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An architect rendering depicts what one stretch of transit greenway might look like to a person standing where Park Street crosses over the tunnel near its northern edge. A proposed overlook is in the rear of the drawing where tracks can be seen entering the tunnel.

A greenway atop Red Line tunnel?

Plan gets face time at Greater Ashmont session

BY JENNIFER SMITH
REPORTER STAFF

A tunnel cap that sits above the Red Line tracks as they run underground through Dorchester from Fields Corner to Ashmont station may see a new life as a biker and pedestrian greenway.

At the Greater Ashmont Main Street's annual meeting on Tuesday, community members weighed in on an early look at a possible design for the stretch between Park Street, where trains from Fields Corner slip into the tunnel, and Shawmut and Ashmont stations.

The proposed greenway would run along the top of the Red Line beginning with a small section north of Park Street and then south across Mather Street,

Centre Street, and Welles Avenue up to Peabody Square at Ashmont.

OJB Landscape Architects, the real estate developer Travis Lee, and RODE Architects had been toying with the idea for some time when Greater Ashmont Main Street executive director Jenn Cartee raised the greenway discussion with Lee. Renderings in hand, they presented their preliminary designs to the Main Street group in St. Mark's church this week to initiate the gathering of local feedback.

“This presentation really represents more of a seed of an idea at this point,” Cody Klein, a Savin Hill resident and landscape architect with OJB, told attendees. “We know it's got a long way to go, so it really deserves a lot of your

input.” Conceptually, Klein said, such a greenway would connect people to each other, to transit, and to local amenities.

“Obviously we want to respect and address the historical character of Dorchester,” Klein said. That's something we all are very passionate about.” He added, “More than anything it provides this opportunity for community engagement and active programming... It's not just to convey people from one point to another. It's where we run into each other. It's where we engage, have community activities.”

The team is looking at different design conditions along the route, including the overlook where the train enters the tunnel at Park

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It's strike two on Globe sale; buyer pulls out of \$80m deal

BY BILL FORRY
EDITOR

The future of one of the city's most prominent redevelopment sites— the 16-acre Boston Globe property on Morrissey Boulevard —is again in limbo after the latest agreement to sell the newspaper plant and offices collapsed.

The Globe reported the demise of the deal, details of which are unknown, in a story posted on its website and printed in its May 17 edition.

Sean Keohan, the chief operating officer of the Globe, confirmed on Wednesday that the potential buyer decided not to consummate the deal. Keohan told the Globe and the Reporter that he could not disclose additional information due to a contractual agreement.

“We are excited about exploring other opportunities,” Keohan told the Reporter. Keohan declined to say whether the Globe's owner — John Henry — would once again seek to find a new buyer or, possibly, hold onto the site and re-develop it independently.

“We are exploring all options,” said Keohan. When asked if environmental problems related to the Globe property were the cause of the deals falling through, Keohan answered in a word: “No.”

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Mattahunt name, grade structure weighed by BPS

BY JENNIFER SMITH
REPORTER STAFF

As the Boston Public Schools move to determine a name for the new Mattapan early education center at the soon-to-be-shuttered Mattahunt Elementary School, Superintendent Tommy Chang said last week that some upper grade levels may be restored sooner than planned.

The superintendent, speaking at a meeting of the Boston School Committee on May 10, said the department initially expected to address expanding the school beyond first grade in the next three years.

“After hearing from community, I'm beginning to

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Officer Mike Keaney takes hater to task

The power of a single word to hurt

BY MIKE KEANEY
C-11 CORRESPONDENT

Two weeks ago our city was thrown into the national spotlight again and we were reminded of a sordid time in our past all because one insensitive and ignorant idiot yelled a single word at a member of the Baltimore Orioles baseball team. One word, made up of six hate-filled letters, set off a firestorm.

Commentary

Which got me to thinking of a day about a year ago when I heard another word that ticked me off no end. It is a four-letter word that most everyone uses several times a day — “just.”

You see it was early in the morning of June 12, 2016, and the world was learning all the horrific details about a massacre at the Pulse nightclub in Orlando, Florida. A single terrorist, who was armed to the teeth, had stormed

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Dennis Lehane remains 'stunned' that people pay him well to do what he loves best. Page 4.



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DOT BY THE DAY

May 18 - 26, 2017

A snapshot look at key upcoming events in and around the neighborhood for your weekly planner.

Thursday (18th) – Standout for Black Lives Matter organized by Dorchester People for Peace from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Ashmont MBTA station.

- Join Cindy of the Fields Corner Branch of the Boston Public Library at Chill on Park for the May Children’s Story Hour, hosted from 6-7 p.m. This month’s theme is “Visiting New Places.” Free. Call 617-297-5401 for more info.

Friday (19th) – Haitian flag raising ceremony at Boston City Hall Plaza, 12 p.m. in honor of Haitian Heritage Month.... Haitian Heritage Month celebration at Mattahunt Community Center, 100 Hebron St., Mattapan from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Call 617-635-5160 for more info.

Saturday (20th) – Ashmont Hill Yard Sale, 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. Contact Joe Gildea at cadmanjoe@aol.com or 617-288-6626 if you want to sign up early or have questions. Cost to participate is \$20 per location, plus \$10 for each additional household. Sign-up and payment deadline is Sat., May 13.

- The fourth annual All Dorchester Sports League Family Fun Day, organized by ADSL and Propa City, takes place at Town Field in Fields Corner. Organizations, businesses, services, and community resources are welcome to participate as vendors. Contact Stephanie Crawford at scrawford@alldorchester.org for details.
- Franklin Park Kite Festival, which drew over 1,000 people to fly kites and picnic last year, is held from 11 a.m.-4 p.m.. Boston Bikes brings kids bicycles for children to “rent” for free and Bikes Not Bombs mobile mechanics shop will be on site as well. Food trucks, inexpensive kites for sale (\$5, \$10, \$15, \$20), and more. See franklinparkcoalition.org.

Sunday (21st) – Boston Children’s Chorus 14th annual Season Finale concert at the Strand Theatre, 2 p.m. Tickets: \$15.



- 17th annual Haitian-American Unity Parade steps off from Mattapan Square on Blue Hill Avenue at 1 p.m. For more info call 617-417-8421 or s-mail unity@hauinc.org.
- Annual meeting of the Dorchester Historical Society begins at 2 p.m. at the William Clapp House, 195 Boston St., Dorchester. Exhibit Opening: Frederick Frizell, Lower Mills Photographer from 1900 to 1930s. Program: Lissa Schwab, Preservation Planner at the Boston Landmarks Commission will explain the difference between National Register designation and Boston designations such as Architectural Districts.

Friday (26th) – Fundraiser for Mandy Jenner, an Animal Control Room attendant for the City of Boston and a single mother, who has been diagnosed with Cervical Cancer and is presently undergoing Chemo Therapy and Radiation. 7 p.m. at Teacher’s Union Hall, 180 Mount Vernon St. Raffle baskets, gift cards, scratch ticket trees, 50/50, music, dancing, snacks and refreshments. Tickets are \$25. For ticket info or donations, contact Cindy Gillis-Delvalle, 617-869-293, Robin Foley, 781-801-5037 or Vicky Powell, 857-249-7707.



Rain fails to dampen enthusiasm for Mother’s Walk
Gloomy weather did not stop the momentum of marchers who participated in Sunday’s Mother’s Day Walk for Peace. Thousands of walkers joined the procession from Town Field in Dorchester to City Hall Plaza, including Tina Chery (middle in front, above), the co-founder of the Louis D. Brown Peace Institute, which organizes the annual event.
Chris Lovett photo

Dot Day season kicks into high gear

Dorchester Day is only a few short weeks away (June 4), but the Dot Day season is already in high gear.

The Mayor of Dorchester contest has ended and the winner will be revealed this week. Two candidates—Dorchester native David Anderson and Lower Mills business owner Carlos Vargas are in the running for the ceremonial post, which goes to the person who raises the most funds for the parade.

Contestants in the Little Miss and Young Miss Dorchester event will compete for the



crown and sash on Sat., May 20. The contests will take place at 10 a.m. at First Parish Church, 10 Parish Street, Meetinghouse Hill. Both age groups will be together for this event with all winners announced at the end of the day.

The 2017 Chief Marshal’s Banquet will be

held on Fri., June 2 at Florian Hall to honor new parade marshal—Army Veteran Charlie Cook who worked for the City of Boston for 25 years in the Inspection Service Department.

The Dorchester Day parade committee is switching things up this year—with the hopes of starting a new annual tradition—to honor a group who continually do great things for the Dorchester neighborhood.

This year, that honored group will be the Chili Cook-Off committee, who raised \$10,000

for this year’s parade.

“Pat O’Neill and Ashmont Adams take the lead. It’s their event and they do a fantastic job,” said Kelly Walsh, president of the Dorchester Day parade committee.

The parade itself starts on Sunday, June 4 at 1 p.m. at Dorchester Avenue and Richmond Street in Lower Mills, following a traditional route up the avenue to Columbia Road. For further information on the parade, please contact Kelly Walsh at kellywalsh@dotdayparade.com.

- ELANA AURISE

Quincy man guilty of killing Dot native

The man who murdered a Dorchester native in a Quincy barroom two years ago will go to prison after a Norfolk County jury found him guilty of second-degree murder on Tuesday.

Paul Fahey, 44, will be sentenced on Thursday for beating Keith Boudreau to death in an unprovoked attack inside the Home Ice Sports Bar in Quincy Center in March 2013.

Tinlin plans July 10 return to his MassDOT post

Massachusetts highway chief Tom Tinlin, who is recovering from emergency brain surgery, will be replaced on an interim basis by highway district 3 director Jonathan Gulliver. Tinlin plans to return

to work on Monday, July 10. The South Boston resident is a former aide to Mayor Tom Menino and a close advisor and friend to many in Dorchester, South Boston and beyond.

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Memorial Day Parade, Observances on May 29 – Dorchester’s annual observation of Memorial Day begins at 10 a.m. on Monday, May 29 with a parade from the John P. McKeon Post AMVETS #146 on Hilltop Street to Cedar Grove Cemetery, where veterans and dignitaries will participate in ceremonies that have been held here since 1869. Brigadier General Peter O’Halloran, who serves with the Irish Army, is the keynote speaker. Immediately following the Cedar Grove ceremony, veterans will gather at the Vietnam Memorial on	Morrissey Boulevard.	Boston Police Area B-3 Senior Ball —The 10th annual BPD B-3 Senior Ball is Fri., May 19 at 5 p.m. at the Unity Sports Club for residents 60-plus. Admission is free, attendees must present ticket to enter. Please contact B-3 CSO office at 617-343-4717.	McConnell Park Planning Meeting on May 23 – The first in a series of city-sponsored meetings to discuss improvements to McConnell Park in Dorchester at Cristo Rey Boston High School on Tues., May 23 at 6:30 p.m. For	further information, call 617-961-3025.	June 2 from 12-2 p.m. The facility includes a full-service pharmacy, primary care and urgent care services and more.
Downer Avenue Playground Meeting on May 25 – Discuss improvements to McConnell Park in Dorchester at the Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester on Thurs., May 25 at 6:30 p.m. Three design alternatives based on community input received at the first meeting will be presented. More info: 617-961-3025.	Grand opening of Quincy Commons Clinic – Whittier Street Health Center hosts an open house and grand opening for their new clinic at Quincy Common, 278 Blue Hill Ave., Roxbury on Friday,	C-11 Bike rodeo set for June 10 —Boston Police from Area C-11 will host their annual Bike Rodeo for Kids on Sat., June 10 in the Hallet Street parking lot of the McKeon Post from 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. Free bike helmets for kids, a free raffle for three new bikes, and a cookout.			

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Franklin Park allies eye benefits from sale of city-owned garage

By Noble Ingram
Reporter Correspondent

The Boston City Council approved the sale of the former Winthrop Square parking garage in Downtown Crossing to development company Millennium Partners by a vote of 10-3 on April 26. The decision—which must be ratified by the state Legislature—was an important step towards executing the \$153 million sale of the city-owned garage that could pump millions of dollars into city parks, including the Boston Common and Dorchester’s Franklin Park, which would see an infusion of an estimated \$28 million, according to the Walsh administration.

How, exactly, those funds would be used at Franklin Park is still an open question. Frederick Olmsted, who designed Franklin Park, considered the 527-acre space the “crown jewel” of his Emerald Necklace. “The areas surrounding the park are some of the poorest in the city,” said Mike Carpentier, the treasurer of the Franklin Park Coalition, which endorsed the Winthrop Square sale. “A lot of people live in apartments, they don’t have backyards, they don’t have green spaces... We are Boston’s back yard



Franklin Park, including the serene Scarborough Pond, would benefit from proceeds of the sale of the city-owned Winthrop Square Garage. The Walsh administration has said it will steer an estimated \$28 million to care for and upgrade the park, which borders Dorchester, Mattapan, Roxbury and Jamaica Plain. Photo courtesy Franklin Park Coalition

for a large proportion of the city.”

Despite its size — the park comprises one-fourth of all parkland in Boston — Franklin Park faces consistent funding challenges. The Winthrop Square funds would likely be used in part to establish an endowment to care for the maintenance of the park.

Before her vote in favor of the Winthrop Square sale, City Councillor Andrea Campbell expressed a frustration — shared by many of her constituents — for relative

sparse city funding for recreation in Dorchester and Mattapan.

“At Monday’s hearing, I explained that this has become an equity issue for many [District Four] residents,” Campbell said in remarks before her vote on the council. “The biggest concern I hear from... constituents is that we do not receive what other residents get for their parks, schools, housing, streets, etc. As a result, many more [District Four] residents have expressed support rather than opposition to this... petition.”

According to Carpentier, Franklin Park is often forgotten by tourists and residents alike.

“You would be surprised from talking to people who know their way around Boston who may not even know that Franklin Park exists,” he said.

Boston Parks and Recreation Commissioner Chris Cook said that funding from the garage sale could be used in part to improve public access with more pedestrian entrances, particularly near growing neighborhoods.

“Is there any opportunity to... open up a new entrance near Canterbury street, near Morton street, or near American Legion Highway,” said Cook. “Those emerging neighborhoods in Mattapan that are starting to receive more and more density as the population grows, those folks are going to need access to green space,” he said. “Franklin Park can serve them, but as the park is currently designed, the nearest real entrance for those folks into the park is to go all the way up American Legion Highway and come into the park through the golf course parking lot or go along Circuit Drive.”

