVID changed everything, I had to transform everything... we have to be open-minded to accept and implement the change in our lives, our business, our everything.”

The 100 percent cotton masks and bonnets are made from patterned fabric and include a protective filter sewn into the inside of the mask. De los Santos said she designed



City Councillor Andrea Campbell, left, picked up masks made by Julia de los Santos on Monday. Councillor Campbell plans to distribute the masks to constituents in District 4.

Image courtesy Councillor Campbell/Twitter

the masks to be “breathable, protective, good quality, and very comfortable.” But, crucially, the masks are also functional in a time of crisis.

A couple weeks ago, de los Santos donated hundreds of masks to local hospitals through an initiative led by Compass Working Capital, a nonprofit with a goal of helping low-income families improve their economic security.

That action caught the

attention of City Councillor Andrea Campbell, who knew de los Santos from when Compass helped start up her business. She rallied a team of donors to enlist de los Santos to make 1,000 masks to be distributed to folks in Campbell’s District 4.

On Monday, Campbell picked up the first shipment of masks, which will go to public housing authorities in the district. The rest will go to civic

leaders and seniors, who will then distribute them to those in need in the community.

Campbell called delivering the masks “the highlight of my last couple weeks.”

“Obviously, we see COVID having a disproportionate effect on not only the health of people but also on businesses in my district, threatening their survival. In order to ensure that these businesses thrive and stay afloat after

this is over, we need to rally around them. Sometimes government can take too long—this was one way to think outside the box.”

Campbell added that the win-win nature of the partnership offered a welcome respite from the sad reality of learning about new cases and deaths each day.

“To have an opportunity to support a business, and to ensure that Julia can continue to be successful and meet the needs of our community, it’s a feel-good story, and definitely one we need right now.”

The first round of 500 masks took de los Santos and three others a week to make, she said, working for twelve hours each day. Elsewhere, the masks are beginning to gain traction on Instagram, where de los Santos said her niece is active in spreading the word. Orders are now flooding in from New York, New Jersey, and as far as Florida—meaning that de los Santos is looking to hire more workers. Thanks to her niece, some of those orders are coming in via Cashapp, another novel concept for de los Santos, who described herself as “not a technology woman.”

“I never used Cashapp, but I have to learn. My niece showed me how to do it,” she explained. “Now everything is possible by phone, by computer, so you don’t have to do [in-person] contact... it’s different, but I’m staying open-minded.”

To learn more about Julia’s face masks, visit jdlscouture.com.

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New law will pause evictions, foreclosures — for now

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said she can't afford a \$300 rent hike that the management company at Fairlawn Apartments has demanded.

"A lot of people don't have money, we're just getting by," said Lewis. "We're real humans, real people, we deserve to have a place to stay." She was elated by news of the bill's passage.

The action by Baker and the Legislature followed weeks of negotiations and debate on Beacon Hill. They were under intense pressure from community groups, labor unions, public health organizations, and legal advocates to take action.

"In just over one day, more than 200 community groups, congregations, and unions signed on to a letter in support of a moratorium," says Lew Finfer, a Dorchester resident who organizes with of MA Communities Action Network.

"That coalition is ready to push for the longer-term mortgage and rent relief discussed in the letter. We're really encouraged that key leaders in the State House are already talking about the need for additional measures and we look forward to working with them on that effort."

The Greater Boston Real Estate Board wanted Baker to send the bill back to the Legislature with an amendment removing a temporary ban on landlords issuing notices to quit, which board CEO Gregory Vasil called "a key part of, but preliminary to, any legal action."

Housing advocates pushed for the ban because they said renters



Betty Lewis, a tenant at Fairlawn Apartments in Mattapan, has been battling rent increases and evictions alongside fellow residents.

City Life/Vida Urbana photo

receiving such a notice may feel pressured to leave, putting their own health at risk in doing so. Vasil suggested adding language to the notices that would clearly inform renters of their right to stay at the property.

The House and Senate approved the bill on Friday and sent it to Baker.

"This is one of the most significant pieces of legislation we will pass during this state of emergency," said Rep. Kevin G. Honan, Co-Chair of the Joint Committee on Housing (D-Boston). "It is important to remember that this is more than just a housing justice issue, it is a public health issue. In a time where our collective health and safety depends on the ability of each and every one of us to shelter in place, the need for housing stability has never been greater."

