Diversity carries day as Council begins new term; Janey at helm

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Mayor Martin Walsh swore in the members of the Boston City Council on Monday at Faneuil Hall. Below, right: Councillor Kim Janey was elected president by her colleagues. Photos by John Wilcox and Isabel Leon; Mayor Walsh’s office

The installation of citywide Councillor Zakiya Janey and district Councillor Ricardo Arroyo brought Latinx representation on the council

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Walsh unveiled three separate initiatives on Tuesday, leading with a $100 million dollar investment to Boston Public Schools and $500 million over the next five years to create affordable housing. He also trumpeted the creation of an East Boston Transportation Action Committee to address traffic challenges. The $100 million investment to BPS will be rolled out over the next three years, focusing on student wellness and mental health supports, curriculum enrichment and programming activities. The entirety

across Boston “access to quality schools closer to home.” But studies show that it hasn’t always achieved the hoped-for result, and that the system seems to place low-income and African-American families at a disadvantage.

Perhaps to get an edge, many families throw themselves into the process early. For example, some families

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“Together, we’ve made Boston the safest, healthiest, most dynamic, productive, and inclusive city it’s ever been,” he said.

“I believe in Boston because this city made my immigrant family’s dream come true. My vision, my passion, what I work for everyday, is for Boston to be that city of dreams for every child, every worker, every senior, and every single person who calls our city home. Tonight, let’s talk about how we do that.”

Mayor Martin Walsh delivered his fifth annual State of the City address on Tuesday evening, telling a crowd of about 2,000 people gathered in Boston’s Symphony Hall that “the state of our city has never been stronger.” Walsh highlighted some of his administration’s achievements, citing the creation of more than 120,000 new jobs over six years and a decrease in the crime rate by “nearly 30 percent.”

Eight women, including an Afro-Latina immigrant, and five men – the most diverse City Council in Boston’s history – were sworn into office by Mayor Martin Walsh on Monday in a packed Faneuil Hall. “We elected our first Afro-Latina immigrant of color, and for the first time our council is majority female,” Walsh said at the inauguration ceremony. “This is a historic time for our entire city. If you look at the City Council, it’s a reflection of who we are as a city.”

In a meeting after the ceremony, the panel elected Roxbury’s Kim Janey as its president for the new term, with Dorchester’s Frank Baker voting “present.” She is the third consecutive woman of color to hold the council presidency, following Michelle Wu and Andrea Campbell. “Representation matters, and this body is much more representative of the city that we all love and serve. As a daughter of Roxbury, I am especially proud to lead the council,” Janey said after the vote. “My district has a rich history and amazing cultural assets, but it is also ground zeroes for many of the inequities in our city.”

The new second-floor adds 4,200 square feet, utilizing the property’s roof space with a glassed-in “Hopservatory” space overlooking the downtown Boston skyline.

“The $4 million dollar build-out has added roughly 8,000 square feet to the Mass Ave. facility, which now includes a new performance area, restaurant space occupied by M&M BBQ, and an enhanced gaming area. “Our goal was to create something special, so we really thought long and hard about what we wanted to build,” explained Matt Malloy, DBCo’s CEO and chief “keg-washer.” “We didn’t want to just keep up with the other breweries; we wanted to create something that was unique and that Boston didn’t really have,” he told the Reporter.

DBCo hosted a “Hopservatory Grand Opening Celebration” last Saturday, where live music, DJ, fresh beer, food from M&M BBQ’s new restaurant, and free glassware were on the menu. The second-floor adds 4,200 square feet, utilizing the property’s roof space with a glassed-in beer hall surrounded by a wrap-around outdoor deck with beautiful city views. The glass encasing the rooftop “Hopservatory” space with skyline views. The glass encasing the rooftop "Hopservatory" space with skyline views.

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

Thurdsay (9th) – Nina Ott Quartet performs in concert at Peabody Hall, 209 Ashmont St., Dorchester as part of the Dot Jazz Jam. 7:30 p.m. $15 tickets at dotjazz.org. Kids under 18 are free.