Foot traffic isn’t the only accessibility issue to affect the park’s patronage. Unlike Boston Common, Franklin Park lacks proximity to larger transit nodes. Carpentier noted that aside from bus routes, there aren’t many nearby options for visitors without cars.

“As far as mass transit, you have the commuter rail which is not necessarily on everyone’s radar... and the Orange Line is still three-quarter-of a mile [away]. It’s still not close. It’s not like popping out at Park Street or popping out at Boylston,” he said.

But the Winthrop

Square investment could also address this problem and in the process hearken back to one of Olmsted’s original visions for the city. New funding could assist in the completion of a Greenway through Dorchester to connect Franklin Park with Moakley Park on Dorchester Bay. Bridging this divide, says Commissioner Cook, is sorely needed.

“We think there is an inherent equity in connecting Franklin Park to the Boston waterfront. It’s amazing when you go through some of the neighborhoods whether it’s Bowdoin/Geneva or Upham’s Corner and you don’t realize how close you are to Boston’s waterfront,” he said.

Though the future of Dorchester’s parklands remains uncertain, a sense of hope infuses plans for redevelopment. Reimagining neighborhood access to urban green space is nothing new, but the potential for an influx of funding may ground dreams of equitable urban planning in reality.

As Commissioner Cook said, “If an idea is really good, it sticks around. He were are 100 years later and we are still talking about it.”

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Lehane remains ‘stunned’ that people pay him well to do what he loves best

By RYAN DALY
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

Dennis Lehane, the Dorchester native who writes for print, television, and the movies, and who calls his own work “a bizarre bastard child of pulp and literary influences,” launched his latest novel, “Since We Fell,” last week.

His decision to write as a female protagonist, Lehane says, presented some challenges—“There were moments when I was seeing through ‘guy goggles’”—but, for the most part, he says, he doesn’t feel hemmed in by gender or race when constructing his characters; identification comes with irreverence.

“The characters I understand are the outsiders,” Lehane says. “The square pegs in a round hole,” an archetype Lehane himself identifies with, saying it’s for this reason that people become writers.

Simply enough, though when the idea for the novel popped into his head, Lehane says, it was from a women’s point of view, so he went with it.

“Since We Fell” charts the life of Rachel Childs, a television reporter who loses her career and her sanity after suffering a nervous breakdown on a live report from a ravaged Haiti. Living with agoraphobia in subsequent years,

Childs manages to find happiness in her second marriage, until a chance encounter on the streets of Boston shifts her reality from one of relative peace as a shut-in to one of duplicity, deceit, and murder.

One-part page-turner, one-part social critique, and intertwined with notions of privilege and feminism, “Since We Fell” comes at a time when, Lehane says, people in this country feel very “cast off” and aware that the “American dream is something you buy your way into.” He adds: “Very ugly things are afoot right now.”

Born and raised in

Edward Everett Square, Lehane says he misses the closeness of Dorchester, but he doesn’t know if it’s there anymore, since the people he knew growing up might have all moved away.

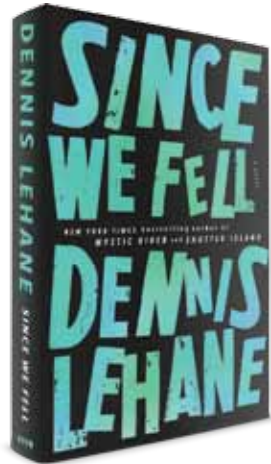
Returning to Boston is always a painful experience for him. “It’s like running into your great love on the street, the one who you broke up with,” Lehane says of his initial reaction to arriving back in the city. “And she looks damn good. And happy.”

Lehane now lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Angela Bernardo, and their daughter, where he is working with the likes of Clint Eastwood, Martin Scors-

ese, and Ben Affleck on big screen adaptations of his novels. DreamWorks has already acquired the rights to “Since We Fell,” with Lehane penning the script.

The single best decision he’s made in his life, though, Lehane says, was leaving Boston, a move that allowed him to put the old neighborhood—which he returns to in his writing over and over again, especially in works like “Gone Baby Gone” and “Mystic River”—in firmer perspective. Dorchester gets mentions throughout “Since We Fell.”

After he left his hometown, at 20 years of age, to become a writer,



Lehane says he was a “heat-seeking missile,” with a focus on success that others told him was “scary.”

Now, more than three decades later, Lehane says that he’s “absolutely, wholly stunned” that anybody pays him to write stories. “I wake up every day,” he says, “and continue doing what I love.”

Morrissey’s Old Colony House on the market for redevelopment

By BILL FORRY
EDITOR

The now-closed Phillips Old Colony House restaurant on Morrissey Boulevard is now officially on the market. The Reporter broke the news last January about the decision of longtime owners—the Phillips family—to end operations at the restaurant and function facility.



Marketing material for the former Old Colony House/Freeport Tavern.

The eatery closed its doors in mid-January and its parking lot is currently being used to store cars from a nearby auto dealer.

The plan all along has been to find a development partner for the Old Colony House/Freeport Tavern site—and this week, Banker & Tradesman reports that the property has officially hit

the market. The newspaper reports that Colliers International Boston has been hired to find “joint venture partners or developers interested in ground-leasing the 1.8-acre site at 780 Morrissey Blvd.”

Joseph Sammartino, the president of the family-run company that owns the site and adjacent businesses,

including Ramada Inn, Boston Bowl and Phillips’ Candy House, has said that the other businesses will continue operate. Sammartino told the Reporter he expects that a joint venture redevelopment would likely result in a mixed-use for the site, which sits between Morrissey Boulevard and the southeast expressway.

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Haitian diaspora waits on US call on immigrants’ protected status

By NOBLE INGRAM
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

An upcoming deadline to renew a temporary residency program affecting more than 50,000 Haitians in the US has sparked a flurry of action by city and state representatives. Temporary Protected Status (TPS) was originally granted to Haitian immigrants following the 2010 earthquake and humanitarian crisis in the Caribbean country. TPS requires renewal every 18 months and the Trump administration has until next Tuesday (May 23) to decide whether or not to continue the program.

Until that decision is made, an entire diaspora hangs in the balance.

Boston is home to some 16,000 Haitian immigrants; it's the third largest such population in the country. In response to the White House's ongoing silence on the issue, several local lawmakers have spoken up on the impact of this decision. On Monday, Mayor Martin Walsh sent a letter to Secretary of Homeland Security John Kelly and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson urging the two officials to support the extension of TPS for Haitian residents.

"The Haitian diaspora has enriched and

strengthened our City in immeasurable ways.... I urge you to exercise your discretion to extend TPS for Haitians until they can safely return to Haiti," Mayor Walsh's letter read in part.

One critical question the federal government will answer with this decision is whether or not Haiti now has stable enough conditions for current TPS residents to thrive when they return home. Brian Concannon, the executive director of the Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti, expressed doubt that sending thousands of Haitians back to the country would be a good thing for the US to do. "The people who are going back, most of them haven't been to Haiti in over seven years. It's going to be difficult for them to reinsert themselves and it's a particularly difficult time in Haiti," he said.

The last TPS renewal for Haitians was approved in 2015, less than a year before Hurricane Mathew once again inflicted widespread damage to the country. According to a report by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, more than 1.5 million people on the island were still "food insecure" in March



State Senator Linda Dorcea Forys spoke during a forum that her office hosted on immigration issues at the Viet-AID community center in Fields Corner last week. Photo courtesy Sen. Forys's office

of this year.

A letter from Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey and state Sen. Linda Dorcea Forys that was addressed to Secretary Kelly and published on Tuesday emphasized the continuing concerns over what Haitian TPS residents would return to should the program be terminated. The document listed health concerns that are threatening thousands of lives in the recovering nation.

"Haiti's medical system remains unable to adequately address the nation's public health crises. The cholera epidemic continues to spread," the letter read. "In addition, health care providers

have seen an unprecedented rise in cases of microcephaly, a birth condition linked to the Zika virus, but hospitals are not equipped to test for or prevent Zika."

Assessing Haiti's livability hasn't been the only priority for the Trump administration leading up to the TPS decision. According to the Associated Press, White House officials were asked in emails to collect crime data on Haitian immigrants in the US, despite the fact that TPS specifically disqualifies anyone who has committed a criminal offense.

"Haitians are very troubled by the Trump administration's efforts to find out about criminal activity among the Haitian community," said Concannon. "That is completely irrelevant because you can't get TPS if you have a criminal record."

The administration also asked immigration officials to investigate TPS residents' use of public benefits. TPS stipulates, however, that protected residents are not eligible for welfare benefits. Concannon believes these federal inquiries signal political motives behind the

government's decision-making. "What we are afraid of," he said, "is that the Trump administration is going to use that to try to demonize the Haitian community as a whole as a pretext for not renewing TPS."

Bay State Congressman Seth Moulton echoed this concern, arguing in a written statement that the Trump administration's actions fit into a broader anti-immigrant narrative. "Given the sheer disregard for immigrants that this administration has shown," he wrote, "these orders are, sadly, not surprising."

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Dorchester’s Jennifer Ellis does her own thing well in “Bridges of Madison County” (SpeakEasy Stage, through June 3)

By R. J. DONOVAN
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

In Robert James Waller’s best-selling novel “The Bridges of Madison County,” a lonely war bride in 1960s Iowa has a three-day affair with a handsome National Geographic photographer who came to town to shoot the community’s covered bridges.

Published in 1992, Waller’s work sold more than 60 million copies around the world. In 1995, a film version followed, starring Meryl Streep, Oscar-nominated as the housewife, and Clint Eastwood as the photographer.

With a lush score by Jason Robert Brown, a musical adaptation premiered at the Williamstown Theatre Festival in 2013. A year later, the show opened on Broadway and was subsequently nominated for multiple Tony Awards.

SpeakEasy Stage at the Calderwood Pavilion on Tremont Street presents the Boston premiere of the musical through June 3. Boston’s award-winning Jennifer Ellis stars as Francesca, the Italian war bride, opposite Christiaan Smith as Robert, the

photographer. Ellis has been critically acclaimed for her work in everything from “Nine” to “Far From Heaven,” “1776,” “Carousel” and more. She has also appeared in “Shear Madness” in both Boston and New York. In 2016 she received the Norton and IRNE Best Actress awards for her performance as Eliza Doolittle in “My Fair Lady” at Lyric Stage. And last summer she achieved a personal dream when she sang the National Anthem before a Red Sox-Yankees game at Fenway Park.

A Whitman native, Ellis now lives in Dorchester with her husband, an organic chemist. Together, the couple has traveled the world, swimming with sharks in Australia’s Great Barrier Reef and staring down a lion while on a safari in Africa. She is also an animal rights activist.

With a warm personality and an easy sense of humor, she spoke about the show as she was mastering her lines. Here’s an edited look at our conversation.

Q. “Bridges” is a popular novel and film. What’s your creative process when dealing with a



Jennifer Ellis is Francesca Johnson and Christiaan Smith is Robert Kincaid in “The Bridges of Madison County,” at SpeakEasy Stage through June 3. Glenn Perry Photography

story or a character that brings its own audience recognition.

A. When I did “My Fair Lady” with [director] Scott Edmiston, on day one he held up a picture of Audrey Hepburn, just put a big X through it and said, “We will not be doing this. Expectations aside, we going to do our own thing.” And that’s the approach I’m taking with this. I can’t live up to anyone’s expectations. I can just put myself into it as honestly as I can, approach it that way and

hope that it resonates with people.

Q. Your character faces a life-altering emotional choice. Does the tragedy of the story lie in Francesca betraying her husband or in staying with him?

A. There’s a beautiful song at the end, which is, I guess, a spoiler alert. She sings about how maybe it would have been better if Robert didn’t come to town. Then she wouldn’t have this pain that she has to live with. But she also wouldn’t know that she could love in that capacity . . . It’s so complex.

Q. The situation she faces goes far beyond the setting of time and place.

A. It is a very relatable story, which is funny, because it’s about adultery. I think people either see themselves in Francesca or Robert, or the husband, Bud. It’s funny that it’s sort of an immoral thing

that happens, but you root for them at the same time.

Q. Of course, over a three-day period it’s tough to fully experience who the other person really is.

A. Right, all the warts and scars. That’s so true. Just three days is not enough time to get on each other’s nerves.

Q. You’re so well known for your musical roles here in Boston. Is your family musical or are you the lone artist?

A. I was the lone artist. It turned out my Dad’s Mom played piano beautifully, by ear, and that really fascinated me as a kid. So I would always bang on her piano. And then she eventually gave it to me . . . I feel like I got that sort of musical element from Nana Ellis. But we’re Irish, so there’s always a lot of singing. I was about about six when I joined the choir at my church. Someone gave me a solo, and that was just a big mistake because I wouldn’t step away from the microphone.

Q. You’re a member of the “Shear Madness” club, having done the show both here and in New York.

A. Man, I love those guys. I was so lucky to get into that. It’s kind of like an institution . . . like Comedy Improv Boot Camp. It’s its own type of family because so many people have done it. Some really great actors have done it and said, “The improv element is terrifying and I can’t do it.”

Q. What was it like swimming with sharks in Australia?

A. They’re huge, but

they’re reef sharks . . . they’re like big dogs and they’re afraid of people . . . They’re so beautiful. They’re swimming by you, not at you -- there’s a big difference . . . There was something very ethereal about them . . . I actually started to swim after one of them, and my husband made this face in his snorkel mask like, “What the hell???”

Q. Tell me about your Irish roots.

A. I just did the “23 and Me” thing. We’ve always given my Mom kind of a hard time because she’s always said we’re 100 percent Irish (on her side) . . . We always thought she was making it up, but it turns out she was right. We’re from the Connemara region.

Q. Have you visited?

A. Oh my God, it’s such a beautiful place . . . My Mom said, “You have to go to Inishmore, Dingle, the Ring of Kerry and Kinsale.” Inishmore, in particular, because I knew some of my ancestry was there . . . It was so beautiful. Just crossing to get there on the boat was one of the most terrifying boat trips of my life. It was so rough. They were like, “Focus on the horizon.” But you’d look out the window and it was either sea or sky . . . Imagine doing this in a wooden boat a hundred years ago!

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DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Last Wednesday, students of the Graduate Program in Public History at UMass Boston presented their research on the Industrial School for Girls in Dorchester and the girls and women involved in that institution. Today’s illustration is of Mary Eliot (Dwight) Parkman, who served as president of the Industrial School for Girls from 1860 to 1862.

The building used by the school is still in existence at 232 Centre Street. It is owned by the Epiphany School, which plans to preserve the building and has been building new facilities on the property to accommodate their expansion. In 2015, Joe Bagley, the city’s archaeologist, recovered 17,723 historic artifacts from the site, many of which can be viewed in the website created by the graduate students, dorchesterindustrialschoolforgirls.wordpress.com.