House Speaker Rob

he said.. "We acted to safeguard tenants and homeowners from economic insecurity during and for a period after the state of emergency ends."

"This legislation is crucial for public health," added Andrea Park, an attorney at Massachusetts Law Reform Institute. "If we are going to stay home to prevent the spread of the coronavirus, we must all have a home to stay in. The strong moratorium passed by the Legislature and signed by the governor will help ensure that evictions and foreclosure do not force people into unsafe situations."



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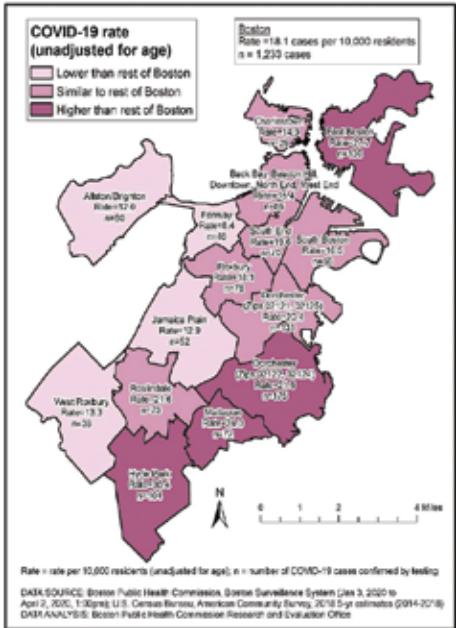


Sen Collins: National Guard needed to increase COVID-19 testing

The Boston Public Health Commission's 'Health of Boston 2016-2017' report, shows that black and brown communities in Boston are more likely to suffer higher rates of chronic illness such as asthma, heart disease, hypertension and diabetes. The prevalence of these pre-existing health disparities in communities of color put them at even greater risk of becoming seriously ill or facing deadly circumstances from infectious disease.

This is what we knew before the outbreak of COVID-19. Recently, the State's Department of Public Health released geographical and racial data which confirms that to be true. The state's data shows that cities like Boston, Brockton, Chelsea and Randolph are among the top five cities with the highest rates of COVID-19 infections in the Commonwealth. Within the City of Boston, which has the largest number of reported cases of COVID-19 – the communities of Dorchester, Mattapan, Hyde Park, and Roxbury account for 61% of all cases reported in Boston.

The correlation between contraction rates of COVID-19 and



chronic disease, particularly in communities of color, is staggering. Recently, Boston Medical Center - the state's largest safety net hospital, reported that COVID-19 positive patients have much higher rates of underlying conditions including 34% with diabetes, 49% with hypertension and 52% with a BMI above 30. This confirms a CDC report released earlier in April, which conducted a nationwide study, which showed that 78% of people requiring admission to hospital intensive care units had at least one underlying health condition (diabetes, hypertension, heart disease and/or asthma).

This is a crisis within a crisis.

While we commend the Department of Public Health for recently updating the Crisis Standards of Care recommendations that were initially challenged due to the disproportionate impact those recommendations could have on chronically ill, black and brown COVID-19 patients' survival rates, we must now focus on the front end of treatment: testing.

Currently, the State is prioritizing support for COVID-19 testing by the Massachusetts National Guard's mobile testing unit at nursing homes and long term facilities. There's good reason for that. Patients at long term care and nursing facilities are the most vulnerable to the worst outcomes of COVID-19. But low income seniors and families, who have higher rates of chronic illness, aren't far behind. That is why the National Guard's mobile testing unit should be authorized to perform mobile testing in senior and low income housing communities and drive through testing in communities with high rates of chronic illness.

These policy actions would immediately remove barriers to critical COVID-19 screening, prioritizing the most vulnerable communities across the Commonwealth during the most significant public health crisis of our time.

Our first in the nation Massachusetts National Guard is an outstanding humanitarian force. Their involvement will be key in bringing access to testing in our most vulnerable communities as we fight this public health crisis statewide.



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Mayor warns: ‘Worst is yet to come for a lot of people’

(Continued from page 1) how to get kids to and from schools safely,” the governor said.