Friday (10th) – The city of Boston and Haitian Artists Association of Boston present “Still Arts Rise,” a commemorative exhibition in memory of the victims of the 2010 earthquake in Haiti. Recipient of the 2019 Governor’s Award. 4:30 p.m. at Scoolly Square Gallery in Boston City Hall.

Tuesday (14th) – Dorchester native Bill Brett will share stories and inspiration behind his new book “Boston: Game Changers” at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the US Senate from 6-7:30 p.m. Register at emkinstitute.org.

Monday (20th) – Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. national holiday.

Civil rights advocates urge BPS: Don’t share student info with ICE

By SHANNON DOOLING
WBUR Reporter

Don’t share student info with ICE

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Orange line cars back online

By CHRIS LINSKI
State House News Service

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Columbia-Savin Hill updated on trio of big-ticket projects

By Katie Trojano

Columbia Savin Hill Civic Association (CSHCA) members received updates on various development projects in the area — including The BEAT, DotBlock, and Bayside — during a Monday meeting at the Little House.

Catherine O’Neill, a consultant hired by proponents of both DotBlock and Bayside, briefed attendees on plans for the two developments. DotBlock co-developers Samuels and Associates and Wintergold, LLC expect construction work on the $200 million, 486-unit complex to begin soon.

“We should have shovels in the ground in the first quarter of 2020,” O’Neill said.

After hosting two meetings in the fall to invite community input on the Bayside plans, O’Neill said that Accordia Partners will be presenting its latest plans for the 20-acre waterfront site to civic associations in February. The team will be at the next CSHCA meeting on Feb. 3.

“We haven’t filed anything, and we don’t expect to until we present to the four civic associations in February,” said O’Neill. “It was a successful three-month collaboration and the ideas were generated by community residents. That’s exactly what we wanted to happen.”

Construction is well under way at The BEAT, the mixed-use project that will transform the former Boston Globe on Morrissey Boulevard, at Monday night’s Columbia-Savin Hill civic meeting.

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“Construction is well under way at The BEAT, the mixed-use project that will transform the former Boston Globe headquarters on Morrissey Boulevard, which has been reduced to its bare bones, into a 96,000-square-foot creative office, lab, and retail space, complete with brewery and food hall. Todd-Fremont Smith, the senior vice-president of Development and director of mixed-use projects for Nordblom Company, showed new renderings of what his team hopes to accomplish at the BEAT. He said the team hopes to have the project completed by July 4.

“We just thought this neighborhood has so much residential and educational space, but not enough office or commercial,” he added. “We thought with the Red Line it would be a great place to do some office.”

The space along Morrissey will be “reimagined and recreated into a mixed-use, multi-tenant” development, said Fremont-Smith. Although the team hasn’t signed any tenants yet, he said, they are looking to target innovative, tech-geared businesses.

“Right now, we’re trying to show [the property] to tenants but it’s just a war zone. It’s not a place you want to be,” he said. “But I think by about late spring, we’ll be able to do a tour.”

“The team is looking for innovative businesses as prospective tenants, like 3D printing companies, a medical robotics lab, or architectural design firms. They’re also looking to make the brewery within the BEAT a reality. “We’re looking for a tenant for the brew-pub, micro-brewery, which will go on the corner closest to Patten’s Cove,” said Fremont-Smith, “We have taken over Patten’s Cove from DCR, with the agreement that we maintain it. It’s a big park and hopefully we see some improvements there as well.”

Nordblom Company has contracted with Stantec, an international architectural firm, to build out the property. As of now, the team has spent around $110 million on renovations and construction and expects to have poured over $300 million into the project by its completion.

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Parents Daryl and Natasha Best of Hyde Park at the BPS school showcase in December. Max Larkin/WBUR photo

BPS’s annual ‘Showcase’ features choices about schools – and parental anxiety

(Continued from page 1) attend BPS’s annual “school showcase,” held this year on Dec. 14 in the gymnasium of Boston Latin Academy in Dorchester.