In one sense it is remarkable that the graduate students were able to find so much information about some of the students and staff. The girls were mostly from the lower-income level of society and were not the kinds of people who leave a lot of records behind. The frustration that the researchers felt when their research turned up very little about some of the people was heartfelt.

Although their class project is over, it is easy to believe that some of these students will continue to be ever watchful for more evidence about the lives of their chosen subjects. So we may learn more as time goes on.

Check out the *Dorchester Historical Society’s* online catalog at dorchester.pastperfectonline.com. The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org.

Grampian Way home eyed for condo conversion



Left, the current view of the property at 147 Grampian Way is shown next to a rendering (right) of what property owner John Moran proposes as a future use, including the conversion of the existing structure to condominiums. *Images courtesy John Moran*

**By JENNIFER SMITH
REPORTER STAFF**

A proposal to move and restore a historic Grampian Way home and convert the structure to a seven-condominium building was met with concern and some push-back at a ColumbiaSavin Hill Civic Association planning meeting last week.

Longtime resident John Moran came to the group to propose moving the main structure of his 147 Grampian Way house forward about 28 feet with a new foun-

dation and restoring the “front facade with historic details and veranda.”

The house was built on a rock ledge in the rear, to which the house was never really pinned, Moran said. With another rock ledge on the left hand side, “the house is twisting,” he said. “It’s strained, for obvious reasons, and you can feel it. The doors aren’t closing, the floor is moving.”

Water also pours down into the site from the woods of Savin Hill Park, which he abuts, he said.

The property, compris-

Civic leaders say they will approve five units rather than the proposed seven at the June meeting of Columbia-Savin Hill Civic.

ing a 15,000-square foot lot at 147 Grampian Way and a 9,102-square foot parcel on Alpine Way, contains a house and a carriage house, both situated near the rear of the lot. City records list the four-bedroom, three-bathroom house as being in “fair” condition.

Moran also plans to demolish three rear ad-

ditions and replace them with a two-story addition containing three new dwelling units, connecting the main structure to the carriage house. The carriage house, Moran proposes, would be reconstructed and enlarged to include two units. A two-story dwelling would also be attached on a portion of

the Alpine Way lot.

The final structure would include seven units, twelve garage parking spaces, and two surface parking spaces.

Neighbors at the meeting worried about the increase in density and any impact on the mostly-secluded Alpine Way. The building is in disrepair, they agreed, but adding five units seemed excessive and might spark a poor precedent for other Savin Hill residents who own large lots.

As the proposal stands, Moran would need vari-

ances on moving the building out of alignment with the existing structure, changing use to multi-family, and excessive floor-area ratio. The property is zoned for 0.4 floor-area-ratio, and the plans would bring that to 0.57.

The planning committee will recommend approving the project with five units rather than the proposed seven at the general meeting in June, according to planning chair Eileen Fenton. Moran said he has a Zoning Board of Appeals date set for June 27.

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Arts & Entertainment

Students’ mural will remain at EMK Institute through summer

By RYAN DALY
REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

Originally slated to conclude on the last day of May, an exhibit at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate featuring original work by the students from Boston International Newcomers Academy (BINcA) has been extended to the end of the summer.

The nine-panel mural installation—*From Her Beacon*—features colorful images of the Statue of Liberty. The idea for the project crystallized earlier this year when BINcA, composed of many immigrant students, hosted workshops focused on civic engagement and democratic participation in lieu of a regular class schedule on the day of President Donald J. Trump’s inauguration.

Hillarie Pilier, 19, one of the students who contributed to the work, is excited to know that the message of inclusion and empathy will continue disseminating in the community.

“We are together in this,” she said, referring to the uncertain

political climate. “The more people that can see the work, the better.”

During the art workshop in January, students were given 12-inch by 18-inch sections of a larger picture of the Statue of Liberty to paint in whichever color composition they chose.

“When the sections came together,” James Hobin, one of the art teachers at BINcA who oversaw the workshop. Hobin, a resident of Savin Hill, said, “The results were invigorating.”

Jessica Andraee, 18, another student who contributed to the murals, said that she was unsure at first how the project would come out, since every student was creating the pieces independently.

When she saw the final composition, though, she too was amazed.

“I love how everything came out,” she said.

Students at BINcA were anxious after the election, Hobin said, when it was unclear how the new administration’s aggressive stance on new immigrants would impact their lives. The

day after the election, Hobin remembers, a student came into school with a picture on his phone of the suitcase he had packed the night before, as a precaution.

The kaleidoscopic effect of the murals acts as homage to the ethos that America was founded on, Hobin said, and a reminder to those students why they matter in the community.

“When the sunlight hits the murals in the middle of the day,” Hobin said, “it all looks amazing. Like the thing’s plugged in.”

Sarah Yezzi, the Education Manager at the Institute, noted that the first reactions even came before the exhibit was open to the public.

“The staff workers were in awe of it,” she said. “They’re special pieces of work, and we’re incredibly impressed.”

BINcA and the Institute had collaborated once before, during the tumultuous election season last November, when students created mock campaign posters they would use if they were running for office. The posters, which also



A panel from the *From Her Beacon* mural created by students at Boston International Newcomers Academy.

went on display, received the same warm reception from the community as the murals have. Both Yezzi and Hobin spoke highly of the partnership between BINcA and the Institute, and said that they hope to continue collaborating in the future.

“We love connecting with the Institute,” Hobin said. “They work hard to promote the students’ art. And they’re right here, in our backyard.” Pilier echoed those sentiments, and added thoughts on the future of the talented students at BINcA. “We are going to keep going,” she said. “Expect more from us.”

There are tentative plans to present the project at the National Arts Editors Association Conference in 2018 in Seattle. At the end of the summer, the *From Her Beacon* murals will move be on display at the Bruce C. Bolling Municipal Building in Roxbury and Boston City Hall. At the end of that period, the murals will find a home at their place of origin: the hallways of BINcA, where students will be able to admire their work daily.

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Thurs., May 18, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 3:30 p.m. – USCIS Information Night; 5:30 p.m. – Family Night. **Fri., May 19**, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Movie Hour. **Mon., May 22**, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. **Tues., May 23**, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. **Wed., May 24**, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. **Thurs., May 25**, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 5:30 p.m. – Family Night. **Fri., May 26**, 10 a.m. – Computer Basics; 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Movie Hour. **Sat., May 27**, 10:30 a.m. – STEAM Saturday: Sand Art Bottles; 2 p.m. – Girls Who Code. **Fri., June 2**, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Movie Hour.

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Thurs., May 18, 6:30 p.m. – Book Discussion; ESL Conversation Group. **Fri., May 19**, 10 a.m. – Email Basics; 1 p.m. – Marlene Dietrich Film Series; 3:30 p.m. – Young Makers’ Club. **Sat., May 20**, 10 a.m. – Drop-in Craft. **Mon., May 22**, 3:30 p.m. – Creative Writing Club; 7 p.m. – Pajama Story Time. **Tues., May 23**, 10:30 a.m. – Story Time with Ms. Celeste. **Wed., May 24**, 10:30 a.m. – Music & Movement. **Thurs., May 25**, 6:30 p.m. – ESL Conversation Group. **Fri., May 26**, 10 a.m. – Drop in Computer Help; 1 p.m. – Marlene Dietrich Film Series; 3:30 p.m. – Young Makers’ Club. **Tues., May 30**, 10 a.m. – Story Time with Ms. Celeste. **Wed., May 31**, 10:30 a.m. – Music & Movement. **Thurs., June 1**, 6:30 p.m. – ESL Conversation Group. **Fri., June 2**, 3:30 p.m. – Young Makers’ Club. **Sat., June 3**, 10 a.m. – Drop-in Craft.

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UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH
Mon., May 22, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; Homework Help Party. **Tues., May 23**, 10:30 a.m. – Reading Readiness with Little Groove. **Wed., May 24**, 11:30 a.m. – Baby and Toddler Circle Time; 3:30 p.m. – Creative Arts Workshop for Youth; Homework Help. **Wed., May 25**, 3:30 p.m. – Creative Arts Workshop for Youth. **Sat., May 17**, 11 a.m. – LEGO Builders Club.

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Dot's Cabral honored as one of '29 Who Shine'

Elizabeth Cabral, Salem State class of 2017 and Dorchester resident, gathered along with 28 fellow Massachusetts students at the State House in Boston on May 5 for the '29 Who Shine' award ceremony, which honors one student from each of the 29 public higher education institutions.

Cabral, along with her fellow honorees, was chosen for her academic achievements and record of student leadership and community service. Those chosen for '29 Who Shine' plan to contribute

greatly to the state community following graduation, whether through pursuing a career or continuing education.

Striving to be a lawyer, Cabral has been active in various social justice causes around campus. As the student trustee on the 2016-2017 Salem State University Board of Trustees representing over 7,000 of her peers, Cabral moved the board to support the divestment from fossil fuels and to make diversity, equality, and inclusion a priority at the university. She was

a member of the Student Government Association, serving a one-year term as vice-president, as well as a member of the Black, Brown, and Proud Movement on campus.

"Working with Elizabeth over the past year on the Board of Trustees has been a wonderful experience," said President Patricia Maguire Meservey, who added: "I have been delighted to see her learn and grow throughout the process. She is making a difference in her community and exemplifies

the Salem State graduate. She is prepared to launch a promising career ahead and continue her commitment to social justice."

Over her academic career, Cabral has held internships with the Malden District Courthouse, Department of Youth Services, the American Civil Liberties Union, and, in the summer of 2016, with Senators Elizabeth Warren and Edward Markey, beginning her career fighting for civil liberties.

Faculty member mentors are chosen by

the student winners and were honored at the ceremony, as well. Cabral chose Jennifer Jackman, of the political science department, as her mentor, citing the impact she has had on Cabral's academic success.

"Through her impeccable career and all of the things that she has accomplished, she has taught me that anything is possible. No matter what I did apply for she was always in my corner rooting me on and there to talk to me about anything and offer



Elizabeth Cabral
me advice whenever I needed it. She will be my lifelong mentor and is the reason for my success," Cabral said of Jackman.



A safety event—the Fall Protection Stand-Down—was hosted at an active construction site in Roxbury last week. Madison Park Technical Vocational High School, YouthBuild Boston, and the New England Carpenters Training Fund hosted the event, part of National Safety Stand-Down Week. Pictured (left to right) Martin Leik, Regional Safety Director at Suffolk; Tim Tudor, trainer with the New England Carpenters Training Fund; Jerez Walton of Dorchester (Gilbane Construction); Vincent Fanuele, Carpentry Instructor at Madison Park Technical Vocational High School; and Obadiah Rankin* of Dorchester (Gilbane Construction).

'Girls on the Run' pulls in Dot participants

Three teams from Dorchester will be participating in Girls on the Run, a 10-week youth development program for girls in grades 3-8. Conservatory Lab School, Bridge Boston Charter School, and St. John Paul II Catholic Academy's Columbia Campus will be a part of the end-of-season celebratory spring 5k event at Hopkinton High School on June 3.

The Greater Boston council has 576 girls and 37 teams in and around Boston that will participate. Girls on the Run expects a total of 1,300 runners in this spring's 5k event.

Each girl will run with a running buddy. The event also welcomes community runners. Registration is open through Wednesday, May 31 for \$25. On-site registration will be avail-

able at the event for \$30. Attendees will be able to partake in some pre-race activities and a Girls on the Run Festival.

Girls on the Run fall season site applications for new and returning sites are now being accepted through July 31. For more information, please contact Program Coordinator Kristen Bonito at kristen@girlsrun.org.

— ELANA AURISE

Dot girl, 10, will shave head to aid cancer fight

Ten year-old **Emma Hayhurst**—inspired by her mom's participation in a previous buzz off—will be one of the brave souls buzzing her hair off alongside Rob Gronkowski on June 4.

The 8th annual One Mission Buzz Off for Kids with Cancer event benefits kids fighting cancer at local hospitals and raises pediatric cancer awareness by having hundreds shave their heads. Gronk will be the special guest

this year at the Gillette Stadium event. Proceeds raised will fund One Mission programs at Boston Children's Hospital, the Jimmy Fund Clinic at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute and Hasbro Children's Hospital in Providence, Rhode Island.

You can buzz on your own head or to sign on to support Emma's effort at buzzforkids.org. The fundraising deadline is Mon., July 31.

— ELANA AURISE



Emma Hayhurst



Youth performer Destiny Phillips, of Dorchester, and soul singer Toussaint Liberator (Paul Barrett), also of Dorchester, strike a pose during the final dress rehearsals for the Beverly-based youth arts program, Express Yourself's upcoming show, SOUL, to be performed at the Boch Center-Wang Theatre in Boston on Thursday, May 25 at 7 p.m. Phillips and Toussaint will be performing together in the "Soul Train" musical skit. The show is free and open to the public. More than 2,000 people are expected to attend. Roger Farrington photo



Dorchester resident Cheska Mendes (right) and Hyde Park resident Sonia Mendes joined Project Bread on Sunday, May 7, to speak up against hunger in Massachusetts at the 49th annual Walk for Hunger & 5K Run. As donations continue to come in, the Walk is currently on track to raise \$2.5 million. To make a donation in support of the Walk, please visit projectbread.org. Jonathan Spack photo



Dorchester residents Todd Robinson and Steven Farrell raised a combined total of \$24,355 as part of Boston-based nonprofit Metropolitan Boston Housing Partnership's (MBHP) Boston Marathon team, which raises money for the charity and individual families they serve. This year the team raised \$67,266. The duo are not only fellow Team MBHP runners but are also engaged to be married later this year. They ran the marathon side by side. (L - R): Steve Farrell, Todd Robinson, Kevin Koch, Jesse Edsell-Vetter.

Editorial

All Bostonians can salute Louverture

A debate over whether the city should name a Mattapan early learning center for Haitian revolutionary leader Toussaint Louverture (1743-1803) has been bubbling for the last few weeks. There have been strong arguments both for and against re-naming what is now known as the Mattahunt Elementary School on Hebron Street, which will close and then re-open in the fall to serve grades K-0 to 1.

The pro-Louverture argument is propelled by an urge among mainly Haitian-American activists to acknowledge the historical importance of their often-overlooked hero while at the same time saluting the large Haitian population that has grown up around the school's neighboring communities, including Hyde Park, Roslindale and Mattapan. The new Early Ed center — when it opens — will be home to Boston's first and only dual-language Haitian preschool program for students in K1.