Baker noted that while the number of reported cases has declined in each of the past five days, the number of people being hospitalized with illnesses related to the virus continues to grow. On Tuesday, the gover-

nor said that 58 percent of hospital rooms in the state remain unfilled—echoing earlier comments that the state’s health care system was poised to meet demand.

“We have a health care system that is not going to be overwhelmed by this thing,” he said, “and the reason it’s not going to be overwhelmed is

because we’ve planned effectively, worked hard with our colleagues in the health community, and the people of Massachusetts, for the most part, did exactly the right thing about social distancing and hand washing and all of the issues we raised about disinfecting surfaces.

“People have done a

great job on that and it’s part of the reason why here in Massachusetts we will be able to deal with the surge and at the same time make sure we can take care of all the other issues.”

The governor said the state’s strategy to limit the spread of the coronavirus and prepare for the surge “has worked.”

For his part, Mayor Walsh cautioned that there will still be many painful days ahead, including the continued loss of lives.

“I think that the worst is yet to come for a lot of people,” he said on Monday. “Even when we are beyond the surge, we’re still going to have cases of coronavirus. We’re still going to have loss of life. In theory, we might be on the other side of the curve, but for families that devastation of losing a loved one is still going to happen for the foreseeable future. It’s extremely important for us to continue to take precautions.”

Efforts made now to slow the spread of COVID-19, Walsh said, could prevent another surge of the virus in a few months, which Walsh said is “a fear that we all have.”

The mayor chastised Bostonians who, he said, failed to adhere to his recommendations to stay inside, wear masks outdoors and avoid congregating in parks and on walkways.

In particular, he railed against groups of golfers that, he said, went out and played rounds at Franklin Park and George Wright courses



Gen. Jim McConville, chief of staff of the US Army, spoke alongside Gov. Charlie Baker at the Boston Hope field hospital inside the BCEC on April 18.

Joshua Qualls/Gov. Baker’s office photo

— despite the fact that both municipal courses are officially closed.

“Yesterday I was watching a young person being interviewed by one of the TV stations [while] golfing and he was smiling,” the mayor said. “There’s nothing to smile about, nothing to be proud about. Not impressive on the golf course. That was a completely irresponsible move and he was completely irresponsible to his family and anyone around him.”

On Sunday, amid a slowdown in cases in New York City, the coordinator of the White House coronavirus response singled out Boston as a center of renewed concern.


“We’re still very much focused on Boston and across Massachusetts where the epidemic continues to spread ... and we’re watching very closely Chicago,” coordinator Dr. Deborah Birx said on CBS’s Face the Nation. “And then we watch every single outbreak that occurs in different states around

the United States, including the most recent one in Ohio.”

Birx called the pandemic “a series of small epidemics across the United States,” but Boston was the first place she mentioned when asked where her concerns lie.

At 528 cases per 100,000 people, Massachusetts has the third most cases per capita of any state in the country, according to data compiled by the New York Times. Only New York and New Jersey outpace the Bay State. At 23 deaths per 100,000 residents, Massachusetts has the sixth most deaths per capita.

“The surge is in different places, in different states, at different times. We’re in a very different place here in Massachusetts than other states are,” Baker said during his own segment on Face the Nation. “We’re right in the middle of the surge now.”



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Six weeks into Covid-only care, Carney healers see ‘ray of hope’

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Yet the hospital’s remaining medical units, which have been converted over the last few weeks to focus on specialized care for COVID-positive patients, have actually seen a slight decrease in patient volume in recent days.

“The peak that was supposed to be here is here, but it was [forecasted] to be even higher,” Sands told the *Reporter*. “We have a little more capacity on the COVID floors and that tells me that we are moving through the storm effectively. It gives me a ray of hope that we’re moving in a positive direction.”

The news is not all rosy. About ten people have died at Carney while hospitalized with COVID-19-related illnesses, Sands said. Three times as many, he added, have improved enough to go home.

All of this has happened while Carney staff and contractors have been scrambling to add more capacity, converting surgical suites and patient rooms into “negative pressure” units that can protect other parts of the facility from the contagion.