The priority period

Hundreds of parents and grandparents braved rain and cold to attend the noisy Saturday event. They roamed from booth to booth, meeting school leaders and comparing programs — all in hopes of finding at least one school that would be a fit for their children.

If there was a nervousness in the air, it was with good reason, said Hyde Park parent Daryl Best, noting that young children’s futures are at stake. He and his wife, Natasha, are trying to find the right schools for their 4- and 5-year-olds.

“Whatever decisions we make now [will] set them up for success or failure later,” Best said. “We want to make the best decision.”

And there are real academic disparities between schools in Boston. While the city’s exam schools boast national reputations for academic excellence, state officials have labeled 8 of the 125 BPS schools “in need of broad/comprehensive support” from state overseers due mainly to low test scores. For the same reason, 34 BPS schools are getting “focused/targeted support” for the same reason.

Both teachers and parents said that state classifications, or even single metrics, probably wouldn’t determine their first choices.

Former teacher Tanna Preston did consider BPS’s “system of four school-quality “tiers,” based on a wider array of measures of their effectiveness, to guide her path through the room. But Preston was also open to schools with less stellar pedigrees, including the Matta- hunt Elementary in Mattapan. That school has recently reopened after lagging academic performance prompted the Boston School Committee to close it in 2016.

Most other parents at the showcase shared Preston’s confidence that good work is taking place throughout BPS.

At the booth for the Henry Grew Elementary School, near her home in Hyde Park, Natasha Best said she was shopping based mainly on her personal values — like a hope for outdoor playtime and a focus on social-emotional learning.

So while the Grew is one of those eight schools under the closest state monitoring, the Bests walked out considering it anyway — because it seemed to meet their particular needs. (MCAS scores are important, Daryl said, but they’re “not the be-all and end-all.”)

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Sarah Faude co-wrote an article about late-registering families in 2018, and did her doctoral dissertation on BPS’s “welcome centers.” She said her years of research in the district revealed no evidence that families
By DANIEL SHEEHAN

With the priority school registration season for Boston’s children now under way, developers of a nonprofit search platform are looking to help families navigate the system.

Latoya Gayle, the organization’s executive director, said in an interview that she saw the need for such a tool when, years ago, she attempted to negotiate the system on behalf of her own children.

““The cool thing about it was that it was totally revamped” last year, Gayle said. “I have three children, the youngest is 4 and the oldest is 16,” she said. “I remember with my oldest child, when we first moved, there were a lot more schools here than I was used to. I would spend hours obsessing over where the schools were, what they’re like, which ones my kids can go to. The idea of Boston School Finder is figuring out, you know, how can this not take hours for families?”

Not all parents have the same amount of free time to dedicate to the registration process, which can involve multiple steps and require several different types of documentation depending on the school.

As Boston School Finder notes, it’s easier for families with means to navigate the system, and nearby half of the black and Latino families in the city don’t file their preferences with the city during the early registration period.

But with a new website that was “totally revamped” last year, Gayle and the team at BSF are hoping to address that gap. As such, the priority school registration period for kids entering grades K0, K1, 6, 7, and 9 — which officially began Monday and ends on Jan. 31 — is a good chance for Boston families to get ahead of the game, said Gayle.

“Black and Latino kids make up about 70 percent of BPS students,” she pointed out. “One of our big goals is to increase the number of parents who are registering in those first rounds. That ultimately gives them a better shot of getting a school that’s higher on their list.”

Getting children into a school that is the right fit for them is the end goal of the nonprofit. Being able to choose the proper environment for your child’s learning is therefore crucial, said Gayle, who noted that “if a parent doesn’t know how to respond to a bad fit, that child is struggling, socio-emotionally or academically, and it sets them up on a path where they don’t enjoy learning.”

Tips on how to find that best fit are among the services available on the BSF website, which also includes a school registration calendar, English language learner resources, and both a “checklist” and a “toolkit” of steps and resources designed to assist families through the process. Information is available in eight languages, including Vietnamese, Portuguese, and Haitian Creole.