Others would prefer to see the Mattahunt name remain in place, citing concerns about a perceived slight toward descendants or the actual historic Native American tribe from which the present school's name is derived. There may also be some concern about staking out a claim for one emerging immigrant group's homegrown hero at the expense of others in the city.

Toussaint Louverture deserves a fair hearing, one that sets aside for a moment his specific Haitian identity and puts him in the context of what his leadership — and the success of his fellow Haitian revolutionaries — meant for their region and, in particular, the United States. Some equate Louverture to George Washington, and in the sense that he was a founding father of the first free black republic and a pivotal commanding officer on the field of battle, this was the case. But Louverture was born a slave in a cruel, oppressive colonial system, bereft of the many advantages of the men — many of them slave-owners—who would create our own republic in the United States.

The reverberations of Haiti's revolution and subsequent independence in 1804 — two years after Louverture's capture and death at the hands of the French — were profound for our own nation. Napoleon, in his frustration in his armies' inability to crush the Haitian uprising, sold off French holdings in North America as part of the largest single land acquisition in US history. The 1803 Louisiana Purchase doubled the size of US territory and the resulting expansion led directly to our nation's substantial growth and success. Not that Haiti's contribution to its mighty northern neighbor's good fortune was appreciated in real time or even today. In fact, the US government sided with Napoleon, imposed sanctions against the emerging state, and systematically undermined Haiti at every turn, at times with an eye toward outright annexation.

Naming parks, bridges, tunnels, libraries and — yes— schools for historic figures is one way in which we celebrate that influence and history. Not all have lived in our community. As I write this editorial, I can look out over the bustling Kosciuszko Circle, named for the hero of another revolution, this one even further afield from our shores, that liberated the people of Poland. In as much as the naming of this vital rotary was meant to salute the long-dead general, it clearly has the ongoing impact of heralding the great contributions of Polish-Americans in this part of the city. There is no cause for shame in that.

The choice of Toussaint Louverture is an inspired choice for the Early Education Center in Mattapan. We hope that the Boston School Committee will see fit to support it.

– Bill Forry

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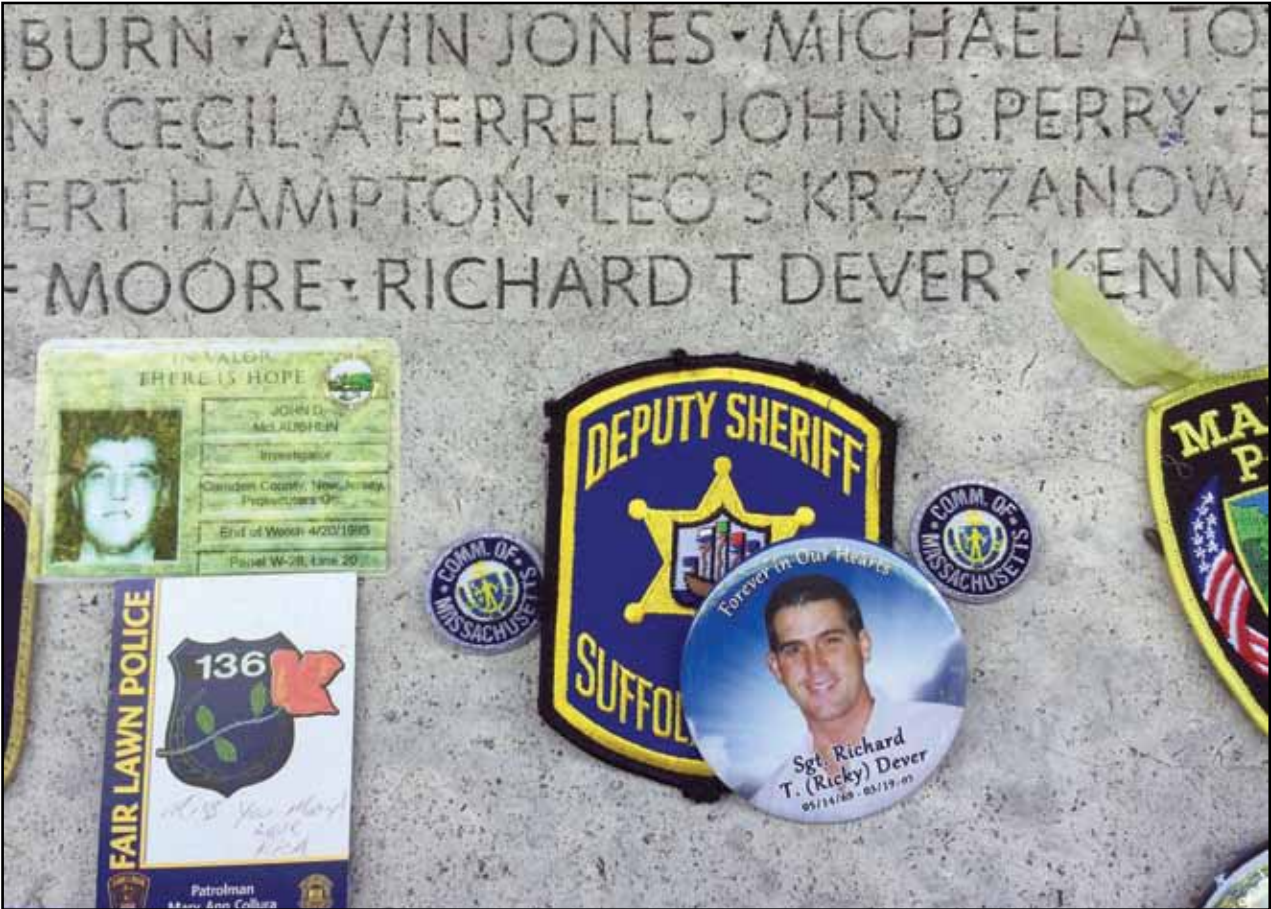
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Finally, Ricky Dever's name is added to memorial wall

Scores of Bostonians traveled to Washington, D.C. last weekend to watch as the name of a son of Dorchester was added to a memorial on the National Mall dedicated to fallen law enforcement personnel.

Ricky Dever was a Suffolk County Sheriff's Department officer who was stabbed to death as he tried to stop a Charlestown criminal from hurting others in 2005. Dever, 35, was off-duty when he and other patrons attempted to stop the killer, Francis Lang, who was creating a disturbance inside a Charlestown barroom. Lang is serving a sentence for first-degree murder.

Lauryn Ahern, who grew up with Dever and his family in the close-knit Ronan Park section of Dorchester, said she was surprised that she could not find Ricky's name on the memorial during a visit last year. Ahern contacted the committee that manages the memorial and was told that Dever's

case had never been brought to their attention. Ahern submitted a nomination — and with the help of Suffolk County Sheriff's Department and Sheriff Steve Tompkins — won approval. His name was engraved on the wall and dedicated — along with many others from around the nation — in a moving candlelight ceremony on Saturday.

Lauryn could not make it — but her brothers Teddy and Brendan, close friends of Ricky — were on hand, along with more than 50 representative of the sheriff's department and Ricky's mom, Kathleen.

“The Devers an adorable family and this was heart-wrenching to lose Ricky,” said Ahern.

Ricky's name joins that of another Ronan Park “kid” — Mark S. Charbonnier, a Massachusetts State Trooper who was killed while on duty in 1994 — on the memorial.

– BILL FORRY

What's to become of lonely Long Island?

By JAMES W. DOLAN
SPECIAL TO THE BIR

As a high school student I worked summers on Long Island. First as an orderly in the chronic disease hospital and later on the grounds crew. Privately owned until 1885, the island was once farmland, the site of a lighthouse, fishing village, Civil War installation, and resort. After being purchased by the city, it served as an almshouse, home for unwed mothers, chronic care hospital, Nike missile base and, more recently, a homeless shelter.

I remember standing on a hill on the island looking out on the city and thinking how beautiful it was there. Surely someone will soon realize its vast potential for housing and recreation. There is no more attractive location in the city if the access problem can be solved.

That was 60 years ago. Now the largest and most beautiful of the harbor islands stands deserted, having been abandoned suddenly in 2014, when the long neglected bridge from Moon Island was deemed unsafe and later removed. So there the island sits, 214 acres, almost two miles long and a quarter-mile wide. The buildings are decaying, and the grounds are overgrown. The harbor's aging dowager is asking for help.

Neglect cannot mask her now fading beauty. From her rolling hills there is a spectacular view of the Boston skyline. Silently she looks out over the harbor, pondering her fate. Her only joy is when the children visit Camp Harbor View each summer. The rest of the year she maintains a lonely vigil, remembering the past and hoping once more to be discovered.

She sees the Seaport development and thinks: “Do you realize how much more beautiful and quiet it is from my vantage point, just a short, 15-minute ferry ride to downtown. I watch the sunset behind the skyline each night and in the morning see it rise from the sea. Island living is prized elsewhere. Here I am! What are you waiting for?”

Don't rebuild the bridge. Cars should not be allowed on the island. Who needs them when the ferry is available? The island is walkable and golf carts could be used to get around. The city needs more low and moderate income housing, not another wealthy enclave. Why not create a village on the island? It could include a few stores, pier, marina and harborside restaurant. It would be a short water-shuttle ride to the UMass Boston campus, so



The bridge to Long Island is shown during a demolition period in 2014.

consideration should be given to using a portion of the island for dormitories. The facilities could then be used as a summer camp for city kids.

Given its history, space should also be reserved for a first-class homeless shelter and drug/alcohol rehabilitation facility. I recall standing in the island's small cemetery with a handful of workers, none of whom knew the name of the poor soul about to be buried. The “forgotten,” living and dead, deserve a share of her peace and tranquility.

Surely the city's planning department, perhaps in conjunction with local universities, can devise a plan for an experiment in urban-island living. Portland and Seattle are two cities with experience in this area. At some point the island will be developed. Suggested as a casino site, it may one day become an urban resort with condos, a golf course, and marina. I think the dowager would regret being the site of another high-end development.

Her history suggests she is most comfortable when serving the poor, sick, dispossessed, and, more recently, children. The rich have resources to find beauty elsewhere. She prefers to welcome those less fortunate. Let them walk her trails, enjoy her views, smell the salty air, and fish her shores.

Like an aging grandmother, she patiently waits for her grandchildren to once again notice she still has a purpose, a role to play. Across the bay, the city is alive with activity while she remembers when she was able to offer comfort, solace, and the simple joy of a beautiful place to those who came to visit.

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

‘Greenway’ eyed for Shawmut tunnel cap; T agrees to concept

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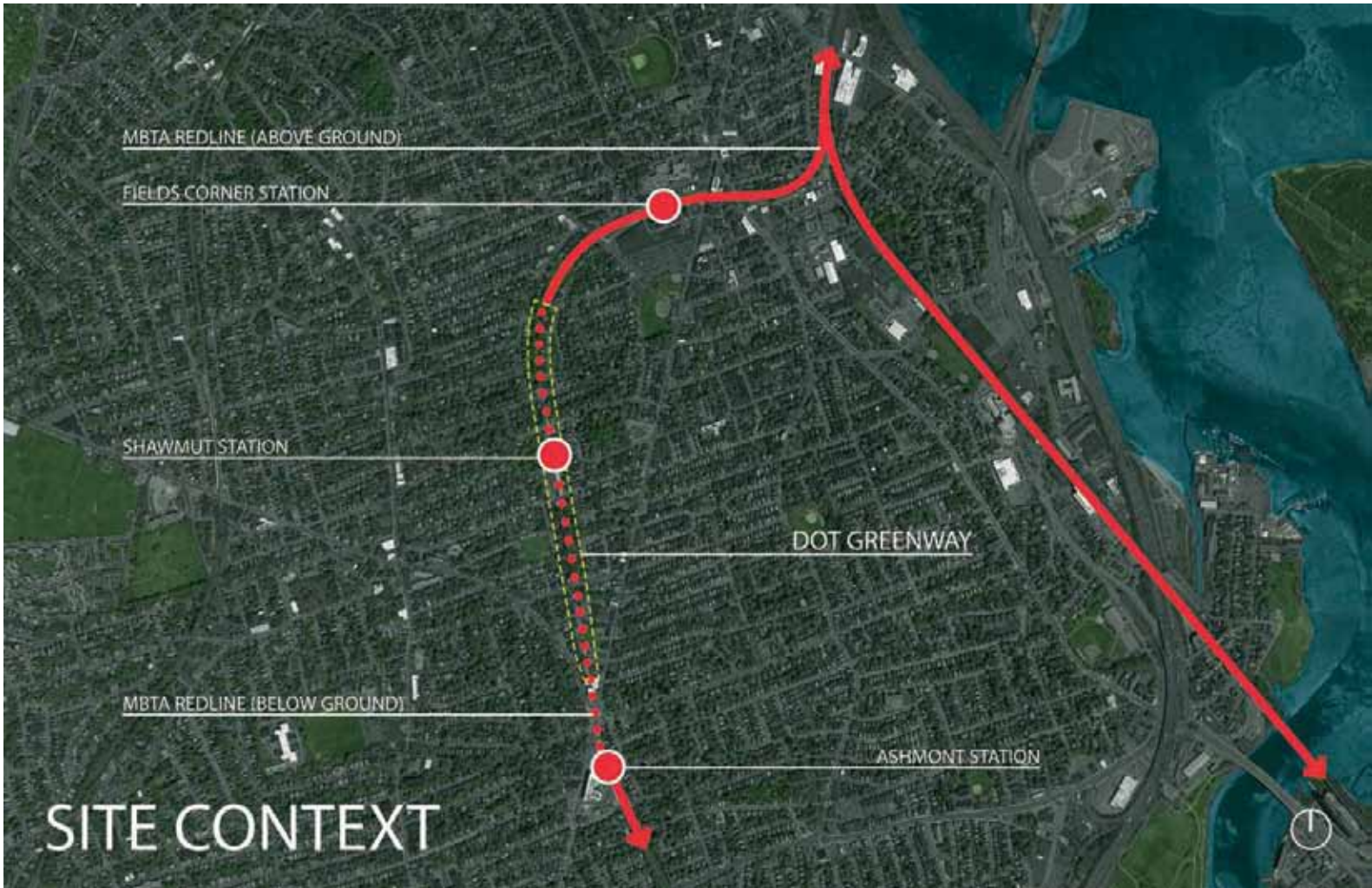
Street, areas of narrower open space with existing walls and natural elements, and wider stretches of underutilized land on the borders of the cap. There is not enough room for a full park, but small grassy gathering areas could be placed at varying points along the greenway.