“When people ask me what these last six weeks have been like here, I tell them: Imagine trying to add seats in an airplane while it’s in the air – during a hurricane,” said Sands. “I’m so proud of what this team has been able to accomplish.”

That team has grown to include Steward-affiliated specialists who’ve flown to



Wahlburgers is the latest restaurant chain to rally around Carney healthcare workers. Actor and Dorchester native Mark Wahlberg last Friday tweeted that his brother Paul paid a visit to Carney with a donation of food in tow: “My brother Paul delivered @Wahlburgers to the staff at Carney Hospital in our hometown of Dorchester, MA today! Grateful to be able to pay it forward to the hospital where my siblings and I visited way too many times as kids. Thanks to all our healthcare heroes around the world!” Photo courtesy Mark Wahlberg/Twitter

Boston from across the country to help Massachusetts confront the COVID-19 surge. Respiratory therapists have been in particular demand, Sands said.

“Prior to the pandemic outbreak, during a day shift we would have three respiratory therapists on. That would go down to two on the second shift, and one for the third [overnight] shift. Right now, we have six therapists on for

all three shifts. That’s just one example.”

Carney has been tweaking its deployment in other ways. The bright red tent that was set up just outside the emergency department last month to triage patients and test for coronavirus has been dismantled. The testing is now done in a space inside, adjacent to the emergency department.

“We brought it inside the

building because we had that space available and it offered better control and a better experience for patients and staff members,” said Sands.

Testing is now available to anyone who has an order from their physician to get it done. It is typically done by appointment, Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. But, Sands said, the hospital is also testing people who “present to the emergency department (ED) and are symptomatic.”

There has been an overall decrease in the number of people coming to the ED, Sands said. Conservatively, he estimates that the emergency patient load is down about 15 percent since March 17. Most people are choosing to avoid emergency rooms unless it can’t be avoided.

Another specialty at Carney is adolescent and adult psychiatric care. Sands said that the hospital “continues to provide care to that population, including a couple of patients in that space who have tested positive for COVID.”

The hospital is also using technology to alleviate the stress that sets in for so many patients who are isolated while hospitalized from their loved ones. “We’ve been using FaceTime and Skype so people can be in a position to be in some level of contact,” he said. “It can take a toll on the patient and the staff members to have to see this distancing.”

Having Carney designated as a “dedicated” COVID-19 fa-

cility for the Steward system has been a positive experience for the hospital and the community, Sands said.

“The way I look at it, every hospital is going to become a COVID-19 facility along the way, but by us being the first designated one for Steward, it meant we were first in line for a lot of things,” he said. “We had to get the facility ready and our people ready, to educate them with appropriate training, and to get them refitted for N95 masks.”

He added: “It helped us to get ready faster with more resources and so, it was a positive for us. Overall, Carney and the community benefited from being the first. Once we get past the storm, the question will be: then what? We need to be supporting the community the right way and that means to be a comprehensive community hospital.”

Sands said that the signs of support from the Dorchester community— including constant deliveries of food and supply donations and even a rolling rally in support of workers held last week— has been a big boost for morale.

“It’s been overwhelmingly positive and powerful. The nail shops donating supplies, the pizzerias sending in food, the schoolkids sending in messages. It uplifts the team,” he said. “That support has been the elixir that helps us all navigate through these challenging times.”

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At left, Dorchester artist Elizabeth Rouse painted a message to medical workers and first responders on the front windows of the Banshee last week.

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BARRY, Elaine (Sullivan) Elaine grew up and lived her entire life in Dorchester, spending her time as an active member of Saint Gregory's Parish (lector and bingo volunteer) and as a teacher for over 20 years at Saint Gregory's elementary school. She grew up attending Saint Gregory's through High School making lifelong friends who are too numerous to name individually. Elaine is survived by her husband Joseph of 58 years, her two sons Joseph (Suzanne)



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and Richard, her granddaughters, Kathryn and Abigail, her first cousin Kathy Donnellan (and family) and her sister-in-law Marjorie Foster (and family). A Mass will be scheduled at later date. Contributions can be made to Saint Gregory's Parish, 2215 Dorchester Ave., Boston, MA 02124.