Notably, Boston School Finder is a resource developed by and based on suggestions and surveys from parents and is led by people who themselves have children in Boston schools, whether they be BPS, charter, or parochial.

Gayle, a resident of Dorchester whose children attend schools in the neighborhood, said that commonality puts everyone involved in the mission on the same page.

“The cool thing about it is everything we put on the site is based on parent feedback,” she said.

“We talked to families and asked, what would you want in a tool to help you? We also work with a team of parents — “parent ambassadors” — who advocate for their own kids and schools. We thought the best way to reach other parents is through parents just thinking about, you know, how can they share what they know?”

In the coming weeks, the nonprofit will hold several “Registration 101” events in schools in neighborhoods across the city to introduce and guide parents through the registration process.

Boston School Finder has also launched a texting campaign through which families can sign up for school enrollment text alerts. Parents can sign up by texting the word “SCHOOL” to 33-777.

For more information, visit bostonschoolfinder.org.

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Exhibition at DAP brings ‘Why the Wild Things Are’

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The Dorchester Historical Society announces new items for the gift shop. Priced at $10 each these wood ornaments capture iconic Dorchester views of a three decker and of the gas tank.

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ADAMS STREET BRANCH

The Adams Street branch will be closed for the construction of a new building. We will reopen early 2020, dates, hours and other items will be transferred to the Lower Mills Branch.

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Thurs., Jan. 9, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Homework Help. Mon., Jan. 13, 10:30 a.m. – Little Wiggles’ Lapset; 1 p.m. – Judy Garland Film Series. Mon., Jan. 13, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Technology Help. Tues., Jan. 14, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Technology Help. Wed., Jan. 15, 3:30 p.m. – Performance Class; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. Thurs., Jan. 16, 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – Technology Help. Fri., Jan. 17, 3:30 p.m. – Pachinko: Book Discussion.

M A T T A P A N B RAN C H

Thurs., Jan. 9, 3 p.m. – BTU Homework Help; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 5:30 p.m. – Family Board Game Night; 6 p.m. – Sleepy Story Time; 6:30 p.m. – Family Board Game Night; 10:30 a.m. – Hugs & Play; 3 p.m. – Crafternoons. Sat., Jan. 11, 9 a.m. – USCIS Information Desk at Boston Public Library; 6 p.m. – TILL’s Autism Support Center Dorchester Kick-Off Party.

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The Bowery has yurts in place for its ‘winter village’ opening

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YESTERDAY ARCHIVE
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Channing Church

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Dorchester resident Betty Francisco, left, was honored with the 2020 Maven Award on Sat., Jan. 4, at the 8th annual A Maven’s World Women’s conference hosted by Anna Foster, CEO and founder. Francisco is an entrepreneur, business executive, attorney and community leader. She is known as the Mauricio Gastón Institute for Latino Community Development & Public Policy, and an associate professor of Women’s & Gender Studies at UMass Boston.

The Bowery’s back patio will house three yurts, circular tent-like structures that will be available for dining beginning this coming weekend.

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With the demolition of the Tom English building and the Dorchester Market at the corner of Dorchester Avenue and East Cottage Street, it is now possible to get a good view of the building behind the former Channing Church at 275 East Cottage Street was built in 1800-1801. Designed by Walter Atherton, it originally had a two-story gable and a small entryway with gable on the east side. The line drawing from the Boston Globe of April 11, 1901, shows the original design. In the mid-20th century, a second two-story gable was constructed, and the entry was moved to the north end of the building. The Little House social agency came to this location when it moved from South Boston in the 1940s.

A story in the Globe on March 9, 1901, stated, “Rev. Henry Hallam Saundersen, Harvard ’98, began the earnest and energetic work of establishing Channing Church in October of 1900. The little church was in the old Athenaeum Hall, close by the new church, at historic ‘Five Corners.’