Space for both pedestrians and cyclists would be essential, Klein said, and the community would be welcome to offer suggestions as to whether there should be separated lanes or more of a small boulevard design.

The design group is in contact with the MBTA, which approves of their general proposal, pending additional structural planning. “They have looked at all these concept plans, and they are content with them to do a 99-year lease for a dollar,” said Ashmont Main Street’s Cartee.

She proposed forming an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit to handle management of the greenway site after the securing of easements and licenses from the state and city.

On the city’s end, if the plan is approved, it could present the opportunity for additional tie-ins with the Emerald Network’s series of connected greenways. The 30-year bike plan is also a useful guide for greenway connection points within the neigh-



borhoods it traverses.

Attendees offered a warm reception to the proposal, with abutters saying they were “excited” about the possibility of a revitalized community thoroughway behind their houses.

“I feel like I died and went to heaven and you’re my angel,” said Ashmont resident Donnell Graves. Recalling resistance to the idea of revamping the tunnel cap in the 1970s, Graves said he has long been one of the community members who see the cap as “wasted space. This could be a beautiful park and greenway.”

Several attendees said a greenway could form a connection between village centers currently divided by major roadways.

Bryan Bryson, who heads the main street group’s Beautification and Public Spaces committee, is an abutter. “I

live right on the tunnel cap, so this is something I’m very connected to,” he said, drawing a parallel to the paths around Davis Square in Somerville, adding, “I’d love to just walk out of my backyard and hop on.”

As the team continues with outreach to civic groups around the proposed greenway path, its members took note of questions on funding, safety, traffic connections, and basic pathway fixtures that will have to be hashed out in ensuing discussions.

“The abutters are the most important part of this whole thing,” said Lee, an Ashmont resident. “So I think with this simple amount

of work, we can get a feel from the seven-odd community groups as to: Is this something we should put time and energy into advancing or not? And that’s, I think, where we’re at.”

The presentation slides can be viewed at tinyurl.com/dotgreenwayproposal.



A view of present-day conditions on the tunnel cap near Shawmut.

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ASHMONT HILL YARD SALE ON SATURDAY
Ashmont Hill's 38th annual Neighborhood Yard Sale is Sat., May 20. Start at Alban or Ocean Street off Welles Avenue; Ashmont, Roslin, or Welles off Washington Street. Hours: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Maps of participating locations at each yard.

ADSL FAMILY FUN DAY ON MAY 20
The fourth annual Family Fun Day, organized by ADSL and Propa City, takes place on Sat., May 20, at Town Field. Organizations, businesses, services, and community resources are welcome to participate as vendors. Contact Stephanie Crawford at scrawford@alldorchestersports.org for details. Spring and summer programs now open for registration, which include baseball, softball, basketball, and volleyball. Go to alldorchestersports.org/programs for registration, prices, and start dates.

AREA B-3 SENIOR BALL AT UNITY SPORTS CLUB
The annual Area B-3 Senior Ball is Fri., May 19 at 5 p.m. at the Unity Sports Club on Dunbar Ave., Dorchester. Senior Citizens 60-plus admission is free, attendees must present ticket to enter. Call the B-3 CSO office at 617-343-4717 for tickets and information.

FRANKLIN PARK KITE & BIKE FESTIVAL
Kites for sale, food trucks, and vendors on Sat., May 20 from 11-4 p.m. in Franklin Park. See franklinparkcoalition.org for info.

MCCONNELL PARK COMMUNITY MEETING ON MAY 23
The public is invited to the first in a series of meetings to discuss improvements to McConnell Park in Dorchester at Cristo Rey Boston High School on Tues., May 23 at 6:30 p.m. The proposed project includes renovations to the entire park. Call 617-961-3025 for info.

DOWNER AVENUE PLAYGROUND MEETING ON MAY 25
Discuss improvements to McConnell Park in Dorchester at the Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester on Thurs., May 25 at 6:30 p.m. Three design alternatives based on community input received at the first meeting will be presented. More info: 617-961-3025.

COLLEGE BOUND GALA ON MAY 18



An estimated 5,000 to 7,000 people will gather in Mattapan Square on Sunday, May 21 for the annual Haitian-American Unity Parade that will begin at 1 p.m. Marchers will proceed on Blue Hill Avenue from Babson Street to Talbot Avenue. Blue Hill Avenue will be closed to traffic between River Street and Talbot Avenue from 12 Noon to 4 PM. Planned detours will take drivers to American Legion Highway and Cummins Highway. Above, revelers —including Boston Mayor Martin Walsh— are shown during last year's parade. Photo courtesy Mayor's office

We Are College Bound will take place from 6-9 p.m. on Thurs., May 18 at The State Room, 60 State St., Boston. Tickets are \$250 and can be purchased in advance or at the door. To register to attend the 13th annual gala visit collegebounddorchester.org/event/2017-gala/.

CHILL ON PARK'S MAY CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR
Join Cindy of the Fields Corner Branch of the Boston Public Library at Chill on Park for the May Children's Story Hour, hosted on Thurs., May 18 from 6-7 p.m. This month's theme is "Visiting New Places." As always, this event is free and open to the public. Call 617-297-5401.

DORCHESTER PEOPLE FOR PEACE

"Standout for Black Lives" on Thurs., May 18 and continuing the Third Thursday of each month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Ashmont T Station. Upcoming dates: June 15, July 20, Aug. 17, and Sept. 21. For info about this or monthly meetings (meetings are held the second Monday of each month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at 42 Charles St., Fields Corner), write Kelley kelready@msn.com or beckyp44@verizon.net or call DPP at 617-282-3783

DUN-ROC YARD SALE ON MAY 20

Dorchester Unified Neighborhood (D.U.N.) Association and Redefining our Community (ROC) Neighborhood Association host a yard sale from Driscoll Drive to Norfolk St. and streets off Milton Ave. on Sat., May 20.

FOUR CORNERS MAIN STREET SUMMER GROOVIN'

The annual fundraiser for Four Corners Main Street is Fri., June 23 from 7-11 p.m. at Thelma D. Burns Building. For tickets (\$45), ads, and sponsorship opportunities, contact Nicole Purvis at 617-287-1651 or e-mail director@fourcornersms.org. Entertainment provided by

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STUDENT ART EXHIBITION AT EMK INSTITUTE
From Her Beacon will be on display at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the United States Senate through the summer. The Institute is open Tuesday through Sunday from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Massachusetts residents 17 years of age and younger are admitted to the Institute free of charge.

SPRING FORUMS AT JFK LIBRARY
On Mon., May 22 at 6 p.m. Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Tom Oliphant and former Boston Globe reporter Curtis Wilkie discuss their new book The Road to Camelot: Inside JFK's Five-Year Campaign On Thurs., May 25 at 6 p.m. David McCullough, Pulitzer Prize winning historian, and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, discusses his new collection of speeches, The American Spirit: Who We Are and What We Stand For. This program is presented as part of the JFK Centennial Celebration.

MAYOR'S COFFEE HOUR SERIES
Mayor Martin J. Walsh's Coffee Hour Series features three in Dorchester and Mattapan; Tues., May 30 at Almont Park, Mattapan; Tues., June 6 at McConnell Park, Dorchester; Thurs., July 13 at Mother's Rest at Four Corners, Dorchester. All coffee hours will be held from 9:30-10:30 a.m. For further information and updates, please call 617-635-4505.

FUNDRAISER FOR MANDY JENNER
Mandy Jenner is an Animal Control Room attendant for the City of Boston, a single mother with a daughter in college, and more importantly a very good friend. Mandy has been diagnosed with Cervical Cancer and is presently undergoing Chemo Therapy and Radiation. On Fri., May 26th from 7-midnight at the Teacher's Union Hall in Dorchester there will a fundraiser held to help Mandy offset the cost of treatment and missing work. We'll have raffle baskets, gift cards, scratch ticket trees, 50/50, music, dancing, snacks and refreshments. Tickets are \$25. For ticket info or donations, contact Cindy Gillis-Delvalle, 617-869-293, Robin Foley, 781-801-5037 or Vicky Powell, 857-249-7707. If you are unable to attend the fundraiser, but would still like to donate, please visit Mandy's GoFundMe page: gofundme.com/mandyjenner.

UPHAMS CORNER LIBRARY
Thursdays at 4 p.m.: BTU teachers are available to help students in grades K-12 with homework on Thursdays. This program is free. No registration is required.

CITIZENSHIP CLASSES AT NOTRE DAME ED CENTER
New citizenship classes will be held on Mondays and Tuesdays starting this month at Notre Dame Education Center in South Boston. Call 617-268-1912.

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY'S HOMEWORK HELP
Boston Public Library's free Homework Help program is underway offering free afterschool help and mentorship provided by high-achieving high school students. The program, offered Monday through Thursday from 3:30 -5:30 p.m. is open to students in grades K-8; no registration required. Boston Teacher's Union tutors are also available during select weekdays from 4-6 p.m. for students in grades K-12. Visit bpl.org/homework.

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It's strike two on Globe sale; buyer pulls out of \$80m deal

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Last July, the Reporter and other media reported that the Globe had entered into an agreement to sell the Dorchester parcel to a New York-based real estate firm, Center Court Properties. But, no record of a sale of the Globe site at 70 Morrissey Blvd. was ever recorded. An earlier agreement to sell the property to a Concord-based investment firm, Winstanley Enterprises, suffered a similar fate in 2015.

An agreed-upon sales price for the Globe property has never been disclosed, but a source familiar with the deal told the Reporter last year that it would exceed \$80 million. Henry, who also owns the Boston Red Sox, paid \$70 million in 2013 to buy the newspapers and its various holdings—including the Dorchester property—from its previous owners, the New York Times Co.

The collapse of the Morrissey sale will not impact the newspaper's move of the remainder of its operations to a State Street address in the coming weeks. Most of the Globe's printing and delivery components have already been re-located to a newly built facility in Taunton, Mass.

The uncertainty about the Globe property's future has added to an already complicated situation on Columbia Point and along the Morrissey Boulevard corridor.

A community task force created a 152-page Master Plan for Columbia Point in 2011 that envisioned the redevelopment of the Globe land and adjacent properties in the event that the newspaper would eventually be sold and moved. The document envisioned a mix of housing and retail in a dense new community that would stretch from JFK-UMass station to Savin Hill—with new street connections to the peninsula and Mt. Vernon Street.

The master plan document—produced under the Menino administration—details what neighbors and existing stakeholders would like to see done at the Globe and adjacent sites. But the plan is not a hard and fast roadmap for Henry—or whoever the next potential buyer—to follow. Mayor Martin Walsh has told the Reporter that his administration needs to “revisit” the master plan.

Herb Chambers, the car magnate who bought



Boston Globe site from the air.

the old Channel 56 television studios next door to the Globe, has his own plan to build a five-story dealership for luxury-brand vehicles at 75 Morrissey Blvd. That plan has been coolly received by civic leaders in Columbia-Savin Hill.

City Councillor Frank Baker said the buyer pulling out of the Globe deal might not have an immediate impact on the neighborhood, but frustrations around transparency remain. “I kind of feel like we’re in the dark on a lot of the Globe site,” he told the Reporter on Wednesday. With this second failed sale, “it kind of makes you wonder why they’ve both fallen through,” he said.

Baker took note of the Globe property's proxim-

ity to the former Bayside site, considered until recently for a Robert Kraft-owned stadium, and another parcel where development negotiations petered out. The existing Master Plan, Baker says, remains a reliable mission statement for development on the Point.

“From a planning perspective, I think we have a pretty solid plan out there, and whoever comes in has a good guide,” he said, later adding, “I’m sure with these parcels, there’s enough eyes on them that we’re going to have a good group looking at whoever comes in.”

Eileen Boyle, who leads the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association, laughed wearily as she discussed the machina-

tions on the Point.

“From a personal perspective, I always worry when projects like this get complicated, and other people are buying and selling properties,” she said in a phone interview. “Because we don’t know who the players are and we don’t know outright what the big ideas are, especially on land like this, which is prime real estate.”

The civic groups experience “fatigue” watching major projects come back before them again and again, Boyle said. Like Councillor Baker, she said the lack of information on who was involved in the Globe deal or why it fell through further complicates discussions around the best use for the site.

“The environmental issue is a huge concern,” she said, adding that with land involving titanic figures like John Henry or Robert Kraft, neighbors can feel bulldozed by major deals. “We’re just kind of just here, at the will of people who have the money and the ability to do these projects,” she said. “As much as city can tell us there’s a neighborhood process, sometimes there just isn’t.”

Savin Hill resident Paul Nutting, who was

a member of the Master Plan Task Force, said the parcels around the Point are intrinsically linked. Considering the Globe and Bayside sites and the 12-acre Santander property purchased by Beacon Capital Partners in March, “that’s close to 50 acres of developable land, and the only way that’s going to work is if they solve the Kosciuszko Circle problem.”

He said the ultimate landowners and government agencies may need to work out land swaps to alter traffic routes to lessen the potentially crushing impact of that much new development. But the collapse of the Globe and Bayside deals should serve as a warning, Nutting said.

“This should be a lesson to everybody that you need broad support from the get-go,” he said. “Sure, you’ll get some pushback at the beginning, but at least if you involve people from the start, they’re more likely to come to a consensus rather than blindsiding people with gargantuan developments that add nothing to neighborhood or the fabric of urban life.”

Staff reporter Jennifer Smith contributed to this report.

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Ruminations on the power of a single word to hurt

(Continued from page 1) into the club about 2 a.m. shooting everyone in his path. He murdered 49 innocent party-goers and wounded 53 more. After learning of the shocking event, I did what I do every single weekend morning – head for the local convenience store to purchase coffee and newspapers.

While waiting in line, I overheard two neighborhood men discussing what had occurred in Florida. One of them ended his part of the

conversation by saying, “My God, 49 dead!” The other guy responded with, “So what, they’re just gay!” I could feel my temperature rise and my right fist tighten into a rage-filled ball ready to knock some sense into this flippant fool. “Just gay!” I yelled, surprising everyone in the store, including myself. “Just gay! Those poor souls are just someone’s sons, daughters, or loved ones.”

Being the parent of a gay son, I couldn’t fathom

the dismissive tone of that knuckle-dragging caveman’s comment or the fact that he felt so comfortable saying it in a crowd. Publicly shamed as he was, he didn’t utter another word while I was in the store.

I was stunned by his insensitive attitude toward the sudden, cruel loss of 49 innocent lives and I was equally stunned by how one generally innocuous word had sent me over the edge.