COLLINS, Timothy F. Jr. of Walpole, formerly of Dorchester and Hyde Park, 94. Husband of the late Alice T. (Riordan) Collins. Father of Timothy F. Collins, III and his wife, Mary, of Walpole, John R. Collins and his wife, Billie, of San Diego, California, Stephen C. Collins and his wife, Franshull, of Rainier, Minnesota, Dennis M. Collins and his wife, Margaret, of Ft. Myers, Florida, Lawrence D. Collins and his wife, Mary, of Tucson, Arizona, Martin P. Collins and his wife, Barbara, of Dorchester, Charles F. Collins and his wife, Maureen, of North Attleborough, Marianne Murphy and her husband, John, of Walpole, Neil A. Collins and his wife, Jan, of North Attleborough, Julianne V. Salzberg and her husband, Peter, of Franklin, and the late PFC Brian P. Collins. Cherished grandfather of twenty-one and great-grandfather of thirty-three. Brother of the late Mary Claire Ball, Jean McDonough, and Viola Rose Murphy. A Memorial Mass at Blessed Sacrament Church in Walpole will be held when we return to calmer and healthier times. A Celebration of Life gathering will take place following the Mass. Memorial donations in Tim's name may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 309 Waverley Oaks Road, Waltham, MA 02452.

DILLON, Anna (Conroy) "Josephine" Also known as "Dody," of Dorchester, formerly of Calla, Co. Galway, Ireland. Wife of Joseph Dillon for 34 years. Daughter of the late Martin and Mary Conroy (King). Sister of the late Teresa O'Connor, Chris Conroy and Ena Conroy. Aunt of eight nieces and nephews. Stepmother of five stepsons and one stepdaughter. Also survived by several great-nephews, great-nieces, stepgrandchildren and stepgreat-grandchildren. A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Mark's Church in Dorchester at a later date. Donations can be made to St. Mark's Catholic Church, 1725 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester, MA 02124.

DOHERTY, Catherine Veronica "Dolly" of Dorchester, originally from Malin Head, Co. Donegal, Ireland. Sister of the late Ellen Louise, Patrick John, Denis, Neal, Michael Joseph, Mary Bridget Doherty, all of Ireland, and Anna Maria McLaughlin of England. Sister-in-law of the late Peggy, Julia, Leila and Sadie. Aunt of 22. Grand-aunt of 8. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at a later date.

DUFFY, Joseph Emmett in Quincy, formerly of Westwood, Dorchester, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, and P.E.I., Canada. Husband of the late Josephine M. (MacVarish). Father of John E. and his wife Mary A. Duffy of Marshfield and Joseph W. and his wife Barbara A. Duffy of Norwell. "Grampy" of 7. Great-Grampy of 6. Brother of Elizabeth Carmichael of Toronto, Ernest Duffy of Ontario, and the late John Duffy, Marie Callahan, Morris Duffy, and Reginald Duffy. Survived by several nieces and nephews. Joe was a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the U.S. Army. He was the founder of Duffy Roofing Company, Inc. in Dorchester. Donations in Joe's memory may be made to The Disabled American Veterans at dav.org

GRZYBINSKI, Mary "Rindy" (Muldoon) of Holbrook (formerly of Dorchester), 84. Wife of the late Alfred S. Grzybinski, mother of Mary and Bob Locke of Harwich, Fred and Mary Grzybinski of Holbrook, Mark and Terry Grzybinski of Holbrook, Paula and Paul Richard of Medfield, Amy and Bill Gallagher of Kingston, Pat and Maryann Grzybinski of Holbrook, Joe and Alicia Grzybinski of Brockton, and Sue and Tim McCabe of Canton. Also survived by 31 grandchildren, as well as her 7 great-grandchildren. Rindy is also survived by her siblings Ruth Busa of Braintree, Bishop Maurus Muldoon of Boston, and Donald Muldoon of Walpole, along with many nieces and nephews. Donations can be made to the missions in Honduras that Rindy also worked tirelessly to support to St. Gertrude's Foundation Orphanage and Home for the Elderly, c/o Diocese of Juticalpa, 18 N. Bennet Street, Boston, MA 02113. A Memorial Mass and Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