The main audience hall, with its connecting Sunday school room, will comfortably seat 500 people. Behind the rail-less platform and pulpit is an elevated space for the choir, and behind that is the handsome double manual pipe organ. To the right of the platform is an entrance to the choir room, connecting with basement, auditorium, and a separate entrance. To the left is a doorway, leading to the minister’s study.

The Sunday School wing has separate entrances front and back. In the rear are arrangements for footlights and all accessories for concerts, lectures, and entertainments, the second story being devoted to a handsomely furnished ladies’ parlor. The whole length of one side of the basement is devoted to a boys’ and girls’ gymnasium, with special electrical and other arrangements for evening exhibitions...

“The building is of gothic architecture, with plastered sides, granite underpinning. Two large and many smaller stained-glass windows afford the principal lighting for the audience rooms, which are well equipped with incandescent globes along the walls and in the vaulted roof.”

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

By JESSICA PIERRE

On Jan. 12, 2010, I woke up to a sunny day in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. In a few hours, I would be heading to the airport to get tickets and fly back to Boston after a two-week vacation in my parents’ homeland, a break from the winter cold that my big family loved. I gave hugs and kisses to my dad, my aunts, uncles, and I headed home.

Looking out the window at the busy streets of downtown Port-au-Prince, Haiti, our family was just an extension of everyone who had visiting family and enjoying the holiday season in Haiti. There’s something about Christmas that just puts Haitians in a celebratory and joyful mood, a mood that’s contagious throughout the month of December and into early January.

I never want to be back in time to Boston when I’m there. Everything is just right from the warm weather, warm and inviting people, to the hustle and bustle of the busy streets, and the fresh cooked food we ate daily. I was born in Boston, but Haiti always feels like home.

Our journey back to Boston took us first to Miami, our weather app told me it was 52 degrees. I missed the island weather of Haiti already. We watched the news in disbelief as more reports came in. We checked in at our hotel room around 5 p.m. and as usual, my aunt’s turns on the news. “A major earthquake has struck southern Haiti, knocking down buildings and power lines,” the CNN anchor said.

We were in disbelief. “An earthquake? In Haiti?” I questioned. We were there. “We need to call everyone back home,” my aunt said as she grabbed her cell phone to call the Google Voice number that our family in Haiti used to make and receive international phone calls.

She got a busy signal. We called again, and again. The phone never rang; just the obnoxious sound of the busy dial tone.

I watched the news in disbelief as more reports came in. It was a 7.0 magnitude earthquake – the most powerful to hit Haiti in a century – that struck about 10 miles southwest of Port-au-Prince, where my family was staying. This couldn’t be the beautiful, sunny island we had just left before. We prayed as the buildings came in heavy damage and eyewitness accounts of bodies laid out in the streets of the capital.

We kept trying to call our family, but there was no way to reach them. We sat there helplessly, eyes glued to the TV as visuals of our beloved country in peril came on. We saw many burning and destroyed businesses, homes – even the presidential palace – were severely damaged. People were screaming in the streets by the thousands.

The rest of our family in the US called us to make sure we were safe and ask if we’d heard from the other still in Haiti. My dad was one of the lucky ones.

It wasn’t until five days later that my aunt called me and told me she finally had heard from our family. She said that everyone in our family had survived the quake, but that there were aftershocks rumbling the ground of the city throughout the whole week. My family and the next-door neighbors’ house had collapsed with someone inside.

A few days later, I was finally able to reach my dad on the phone. I cried when I heard how his house was, as everyone in the family was sleeping on the street as far away from our home as possible in case it collapsed during another aftershock. He told us that all they heard was misery in the streets with people stuck under the rubble crying for help and trying to get tickets and fly out to the US. I checked in with my family every day, the smell of dead bodies started to creep into the streets and of course, crime started to rise as desperation hit the Haitian people trying to get what little they could in their lives because of a lack of supportive services or because they are working with medical providers that are not equipped to handle the crisis. Children were going hungry. When policy makers debate legislation around end-of-life issues, it is critical that the needs of people with disabilities are on the table. As guidelines and standards for end-of-life care are established, we must ensure that the needs of people with disabilities are considered. People with disabilities should not consider ending their lives. They have the right to quality care, effective treatment options, and a choice in their medical care. We must support policy makers to improve end-of-life care for people with disabilities.