Now I’m not comparing my little meltdown to

what happened to Adam Jones at Fenway, not by a long shot. I was just surprised at how much one word got to me.

My son Patrick isn’t just gay. He’s smart (a master’s in education from Suffolk University); he’s an animal lover (he has given me and my wife five grand puppies); and he’s funny as hell.

The Keaney and Piers families love Patrick and his husband Walter unconditionally, not because of what they are, but just because of who they are: two wonderful people. Just like those victims in Orlando whose families loved them and now grieve their loss. God bless them.

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Turning to my regular report:

St. Patrick’s Day, 7:36 a.m.

As mentioned above, you usually don’t know what word or phrase may make an individual go ‘nanners’ and lose his or her mind. The suspect in this story apparently turns into the Hulk if you mention the word “wheat.”

Officers responded to a call for an assault & battery at the Dunkin’ Donuts on Gallivan Boulevard. On scene they observed a 46-year-old Weymouth man bleeding buckets from a deep gash near his right eyebrow and with significant swelling to the top of his nose. The store manager explained that the victim asked one of her employees if his “breakfast sandwich on wheat was ready.” I guess this innocent request insulted the cook so much that he slapped a cup of coffee out of the victim’s hand, then threw a punch squarely at the victim’s

snout, leaving him with a fractured nose and a six-stitch cut near the bridge of his honker. Now I could understand if maybe he ordered a sandwich on a pretzel bagel. I can feel my blood boiling just thinking about it, but a wheat bagel? C’mon.

The 20-year-old Dorchester lad was arrested and charged with A&B causing serious bodily injury. I’ll say this: Even after years of being tickled constantly, the Pillsbury Doughboy never lost his cool.

April 7, 1:15 a.m.

A report came into 9-1-1 for a report of a robbery at the 7-11 store at 730 Morrissey Blvd. On arrival the officers spoke with one of the clerks who said that a white male had entered the store brandishing a knife and demanding money. When the clerk didn’t move fast enough, the suspect jumped over the counter and took a few boxes of cigarettes. But he was then scared off when a second clerk entered the store. The suspect was last seen scurrying like a rat across the boulevard making good his escape.

But not so fast my friends: Many of you recall this column reports on Dorchester’s most inane and foolish criminals and this brainiac is no exception. Because back at the crime scene, on the floor behind the counter lay the suspect’s wallet, giving us his name, address, Social Security number, and foot locker shoe size! A warrant has been issued for a 27-year-old Raynham man who wears a size 12EEE.

March 1, 8:25 p.m.

A pair of plain-clothed officers observed a man standing in the parking lot of McDonald’s on Gallivan Boulevard next to a poorly-spray-painted moped. The man got on a bike, started it up without using a key, and then took off without wearing a helmet. The officers stopped him on Myrtlebank Avenue. It was obvious that the \$2,000 moped, now a streaky black, was originally blue. In fact the paint was still sticky in places, and attached to the rear of the bike was a motor vehicle inspection sticker!

The 45-year-old South End rider stated that he got the bike from his cousin, a “Junior Green,” even though he didn’t know where his cousin lived (or how to spell “Junior,” for that matter). All of which led the officers to charge him with larceny over \$250, to which the genius replied, “You’re arresting me for no reason, I doubt it hasn’t been reported stolen yet”!! Oh, from the mouths of idiots. But it gets even better.

The suspect was transported from the scene in our police wagon to the C-11 Bed and Breakfast. On arrival, when he was being taken out of the back of the wagon, officers noticed that he was only wearing his right sneaker. One of the officers went into the wagon and retrieved the left sneaker. Inside it was a medium-sized plastic baggie full of heroin. This ignoramus pleaded that the sneaker and the contraband weren’t his!!! He was charged with five different felonies.

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Neighborhood Notables

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BIKES NOT BOMBS 30TH ANNUAL BIKE-A-THON
Aims to celebrate bicycling while raising funds to finance Bikes Not Bombs’ many local youth and adult programs and implement the organization’s goal of using the bicycle as a vehicle for social change around the world. Riders will raise money individually or as a team. After-Party with band and food. For information on registration fees and to register online go to bikes-notbombs.org/bike-a-thon. For additional information contact Natalie Brady at natalie@bikesnotbombs.org or 617-522-0222 x104.

UPHAMS CORNER LIBRARY
Thursdays at 4 p.m.: BTU teachers are available to help students in grades K-12 with homework on Thursdays. This program is free. No registration is required.

ST. MARK & ST. AMBROSE COLLABORATIVE GROUP
Fr. Anthony’s youth group is for all young people ages 13-18 of St. Mark & St. Ambrose parishes. The group meetings will consist of time for prayer, time to talk about life and all its challenges, and time to just hang and have fun. The group will also engage in a variety of activities throughout the year, of both a recreational and spiritual nature. The group meets at St. Mark’s on the last Sunday of the month, 6-8 p.m.

LECTURES ON GREAT BOSTON FIRE OF 1872
Forest Hills Cemetery and Forest Hills Educational Trust welcome author and historian Anthony Sammarco for a Sunday afternoon lecture in the historic Forsyth Chapel Sunday, June 4 at 2 p.m. Topic: The Great Boston Fire of 1872. The Great Boston Fire of 1872. Admission is \$10 and for advance tickets, \$12 at the door. See foresthillstrust.org.

POLICE DISTRICT C-11
Non-emergency line for seniors: 617-343-5649. The Party Line phone number, where you can report loud parties, is 617-343-5500, 24 hours/7 days per week.

POLICE DISTRICT B-3 NEWS
For info, call B-3’s Community Service Office at 617-343-4711.

APPLE GROVE ASSOCIATION
The Apple Grove Association meets on the second Tuesday of every month from 6-8 p.m. at 1135 Morton St., Mattapan. The contact is Ms. Myrtle Huggins at 617-429-8531.

ASHMONT-ADAMS ASSOC.
Officers of the association will be elected at the March meeting. Contact Pat O’Neill at pattiashmont@gmail.com. Meetings are typically held on the first Thursday

of each month at the Plasterer’s Hall, 7 Fredericka St., at 7 p.m.

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

ASHMONT VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.
Meetings are usually the 2nd Monday or Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at 776 Washington St., Dorchester.

CEDAR GROVE CIVIC ASSOC.
The monthly meetings are held in Fr. Lane Hall at St. Brendan’s Church. Info: cedargrovecivic@gmail.com or 617-825-1402.

CLAM POINT CIVIC ASSOC.
The meetings are usually held on the second Monday of the month (unless it’s a holiday) at WORK, Inc. 25 Beach St., at the corner of Freeport St., across from the IBEW; on-street parking available.

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

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

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

DORCHESTER LOWER MILLS CIVIC ASSOC.
Dues for the new year (Sept. 2016-Aug. 2017) now due. Fill out application and return with \$7 fee. For further info, please visit: Dorchesterlowermills.org.

DORCHESTER NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.
The Dorchester North Neighborhood Association (formerly the Annapolis Street Neighborhood Association) generally meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of 8 Annapolis Street. Please see our Facebook page (search Dorchester North) for updates and announcements. Send questions and agenda items to: dorchesternorth@gmail.com.

JONES HILL ASSOCIATION
Please note that monthly Jones Hill Association meetings take place on the second Wednesday of each month at St. Mary’s Women and Children’s Center Board Room at 7 p.m. Please refer to JHA’s website at joneshill.com for additional information. 2017 JHA Meeting Dates: June 14.

EASTMAN-ELDER ASSOCIATION
The association meets the third Thurs. of each month, 7 p.m., at the Upham’s Corner Health Center, 636 Columbia Rd, across from the fire station.

FIELDS CORNER CIVIC ASSOCIATION

The FCCA meets the first Tues., of each month in the Kit Clark Senior Center at 1500 Dorchester Ave. at 6:30 p.m. New members are welcome.

DORCHESTER NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.
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FREEPORT-ADAMS ASSOC.
The meetings will be held the second Wed. of the month, 6:30 p.m., at the Fields Corner CDC office (the old Dist. 11 police station).

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

HANCOCK STREET CIVIC ASSOC.
The Hancock Street Civic Association meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 7 - 8:30p.m. at the Uphams Crossing Community Room, 530 Columbia Rd. The email address is hancockstreetcivic@gmail.com.

HECLA/LYON/EAST STREETS WATCH
A new neighborhood watch, on Hecla, Lyon, and East Streets will meet at Susi Auto Body Shop 79 Freeport St., corner of Linden St., on a date TBA. All residents are invited to join.

LINDEN/ELLSWORTH/LEEDSVILLE WATCH
For info, call 617-288-0818.

LOWER MILLS CIVIC ASSOC.
Dues (\$7) are now due. See the web page: dorchesterlowermills.org.

MCCORMACK CIVIC ASSOCIATION
More online at McCormackCivic.org. Please bring ID for proof of residency within association boundaries. Dues are \$5 or \$10. If you have any questions, please e-mail McCormackCivic@gmail.com.

MELVILLE PARK ASSOC.
Clean-up of the MBTA Tunnel Cap (garden at Shawmut Station), the first Sat. of the month, from 10 a.m. to noon. The meetings are held at 6 p.m., at the Epiphany School, 154 Centre St., Dor. Dues of \$10 pp is now being collected

PEABODY SLOPE ASSOC.
The Peabody Slope Neighborhood Assn’s meetings, the first Mon. of the month, at Dorchester Academy, 18 Croftland Ave., 7 p.m. For info: peabodyslope.org or 617-533-8123.

POPE’S HILL NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.
Neighborhood E-Mail Alert system. PHNA meetings, usually the fourth Wed. of the month at the Leahy/Holloran Community Center at 7 p.m. All are the fourth Wednesday of the month. Upcoming 2017 dates: May 24, Sept. 27, Oct. 5, Nov. 29.

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REPORTER'S CALENDAR

Thursday, May 18

• BPDA-sponsored Visioning Workshop at IBEW Local 103 from 5:30-8 p.m. on the PLAN: Glover's Corner process. See bit.ly/PlanGlovers for more info. 256 Freeport St., Dorchester.

• Standout for Black Lives Matter organized by Dorchester People for Peace from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Ashmont T Station.

• Join Cindy of the Fields Corner Branch of the Boston Public Library at Chill on Park for the May Children's Story Hour, hosted from 6-7 p.m. This month's theme is "Visiting New Places." Free. Call 617-297-5401 for more info.

Friday, May 19

• Boston Police Area B-3 10th annual Senior Ball for citizens 60-plus at 5 p.m., Unity Sports Club, 10 Dunbar Ave., Dorchester. Admission is free, attendees must present ticket to enter. Please contact BPD B-3 CSO office at 617-343-4717 for tickets.

Saturday, May 20

• Ashmont Hill Yard Sale, 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. Contact Joe Gildea at cadmanjoe@aol.com or 617-288-6626 if you want to sign up early or have questions. Cost to participate is \$20 per location, plus \$10 for each additional household. Sign-up and payment deadline is Sat., May 13.

• The fourth annual All Dorchester Sports League Family Fun Day, organized by ADSL and Propa City, takes place at Town Field in Fields Corner. Organizations, businesses, services, and community resources are welcome to participate as vendors. Contact Stephanie Crawford at scrawford@alldorchesterports.org for details.

Sunday, May 21

Boston Children's Chorus 14th annual Season Finale concert at the Strand Theatre, 2 p.m. Tickets: \$15

• 17th annual Haitian-American Unity Parade

steps off from Mattapan Square on Blue Hill Avenue at 1 p.m. For more info call 617-417-8421 or s-mail unity@hauinc.org.

• Annual meeting of the Dorchester Historical Society begins at 2 p.m. at the William Clapp House, 195 Boston St., Dorchester. Exhibit Opening: Frederick Frizell, Lower Mills Photographer from 1900 to 1930s. Program: Lissa Schwab, Preservation Planner at the Boston Landmarks Commission will explain the difference between National Register designation and Boston designations such as Architectural Districts.

Monday, May 22

• MassDOT convenes a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Leahy-Holloran Center, 1 Worrell St., Dorchester to present and discuss the draft MassDOT Five-Year Capital Investment Plan that funds transportation investments across Massachusetts.

Friday, May 26

• Fundraiser for Mandi Jenner, an Animal Control Room attendant for the City of Boston and a single mother, who has been diagnosed with Cervical Cancer and is presently undergoing Chemo Therapy and Radiation. 7 p.m. at Teacher's Union Hall, 180 Mount Vernon St. Raffle baskets, gift cards, scratch ticket trees, 50/50, music, dancing, snacks and refreshments. Tickets are \$25. For ticket info or donations, contact Cindy Gillis-Delvalle, 617-869-293, Robin Foley, 781-801-5037 or Vicky Powell, 857-249-7707.

Tuesday, May 30

• Mayor Walsh hosts a coffee hour for residents at Almont Park, Mattapan at 9:30 a.m.

Friday, June 2

Dorchester Day Parade Chief Marshall's Banquet at Florian Hall, start time TBD.

• Whittier Street

Health Center hosts an open house and grand opening for their new clinic at Quincy Common, 278 Blue Hill Ave., Roxbury from 12-2 p.m. The facility includes a full-service pharmacy, primary care and urgent care services and more.

Sunday, June 4

• Dorchester Day Parade starts at 1 p.m. at Richmond Street and Dorchester Avenue.

• Bikes Not Bombs 30th Annual Bike-A-Thon starts at 7 a.m. Riders will raise money individually or as a team. After-Party with band and food. For information on registration fees and to register online go to bikesnotbombs.org/bike-a-thon.

• Sunday afternoon lecture in the historic Forsyth Chapel at Forest Hills Cemetery at 2 p.m. features Anthony Sammarco on the topic: The Great Boston Fire of 1872. Admission is \$10 and for advance tickets, \$12 at the door. See foresthillstrust.org.

Monday, June 5

• Codman Square Health Center hosts the Clemente College Fair from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Great Hall in Codman Square. Free. Meet representatives from local colleges and services to get information on how to continue your educational journey. They can answer questions about transcripts, financial aid, and their course offerings. The fair is constructed with the adult returning to education in mind, but all are welcome.

Tuesday, June 6

• Mayor Walsh hosts a free coffee hour at 9:30 a.m. at McConnell Park, 30 Denny St., Dorchester.

Sunday, June 11

• Dorchester House Tour returns from noon-5 p.m. Explore some of the grand homes of the Ashmont/Carruth area with the Dorchester Historical Society Tickets will be on sale for \$35 per

person at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org.