HUSKINS, Walter E. Jr., 80, of East Orleans. He was born in Dorchester to Walter E. Huskins, Sr. and Catherine (Higgins) Huskins. Mr. Huskins was a Boston native who graduated from Boston Latin School, Tufts University and Boston University Law School. He also served as an officer in the U.S. Navy and Naval Reserve. Mr. Huskins practiced law, both in the Office of the Massachusetts Attorney General and in private practice during his career. His family includes his wife, Suzanne S. Huskins, his three daughters, Laura McGonagle, Cheryl Fleming, Kimberly Huskins, three stepchildren, Gregory Stephens, Kim Wesson and Jay Stephens and 10 grandchildren, along with his former wife, Judith Huskins. A private Memorial Service is to be held at a later date. Contributions can be made to Lower Cape Outreach Council, the Animal Rescue League in Brewster or the American Lung Association.

KELLY, John G. Of Dorchester, formerly of Brighton, suddenly. Son of the late James and Ellen T. (Evans) Kelly. Brother of James P. Kelly and his wife Betty of Canton, Ellen Sullivan and her husband Kevin of Chelmsford and William and his late wife Mary of West Roxbury. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

McNEELY, Sally Ann (O'Donnell) a lifelong resident of Dorchester. Daughter of the late Mary and Martin O'Donnell of Connemara, Ireland and Dorchester. Mother to Maura Tucker, whom she shared with Thomas McNeely of Ballyshannon, Ireland, and her husband James Tucker of Haverhill. Mamo of 3. Sister of Maureen O'Malley and Martin O'Donnell and his wife Dorothea O'Donnell of Dorchester. Aunt 4. Grand-aunt to 3. Dear friend of Nancy Barron, Frannie Barron, Eileen Lohan and Anne Parkis. Sally is also survived by her extended family in Connemara, Co. Galway and Ballyshannon, Co. Donegal, Ireland. Donations in Sally's memory may be made to the Boston Resiliency Fund, 1 City Hall Square, Room M-5, Boston, MA 02201.

MORIARTY, Kathleen Patricia, 77 years, of Marshfield, formerly of Milton. Only child of mother, the late Katherine P. (Toomey) Moriarty

and father, the late Eugene J. Moriarty, former Executive Editor of The Boston Herald-Traveler. Alumna of St. Gregory's Elementary School, Kathleen graduated from the Notre Dame Academy in Roxbury, in 1960, Emmanuel College, Class of 1965 (BS Elementary Education), followed later with classes in Special Education at Boston State College. Kathleen enjoyed a 39-year career as, initially, an elementary teacher and later as a Special Needs Evaluation Team Leader with the City of Boston Public Schools. Most aware of the present health crisis (Coronavirus), a notice will be made regarding a place, date and time for a "Celebration of Life Service" for Kathleen. Remembrances may be made to the Milton Animal League-Milton Animal Shelter, 181 Governor Stoughton Lane, Milton, MA 02186.

PERRY, Frederick J. Jr. of Woburn. Husband of the late Eileen (Mellor) Perry. Father of Frederick J. Perry, III and his wife Leigh of Dorchester, Daniel Perry of Woburn and his partner Pia Senses, Brian J. Perry and his wife Corrine Dupre of Holland, Eileen B. Galvin and her husband, the Honorable Mayor Scott Galvin of Woburn, Pamela A. Connolly and her husband David of Woburn and the late Mark E. Perry. Grandfather of nineteen grandchildren and great-grandfather of 7. Brother of the late Bobby and his wife Pat Perry, James and his wife Cathy Perry, John and his wife Christine Perry, the late Helen and her husband Joseph Dirienzo, Mary and her husband Paul Kelly, and the late Ann McGlashlin, and the late Edwina and George McCarthy. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Donations may be made in Mr. Perry's memory to the American Parkinson Disease Association, 72 East Concord Street, Rm C3, Boston, MA 02118.

PETRINGA, Salvatore D., 90, of West Roxbury, formerly of Boston's North End. Born in Boston's North End, to the late Concetto and Mary (Vasallo) Petringa, Sal was raised and educated there. Husband for sixty-five years of the late Lucia A. (Valenti) Petringa. Sal was the father of David Petringa and his wife Stacy of Memphis, TN. Sal was the brother of Dominic Petringa of Waltham, Antoinette Sutura of Beverly, Jimmy Petringa and his wife Rita of Wakefield, and was predeceased by Joseph Petringa, Josephine Petrino, and Vito Petringa. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. For those who wish, donations in Sal's memory may be made to Ethos, 555 Amory Street, Jamaica Plain, MA 02130.