As we remember the ten-year anniversary of this week, we recognize that every year, millions of dollars are spent on hurricane relief, in addition to the billions already spent on everyone in Haiti. We are asking what more can we do for the Western Hemisphere’s poorest nation.

It wasn’t until February that we were able to welcome all of our family members back home to Boston. Although everyone in my family was unharmed, the trauma was real. Medical doctors offered help, but not enough. We checked in with our family in Haiti, a few gave up their lives, but every single one was a true hero. In May 2010, United Nations troops triggered a cholera outbreak that killed thousands more people, prompting months of angry Haitian street protests against the UN and, in some cases, global NGOs in general.

Critics argued that many of these NGOs that focused into Haiti had savor complexes and had effectively shut Haitians in Haiti out of their own recovery effort. In addition, efforts to rebuild the city’s housing, now known as the Haitian White House – remain in limbo.

However, the spirit of the Haitian people is not easily broken. Despite the international headlines as protests broke out across the country against a deepening fuel shortage on top of spiraling prices, the Haitian people are more resilient than ever. They have been through environmental degradation, and food scarcity. In Boston today, it’s hard not to come across Haitian people struggling in their native country.

As we remember the earthquake ten years later, credit must be given to the work held throughout the city and the arts exhibit “Still Arts Rise,” created in memory of the victims of January 12, will be on display in the Boston City Hall Scollay Square Gallery from Jan. 9 until Jan. 30.

Maureen Forry-Sorell is a columnist for the Dorchester Reporter.
Hey, Boston, you can say ‘hello’ on the street

By Laura Everett

I’m trying something new to walk. A call and response among strangers on the sidewalk, a litany of acknowledgment.

This all happened on a recent work trip to Durham, North Carolina, when I’d gone for a walk in their city. In the 30 minutes I wandered their streets, more strangers spoke to me than had in the last 11 months in Boston.

The contrast was stark. I’m used to moving through my city, earphones in and eyes down. More often than not, I’m also scanning for things that seem unsafe or listening for a catcall. I walked differently in Durham, still cautious but trying on this more interactive way to move on city streets.

I am devoted to Boston. But we have a chip on our shoulders, and most often, a scowl on our faces. In many ways, our sour demeanor is understandable: for starters, we have a transportation system that is failing everyone. It’s hard to be kind when we’ve been sitting in traffic for 57 minutes, need to pick someone up from school, and just want to be home after a long day.

Boston also has a residual dominant culture of white upper-class formality, competitiveness, and independence that breeds isolation and avoids any interaction that might slow us down. While Boston may be known and celebrated for many things, our friendliness is not one of them.

But acknowledgment in public is more than just friendliness, it’s an affirmation of worth.

On another work trip to Charleston, South Carolina, I walked with a colleague, a black pastor, from a nearby city. Again, we nodded, greeted, spoke to, and engaged ever-so-briefly each person who passed us on the street.

“Hey, you all right?,” the next person asked. “Yes, it is,” I replied, trying on this new way to walk. A call and response among strangers on the sidewalk, a litany of acknowledgment.

I saw it, too, after I got married. My wife and I would be out in public, holding hands, and I witnessed the secret sweat-hood nod of acknowledgment. With just the slightest pull of the chin upward — a move so subtle that you might miss it — another person signals that you are seen.

And so, I’m trying something new, even here in icy Boston. Every human is made in the image and likeness of God. This is foundational to my beliefs. Why would I not acknowledge them thusly?