Wednesday, June 14

• Greater Grove Hall Main Streets hosts first Mass Innovation Nights to feature all African or African American founders. 6-8:30 p.m. at ABCD's Thelma Burns Building 575 Warren St., Dorchester, MA 02121. See Greatergrovehall.org. For more information please contact Ed Gaskin 617-460-2326, ewgaskin@gmail.com.

• Get to know some incredible animals from the Museum's Live Animal Care Center today at the Adams Street Branch of the BPL, 690 Adams St., Dorchester. 2 p.m. Ages 4 and up.

Friday, June 23

• Four Corners Main Street presents annual fundraiser Summer Groovin' at 7 p.m. at the Thelma D. Burns Building, 575 Warren St., Dorchester. For tickets, ads, and sponsorship opportunities, contact Nicole Purvis at 617-287-1651 or e-mail director@fourcornersms.org. Ticket price: \$45 Entertainment provided by World Premiere Band.

Saturday, July 8

• Summer reading kickoff. Follow a trail of clues to discover urban

plant and animal life in the Adams Street library's own backyard. 11 a.m. All ages. 690 Adams St., Dorchester.

Wednesday, July 12

• Bring a favorite blanket or soft toy and snuggle up with bedtime stories, songs, movement and rhymes, 6:30 p.m. at Adams Street branch BPL, 690 Adams St., Dorchester. Children and adults are welcome to wear pajamas. Ages 18 months to 5 years old.

Wednesday, July 19

• Join Adams Street Library for an evening of creative sketching with Cartoonist Cara Bean. 6:30 p.m. Ages 6 and up. 690 Adams St., Dorchester. Please call to register at 617-436-6900.

Saturday, July 22

• Mattapan on Wheels, a bike ride/tour of Mattapan and neighboring communities starts at 9 a.m. Free, but \$5 donation welcome. Walker playground, Norfolk St. is starting point. Rides

includes 8, 15 and 21 miles. Contact mattapanonwheels@gmail.com or 617-433-7050.

Wednesday, July 26

• Pat Monteith, the Solar System Ambassador for NASA and Children's Book Author, presents an entertaining and inspiring program on NASA's female pioneers who fought the odds to become engineers, mathematicians and aviators. Adams Street branch BPL, 690 Adams St., Dorchester. Ages 6 and up. Please call to register at 617-436-6900.

Monday, July 31

• Historic New England invites children to explore the diverse architecture of Boston at 2 p.m. at Adams Street branch of BPL, 690 Adams St., Dorchester. Join us as we explore all the unique shapes, styles, and materials that create a city. Ages 4 and up.

LEGAL NOTICES

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT 24 NEW CHARDON STREET PO BOX 9667, BOSTON, MA 02114 617-788-8300

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Docket No. SU17C0202CA
IN THE MATTER OF:
KASIM OMAR ABDI MAOW OF DORCHESTER, MA

To all persons interested in a petition described:

A petition has been presented by Kasim O. Maow requesting that: Kasim Omar Abdi Maow be allowed to change his/her/their name as follows:

KASIM OMAR

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT BOSTON ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING (10:00 AM) ON 05/25/2017.

Witness, HON. JOAN P. ARMSTRONG, First Justice of this Court.

April 25, 2017

Terri Klug Cafazzo
Register of Probate
Published: May 18, 2017

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS SUFFOLK, ss. THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT NOTICE AND ORDER: PETITION FOR RESIGNATION OR PETITION FOR REMOVAL OF GUARDIANSHIP OF A MINOR
Docket No. SU08P1898GM1
IN THE INTERESTS OF
ZYREE J. CLARK and
LOVE SKYE POLANCO OF DORCHESTER, MA MINOR

Notice to all Interested Parties

1. **Hearing Date/Time:** A hearing on a Petition to Resign as Guardian of a Minor or Petition for Removal of Guardian of a Minor filed by Milena Polanco on May 9, 2017 will be held 07/03/2017 08:30 AM Motion. Located at 24 New Chardon Street, Boston, MA 02114.

2. **Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court; and

Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. **Counsel for the Minor:** The Minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. **Presence of the Minor at hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

THIS IS A LEGAL NOTICE: An important court proceeding that may affect your rights has been scheduled. If you do not understand this notice or other court papers, please contact an attorney for legal advice.

May 15, 2017

Terri Klug Cafazzo
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston 02114 (617) 788-8300

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU17P0661EA
ESTATE OF:
ALFRED MURRAY
DATE OF DEATH: 02/04/2014

To all interested persons:

A petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Gloria M. Ragland of Mattapan, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Gloria M. Ragland of Mattapan, MA be appointed as Personal Representative of said estate to serve on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 06/01/2017. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

Unsupervised Administration Under The Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

Witness, HON. JOAN P. ARMSTRONG First Justice of this Court.

Date: April 19, 2017

Terri Klug Cafazzo
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston 02114 (617) 788-8300

CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION
Docket No. SU17P0883EA
ESTATE OF:
HELEN I. THOMAS
DATE OF DEATH: 02/25/2001

To all interested persons:

A petition for Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Ruth G. Thomas of Boston, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that Ruth G. Thomas of Boston, MA be appointed as Personal Representative of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before 10:00 a.m. on 06/13/2017. This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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Witness, HON. JOAN P. ARMSTRONG First Justice of this Court.

Date: May 10, 2017

Terri Klug Cafazzo
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Published: May 18, 2017

LEGAL NOTICE

Neighborhood House Charter School

21 Queen Street
Dorchester, MA 02122

Project Number: NHCS1

Estimated Cost: \$11,200,000

Contractor Qualification: DCAM Certificate

Contact Information: Cody Atwood, 617-445-3555. x323.

Fax: 617-445-3511 **Email Address:** pinckintern@pinck-co.com

CONTRACT INFORMATION

Project: Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Construction Manager at Risk for the addition of approximately 20,000 square feet of educational space at the Neighborhood House Charter School at 21 Queen Street, Dorchester, MA, and renovation of building systems, site work and interior reconfigurations related to the additions. This project will be delivered by Construction Management at Risk, Ch. 149a.

Plans/Specifications Available: RFQ available on Wednesday, May 17th at 10:00AM from Cody Atwood, Pinck & Co., Inc. Contact information listed above.

General Bid Deadline: 06/07/2017, 2:00 p.m.

Sub Bid Categories: N/A Sub-bidders will be qualified at a different time.

Additional Information: Submission of CM Qualifications ONLY.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 Docket No. SU17D0772DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION AND MAILING ANA PRESIDENT vs. JOSEPH PRESIDENT

To the Defendant:

The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for IRRETRIEVABLE BREAKDOWN. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Ana President, 19 Bradley St., Apt. 1, Dorchester, MA 02124 your answer, if any, on or before 06/23/2017. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON. JOAN P. ARMSTRONG, First Justice of this Court.

Date: April 25, 2017

Terri Klug Cafazzo
Register of Probate
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Is Baseball's money train on track for a derailment?

Money! Follow the money. It's all about the money. Money makes the world go round. Money talks and you know what walks. In Baseball, the color of money is ugly.

The subject of money suffocates the game. You can't talk about baseball without getting into it. It pervades every decision, permeates every plan, colors every discourse, dominates every policy. No move is made without calculating its weight and effect. No step taken without factoring its cost and consequence.

Can you say this about every business? Maybe! Is there anything new about this? Maybe not! Salary hassles in baseball driven by money go back to the 1880s. The first union drive for it was in the next decade. The first player revolt over it came on the eve of World War I, and the gravest scandal triggered by the obsession with it immediately followed, and all that was a full century ago.

Bickering over gate re-

ceipts is as fundamental to the give and take of our erstwhile national pastime as cussing the umpires, second guessing the managers, or warbling "Take me out to the Ball Game."

Well, if there's nothing new about it and 'tis ever been thus, why are we agitating over it? Because, Old Sport, one vaguely has the sense the potential for some sort of crash grows. How can it possibly go on this way?

The upheaval has been colossal since the iron grip of the owners over the players was shattered 40-odd years ago. But it's been "nice" as revolutions go in that there's been no de facto loser, unless you consider the suckers who pay the freight.

That would, of course, be the fans who apparently, and amazingly, don't seem to resent that it costs them at least ten times as much for the family to spend a merry evening at the ballpark than it did in 1980. They come out

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in record numbers, jollier and more intensely committed than ever. It's as if the absurdity of the expense somehow increases the value of the experience. You can write that off to the inscrutable psychology of the American consumer, if you wish.

Otherwise, everyone's been a winner. Players have gone from being paupers to living like plutocrats, their fabulous gains exceeding their wildest dreams. The many industries linked to the game, from media giants to memorabilia hawkers, have profited mightily, too. But one can argue that the owners, however undeserving, have benefited most of all.

Some 40 years on the owners are immensely richer. Profits soar year after year. Equity has multiplied. They've never had it so good. When the estimated value of the Yankees reached a

billion bucks back in the late '90s, everyone was agog. Now, twenty years later, Forbes Magazine, the alleged expert in such matters, says they're worth \$3.75 billion. Only a couple of years ago the Dodgers astonishingly sold for \$2 billion and already they've appreciated another 50 percent, according to Forbes. In 15 years, the value of the Red Sox has roughly quadrupled for John Henry and his cohort. The Cubs value jumped near 100 percent in three years.

All this in the era of the liberated ballplayer via free agency, which, of course, the owners so bitterly opposed, branding it the evil machinations of baseball Marxists led by the gentleman they regarded as the devil incarnate, the illustrious Marvin Miller. Marvin called it. He predicted the free market would be a spectacular success. If the owners had class, they'd collectively demand his election to their precious Hall of Fame, then grovel before his shrine and beg his forgiveness.

But if everything seems rosy, you do wonder if baseball in the

spring of 2017 might be perched on an abyss comparable to where American prosperity was smugly settled in the summer of 1929? As the "Roaring Twenties" were rollicking to an end, the American gravy train looked infinite in length and depth. But just around the corner came October, when alarm bells would be sounded and margins called and service on debt demanded with nobody being found home.

You wonder: Is baseball now reveling in a comparable bubble on the edge of bursting? The follies of recent years have been mind-boggling, dripping with the wretched excess and mindless illusion that made the Twenties so ruinous on that other playing field.

So much is askew, with just one example being the amount of "dead money" teams are paying out. It's staggering. Every team in the game carries brutal contracts of failed characters either washed-up or already disappeared. The classic example is a Josh Hamilton whom the Angels are annually paying \$24 million to get lost.

Take the Red Sox, widely considered a clev-



er outfit. They'll end up paying roughly \$276,000 to have had Allan Craig and Rusney Castillo fade away in Pawtucket, Pablo Sandoval malingering on the disabled list, and Yoan Moncada play for the White Sox.

Or take the Yankees. Currently they pay Alex Rodriguez another \$27 million to avoid further embarrassing them and C.C. Sabathia \$24.5 million to struggle through here and there nursing an ERA at 5.77. In 14 years, the Yankees have paid \$345 million in payroll luxury taxes, essentially a penalty for having paid their players too much. How crazy is that?

What business can long survive thusly? And these are two of the most respected and allegedly competent teams, not only in baseball but in all of sport.

Scary!

Refurbished locomotives, better service boost Keolis

By ANDY METZGER
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

Commuter rail riders might be experiencing some welcome déjà vu, as the commuter rail vendor's on-time performance last week was at its highest point in more than two years.

Refurbished locomotives put back into service have helped Keolis Commuter Service notch its best record of showing up on schedule since before historic snows in January and February of 2015. Those snows caused historically bad service on the MBTA, leading lawmakers to place it under the direction of a control board.

The commuter rail

run by Keolis was also pummeled by the snow and cold two years ago, and it has recently been hampered by a lack of available locomotives, bad news for a system trying to gain public confidence. In April, an MBTA official said locomotive unavailability led to 17 cancellations in one day.

Keolis General Manager David Scorey indicated on Monday that the passenger rail vendor has turned a corner, but said more work needs to be done to improve the fleet. Scorey told the News Service that every day of the last two weeks Keolis met or exceeded the requirement that it have 67 locomotives in

service.

Over the last several weeks, four refurbished locomotives have gone back into service, Scorey said. He said the MBTA refurbished one of those locomotives; another locomotive was repaired by an outside firm; and Keolis refurbished two, including one that was given a "mini-overhaul."

"There's still a lot of work needs to be done to the fleet," Scorey told the News Service after making a presentation about the recent performance to the MBTA Fiscal and Management Control Board. He said, "Locomotives required major repairs, component changes, large amounts of work."

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Each year, every Boys & Girls Club in the country takes part in the national Youth of the Year competition, resulting in the selection of one outstanding young person to be the Boys & Girls Club of America teen spokesperson. The National Youth of the Year is a role model, leader and advocate for the nearly 4 million youth served by Boys & Girls Clubs each year. Each year, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester bestows the honor of BGCD Youth of the Year on one amazing teen member, who becomes our representative to compete in the regional event in hopes of advancing on to the nationals and winning Boys & Girls Club of America Youth of the Year

on behalf of Dorchester. This year, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's Youth of the Year is teen member Abbey Aiguier, a senior at Braintree High School. Abbey was nominated by program directors and a panel of community judges who deemed her most deserving of the title, based on her application, activities and interview.

Abbey is one of BGCD's most unique members, as she is the first graduating senior to have ever been a member of Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester from infancy all the way up through high school graduation. Abbey was the very first infant enrolled in the infant program when it started 17 years ago, and she has been attending the Club regularly ever since!

At the of age 14, Abbey began working as a junior staff member at BGCD, working in the gym. Now, at 17, she still works in the gym on the weekends, while also working with the Bantam group (5-6 year olds) after school. She volunteers as a "buddy" with the Challenger Sports Leagues, helping out at practices and games during the basketball, soccer and baseball seasons.

She is also currently President of the Keystone Club, the leadership club for teens at Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, where she helps organize volunteer events for Keystone members around the Club and around the city.

To say Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester has helped shape Abbey's life would be an understatement. Not only has BGCD been a safe place for her to learn and grow during out-of-school time, but while here she has had a chance to learn and experience things that have led her to choose the path of her life beyond high school and the Club. It was through her work with Challenger Sports that she realized her passion for working with youth, especially in inclusive programs. As a result, she applied for and was accepted into the Early Education and Care in Inclusive Settings Bachelors program at Umass Boston, where she has enrolled for next year. She plans to become a teacher, most likely in the Boston area, upon graduation.

"Becoming Youth Of The Year for Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester after being a member and coming here for the past 17 years has been really cool. It's a nice way to represent something that's been a major part of your whole life," Abbey says.