PALINGO, James Boyd "Jimmy" of Dorchester. Son of the late James Palingo and Betty (Boyd) Palingo. Brother of Diane (Palingo) Molle and her late husband Alexander Molle, Sr. and Richard Palingo. Uncle of 3. Also survived by many loving relatives in the Boyd and Palingo families. A Celebration of Life Service will take place at a later date.

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SAMESKI, Eileen P. (Fleming) of West Roxbury, OFD. Wife of the late Michael J. Sameski, III. Mother of Mary Mariano and her husband Paul; Robert and his wife Terri; Richard “Sammy”; and Michael and his wife Laurie. Grandmother of 12. Sister of Paul Fleming and the late Leo Fleming, Sr. Mary Fleming, OSF; and Sr. Anne Fleming, SC. Eileen had one of the longest prayer lines known to date - always praying and thinking of others. Due to guidelines put in place by Gov. Charles Baker and the Archdiocese of Boston, Funeral Services will be private. Donations in Eileen’s memory may be made to The Franciscan Center, 310 N. Perry Ave., Tampa, FL 33603 franciscancenter.tampa.org or Sisters of Charity Ministry Fund, Sisters of Charity Centre, 215 Seton Road, Halifax, Nova Scotia B3M 0C9 Canada schalifax.ca

WALSH, James C. “Gaucho” of Braintree, formerly of Dorchester, suddenly. Husband of Nancy M. (McKenna) Walsh. Father of James C. Walsh, Jr. and his wife Jane of Weymouth. Son of the late Honorable Joseph B. and Catherine (Manning) Walsh. Brother of Brian C. (Maureen) of Whitman, Joseph and Christopher



of Dorchester, Robert (Rose) of Norfolk, and Stephen (Holly) of Pembroke. Brother-in-law of George and Brian McKenna of Dorchester, Thomas (Betty-Ann), James, and John of Weymouth, Elaine O’Connor (Charles), Carol Sullivan (John), and Patricia Hanlon (Michael) of Marshfield, Marianne Kelley (Francis) of Milton, and Stephen McKenna (Debbie) of Randolph. Son-in-law of Anne McKenna and the late George McKenna. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends. Member of Local #589. Longtime employee of the MBTA & MCCA. Donations may be made in James’ memory to the American Heart Association.

ST. PAUL, Andre, 95 of Mattapan. Husband of Marie Vesta St. Paul. Father of Michel, Jean Vilair, Gardy, Pierre, Jude, Darcelle, Michelle, and Nadege St. Paul. He also leaves behind 10 grandchildren and other relatives that will miss him dearly.

WALSH, Thomas A. of West Roxbury, formerly of Dorchester, passed away from complications of COVID-19. Husband of 55 years to Patricia (Sweeney) Walsh. Father of Patricia Huska and her husband Stephen of West Roxbury and Marybeth

Chung and her husband David of Wellesley. “Pops” of 4. Brother of his twin Stephen Walsh of Roslindale, Joseph Walsh of Boca Raton, FL and Sr. Barbara Joseph Walsh of Wellesley, and the late Mary Machaby, Michael Walsh, and Ann Walsh. Brother-in-law of William Sweeney of Milton. Tom is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and loyal friends. Late 46-year employee of Boston Gas and U.S. Army Veteran. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Donations in Tom’s memory may be made to St. Theresa of Avila Church, 2078 Centre Street, West Roxbury, MA 02132.

WILLIAMS, Jerry of Dorchester. Husband of 64 years of Bobbie J. Williams. Father of Sharoll, Antoinette, Michael, and Taunya. Grandfather of 9, and great-grandfather of 2. Sons-in-law, David Love and Denton Garrett, Sr. Jerry will be greatly missed by his sisters-in-law, Mrs. Voncile Thomas-Allen and Mrs. Dorothy Thomas-Spencer of Birmingham, AL. He leaves nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Jerry is predeceased by his daughters, Debra and Sandra. A private service is planned.



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