Now that Abbey works with younger kids at the Club she mentions that it's interesting to work among some of the teachers who were there when she was little. Several of her teachers from the Early Education program are still at the Club, including one from the infant room and one in the K1 classroom.



Abbey with other regional YOY contestants

It's not only the teachers who have been a constant in Abbey's life. The friendships she has made have lasted all through the years as well. One of Abbey's friends from her preschool days also still attends the Club, is Vice-President of the Keystone Club, and also works in the gym with Abbey.

Outside of the Club, Abbey is an avid runner and has run cross-country and track for her high school. She is glad that she has been able to balance her Club activities and working at the Club with her school experience and participating in after-school activities through her high school as well.

Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester is so proud of Abbey for representing BGCD as Youth Of The Year. We are glad to see her success as the first youth to make her way through every stage of our programs!



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State to implement new capital funding plan for UMass

**By JENNIFER SMITH
REPORTER STAFF**
A cash-strapped state operating budget and a growing deferred maintenance backlog at University of Massachusetts campuses calls for a more measured approach to new spending, state Education Secretary Jim Peyser said on Monday.
The incremental approach for approving facilities investments at

the public universities leaves the state with a worsening backlog, he said, a problem he compared to that of the MBTA.
Peyser told the House Bonding Committee “over the next several years, we expect almost all of our capital allocation to be dedicated to renovation, repair and replacement of existing buildings,” according to the State House News Service. More than 80 percent of \$190 million set out for higher education will go toward reducing the maintenance and modernization backlog, Peyser said, a “significant increase” in the share devoted to that purpose.
A report last year by the Pioneer Institute, a libertarian-leaning Boston think tank, found that UMass had implemented a \$3.8 billion capital expansion at its five UMass

campuses from 2005 to 2014, during which the university’s deferred maintenance backlog grew from \$2.7 billion to \$3.3 billion.
The state will be taking a new tack for assessing and funding capital projects, starting with the fiscal 2019 capital budget. Peyser said campuses will respond to requests for proposals, and a committee will review the proposals and make recommendations to the governor.
Through the new framework, Peyser said projects would be “green-lighted all the way through construction.”
The Pioneer Institute praised this decision in a statement Monday.
“This is a welcome development — a win for good government, UMass and taxpayers alike,” the statement read.
Construction at most state campuses date back to the 1960s and 1970s, with maintenance efforts “uneven and episodic” throughout the past several decades, Peyser said.
Gov. Charlie Baker pledged in April to include \$78 million for the demolition of a crumbling parking garage at UMass Boston, telling the Boston Globe that the funds would be provided over three years, starting in its capital budget for fiscal year 2018.
In the capital budget rolled out last week, the governor’s office recommends \$6 million for the “state share for study, design, demolition and



James Peyser

renovations to address the deterioration of the existing parking garage and raised plaza at the center of the UMass Boston campus.”
The state Senate budget announced this week includes a \$534.5 million appropriation for UMass, up over \$26 million from the prior fiscal year. The House budget allocates \$513.5 million for UMass.
UMass President Marty Meehan thanked Senate leadership in a statement Tuesday. According to his office, the funding “would preserve affordability for students and their families.”
Material from the State House News Service was used in this report.

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Mattahunt name, grade structure weighed by BPS

(Continued from page 1) feel like it's important to us to add grade levels even sooner," Chang said. "And if there is the demand for the seats and we can demonstrate to the school committee, to the community, to the state that we are demonstrating academic progress at the school, hopefully we can add grade levels sooner rather than later."

The Mattahunt School has sat on the brink of state receivership for years. School officials in late 2016 recommended closing the school in June and reopening immediately as a school for K0 through first grade was the best way to leverage the Mattahunt facilities and avoid state takeover.

When the school opens

in for the 2017-2018 academic year, it will feature the nation's first dual-language Haitian preschool program for students in K1. Chang said there is "great excitement for the programming."

Community members at the meeting asked for transparency and cooperation from the school officials in making decisions about the future of the school. The decision to close the Mattahunt and reopen it for lower grades occurred over protests from many local groups, they noted.

BPS leadership assured Mattahunt parents that the students in upper grades who would need to be placed elsewhere would be in schools ranked above the Mattahunt's Level

4 status. The state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) determines school quality rankings. School data show the 595 students leaving the Mattahunt for reassignment have been placed in Level 1 (23 percent), Level 2 (40 percent), Level 3 (23 percent) schools or schools with no DESE rankings through (13 percent). Spots were guaranteed for 55 students in K0 through first grade assigned to the Mattapan early elementary school.

The most common non-Mattahunt placement is the Mildred Avenue K-8 school, which is Level 1 and set to receive 54 Mattahunt students, according to BPS data.

About 48 percent of

students were assigned to their top school choice, according to BPS, with 20 percent receiving their second choice, 9 percent their third, 3 percent their fourth, 1 percent their fifth choice, and 18 percent were administratively assigned.

The fate of the grade levels aside, Chang at the committee meeting said that he plans to embark on a community engagement process to select a permanent name for the new school.

Its current name, the "Mattapan Early Elementary School," is a placeholder for the coming year. The BPS Office of Engagement will digest feedback from community members through the spring and summer, according

to BPS officials, with the hope of proposing a name to the school committee in the fall of 2018 for the following year.

A running list of proposed names includes about 175 suggestions, falling mostly in three camps: suggestions including the name "Mattapan," keeping the "Mattahunt" name in some form, and a third popular proposal incorporates Toussaint Louverture, the name of a famed Haitian revolutionary leader.

Other suggestions floated used the names of the Obamas, Frederick Douglass, state Sen. Linda Dorcea Fenty, or even the late mayor Thomas Menino.

In community discussions of the name,

some feel the Haitian leader's name best reflect the large Haitian population around the Mattapan school. Others voice concerns that changing the Mattahunt is a slight to the native tribe that gave Mattapan its name. "We do not want the name of the Mattahunt to change," testified Lincoln Larmond of Mattapan United. "The Mattahunt honors the Native American tribe who lived there, the Mattahunt. We respect the history of the Native Americans who lived, loved, and raised their families in Mattapan before anyone else, and believe it would be disrespectful and tragic to change the name as though they never existed."

Study sees fewer inmates, higher costs

By COLIN A. YOUNG
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

As the number of people incarcerated in Massachusetts state or county facilities declined since fiscal year 2011, state spending on correctional facilities climbed by about 18 percent, according to a report released Monday.

Since fiscal 2011 — the highwater mark for the state's incarcerated population — the average daily number of people incarcerated in state prisons and jails has declined by about 12 percent from 23,850 to 20,961 but state spending for the Department of Correction and the 14 county sheriffs' offices increased by \$181 million to \$1.2 billion.

The report's findings were the focus of a summit hosted by MassINC and the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Reform Coalition on Monday morning to examine how the state could spend savings associated with a declining inmate population on ancillary programs like drug rehabilitation and mental health counseling to improve the broader criminal justice system.

"As we have a reducing population, we still have increasing costs of incarceration," Congresswoman Katherine Clark said Monday morning. "And we need those resources for so many other things."

Advocates who want the state to invest more in programs to divert people from the justice system, in drug addiction treatment, or community-based work training programs have long been in competition.

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RECENT OBITUARIES

ANDERSON, Ellen Ford (Bagley) 88, passed away peacefully, in her home in Milton, just 7 weeks after the death of her husband, Bob. She leaves her daughter Kristine and her husband Richard Doherty of Milton, daughter Karen and her late husband Arthur Jones of West Roxbury, grandsons, Andrew and Matthew Doherty and granddaughter Nora Doherty, all of South Boston. Daughter of Ellen (Leary) and William Bagley and sister of the late Joan Kelly of Hingham. Ellen was born and raised in St. Brendan's parish in Dorchester. After graduating from Girls High School, Ellen went to work for the Boston Gas Company. Bob, also from Dorchester, used to note that Ellen grew up in a single family brick house, with indoor plumbing and a garage, "I thought I was marrying an heiress!" he would joke. And in

fact they enjoyed a rich married life spanning 67 years. They moved to Canton in 1956 and Ellen worked as a secretary in the Canton Public School system for more than twenty years. She was a doting and fun NeeNee to her grandchildren with whom she lived for almost 25 years. Ellen and Bob "wintered" in Naples, FL where they enjoyed a whole new chapter of friends, activities and much golf.

DONAHUE, Sister Frances, SND in Worcester, at age 87. With the Sisters of Notre Dame for 69 years. Born in Lynn, daughter of John J. and Frances T. (Downey) Donahue. After graduating in 1947 from St. Mary's High School in Lynn, she entered the Sisters of Notre Dame. She later earned a bachelor's degree in Biology and Chemistry from Emmanuel College. She received a master's

degree in Bacteriology in 1969 from Catholic University in Washington, D.C. and a 1978 master's degree in Public Health with an emphasis on population studies from the University of Pittsburgh, where she was awarded a Ph.D. in Public Health Research and Evaluation in 1981. From 1980 through 1983, she was also a Project Director in Pitt's Public Health Program. Sister Frances began her education ministry at Notre Dame schools in Lawrence and Somerville. She taught biology and chemistry at St. Mary's High School in Lawrence from 1962 to 1968. She taught Biology and Microbiology at Emmanuel College from 1968 to 1976. In 1983, she joined the faculty of the Health Care Administration Education Program at Emmanuel. She completed her career at Emmanuel with the college development office, retiring in 1999. In 2000 she joined the staff of St. Mark's Parish in Dorchester where she helped with liturgies and continued her commitment to social justice there until 2011. She leaves her brothers Daniel J. Donahue of South Yarmouth and

John P. Donahue and his wife Ellen of Nahant; her sister Julie A. Donahue of South Yarmouth; a brother-in-law Paul Bertrand of Nahant; nieces Terry of Nahant, and Jacqui and her partner David of Atlanta; nephews Ross and his wife Cheryl of Lexington, and Dan Donahue of Boston; three great nephews and nieces; many cousins and friends, as well as her sisters in religion the Sisters of Notre Dame. She was predeceased by her sister Norine M. Bertrand. Donations to the Sisters of Notre Dame, 351 Broadway, Everett, MA 02149.

KENNEY, George J. 94, of Whitman, formerly of Dorchester, passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, May 6, 20. He leaves his wife of 72 years Helen "Edna" (Meads) and 7 daughters. He was the father of Maureen Mauriello and her husband Joseph of Kingston, Janis DeChellis and her husband Paul of Whitman, Judith Elson and her husband Paul of Brockton, Joan Crowell and her husband Kenneth of West Bridgewater, Nancy Gugliotta and her husband Donald of Falmouth, Georganne

Sullivan and her husband Michael of Bridgewater, and Denise Nagle and her husband Gary of Westwood. Also, survived by 13 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his sister Claire Anderson and is survived by his brother-in-law Robert and many nieces and nephews.

MANNION, Coleman "Jerry" in Dorchester, formerly of Rosmuc, Co. Galway, Ireland. Husband of Noreen (Gannon). Father of Patrick and his wife Lynne Mannion, and Coleman Mannion, all of Dorchester. Grandfather of Martin, Alexis, and Meghan Mannion, and the late James Thomas Mannion. Brother of Mae and her husband Colm Mannion of Ireland. Survived by several nieces and nephews. Late retired employee of Robert J. Devereaux Corp. for over 46 years. Jerry's family would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the doctors and staff at the Hematology Oncology Unit at Boston Medical Center for their loving care. Donations in Jerry's memory may be made to St. Mark Church, 1725 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester, MA 02124.

MORRIS, Francis M. of Braintree,. Son of the late Francis J. and Frances E. (Maus) Morris. Brother of Kathleen Morris of Dorchester, John and Mary Morris of Orleans and Edward and Donna Morris of Avon. Frank was predeceased by Margaret Callahan, Robert Morris and Elizabeth Morris. Frank grew up in Dorchester in St. Gregory's Parish. He was a proud member of the Boston Crusaders Drum and Bugle Corps. After playing, Frank went on to become a teacher and judge of drum corps and bands. He worked with the New England School Band Association, Bands of America, Drum Corps International and Winter Guard International, where he judged the prominent drum corps from across the country. A highlight in Frank's life was in 2014 when he was inducted into the Massachusetts Drum Corps and Music Educators Hall of Fame. Remembrances may be made to the Frank Morris Scholarship Fund, c/o the New England School Band Association, Cheryl Machado Treasurer, 55 Sunnyslope Ave., Swansea, MA 02777.

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Peace Circle, where those affected by violence may speak honestly, the second Tues. of each month, 6 to 8 p.m., sponsored by Beth Israel Deaconess Med. Ctr, the BSHC, and the Louis Brown Peace Institute. Call Janet at 617-296-2075 for info.

FIELDS CORNER MAIN STREET
Meeting at the Fields Corner Business Lab, 1452 Dorchester Ave., fourth floor.

IRISH PASTORAL CENTRE
The IPC is located in St. Brendan Rectory, 15 Rita Road. Dorchester. Our coffee social meets every Wed, from 10 a.m. to noon at 15 Rita Rd., where freshly baked breads are served. Cara Club meets every Monday from 1-3 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and join in the friendly conversation and various weekly activities.

MILTON-QUINCY CONGREGATION
The new name: Congregation Beth Shalom of the Blue Hills. Worship services at 18 Shoolman Way (off Lodge St.), Milton, email: office@BethShalom-BlueHills.org, website: BethShalomBlueHills.org.

PILGRIM CHURCH
The Worship Service each Sunday at 11 a.m.; all are welcome. Bible Study, each Wed. in the Conference Room, from 1 to 2:30 p.m.; the public is invited. Browse the gift shop, which is open weekdays and Saturdays. Call 617-807-0540 for details. Community lunch is served free every Sat. from noon to 1:30 p.m.; the public is welcome. Pilgrim Christian Endeavor Society meeting, second Tues. of each month at 6:30 p.m. Pilgrim Church is a Congregational Christian Church, associated with the United Church of Christ, and is located at 540 Columbia Rd, in Uphams Corner.

DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION
Divine Mercy Observance is held the third Friday of each month, at St. Ann's, Neponset. For further info: call the Sisters at 617-288-1202, ext. 114

ROSLINDALE HIGH SCHOOL REUNION
The second annual Roslindale High School reunion for all graduates takes place on Sat., June 3 at the Dedham Holiday Inn from 7:30-11 p.m. Tickets are \$40 per person. Please send a check to Maria Bennett, P.O. Box 365858 Hyde Park, MA 02136. The reunion is limited to 250 people and Mon., May 15 is the deadline. Overnight accommodations are available at the Holiday Inn. For updates, guest list and further information, please check roslindalehighschool.com/reunions.

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