My wife jokes that her idea of a good bike commute home is smoking another cyclist in a faux race, while mine is making a new friend on the bike path. Admittedly, I am trained as a pastor to both hold silence and encourage people to talk. But this practice of acknowledgment is different than just chatting up a stranger because you’re an extrovert. Acknowledgment can include knowledge of the dignity and worth in others, even and especially when we are jammed together on a delayed MBTA train.

Acknowledgment is a commitment to justice. I’ve arrived at a place in life where I expect people’s personal behaviors to be consonant with their professed commitments.

Tell me you support the equal rights and dignity of women? Then don’t cut in front of me in the bike lane as we wait for a light. Tell me you reject ableism and see the equal worth of disabled people? Then shovel your sidewalk wide enough for a wheelchair. Tell me you care about those living outside in our city? Then make eye contact and say hello to those experiencing homelessness, and better yet, share a little money.

I’m trying something purposeful and intentional, so that my movements through our city match the commitments in my heart. I am saying hello to strangers playing around while waiting for the bus. I am trying to unlearn all the icy tendencies I’ve developed over years in New England, because it doesn’t have to be like this. I don’t have to be like this. A friendlier Boston will not fix the deep and persistent divisions and inequalities in our city. But I’m not really doing this for the betterment of Boston — I’m doing it for me. Acknowledgment is about how I want to show up in the world, and what kind of neighbor I want to be. When I acknowledge others, it changes me.

Now, I begin the call and response. “How you doin’?” the only way I know to “love thy neighbor” is to start by acknowledging that your neighbor exists.

Laura Everett is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ and the executive director of the Massachusetts Council of Churches. She is the author of "Holy Spokes: The Search for Urban Spirituality on Two Wheels." This article was first published by WBUR.90.9FM on Jan. 2. The Reporter and WBUR share content through a media partnership.

Bail reform panel report suggests that state unlikely to end cash bail

By Deborah Becker

It appears Massachusetts will not follow some other states and eliminate cash bail in the court system — that’s if the state follows new recommendations from the Legislature’s bail reform commission.

After a year of meetings, the Legislature’s 19-member bail reform commission unanimously approved several recommendations in its report on the cash bail system released last week. The report also included new statistics showing racial and gender disparities in how bail is set.

Based on data from the state’s trial court, the commission found that bail amounts were higher for non-white defendants compared to their white counterparts. More than 19 percent of non-white defendants had bail set at more than $5,000, compared with about 11 percent of white defendants. Also fewer non-white defendants than white defendants were held on less than $1,000 bail (53.7 percent to 63.2 percent).

Trial court data from cases primarily heard in 2018 also showed judges released more women defendants compared to men (89.3 percent versus 77 percent), and three times as many men were held without bail.

On its weighing of cash bail, the report said commissioners found there was no need to eliminate the practice in Massachusetts because of recent changes to the rules for setting bail.

“I think people felt like we were early in the process of change so it’s kind of difficult to make any major course corrections because we didn’t know if what we had done to date is working,” said committee co-chair Cindy Friedman.

Winter Class Care, Local Address.

Carney Hospital receives an “A” for Patient Safety in Spring 2019 Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade.

This recognition demonstrates Steward Health Care’s commitment to safety and high quality community care.
PUBLIC MEETING ON 150 RIVER ST. PROJECT

A public meeting to review a proposal to build a 30-unit affordable rental building for elders at 150 River St. will be held on Wed., Jan. 8 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Great Room inside 340 River St., Mattapan. The BPDA will host the meeting. Contact Ebony DaRosa at 617-918-4419 or ebony.darosa@boston.gov for more info.

PLAN: MATTAPAN MEETING ON JAN. 22

The BPDA will host a PLAN: Mattapan “Housing Deep Dive” meeting on Wed., Jan. 22 at 6 p.m. at KIPP Academy, 37 Babson St., Mattapan. The purpose is to discuss “Mattapan’s housing stock in greater detail...to better understand how and where the neighborhood can grow in a predictable manner.” For more info contact Muge Undemir, 617-918-4488 or mugez.undemir@boston.gov.

BOSTON CHILDREN’S CHORUS MLK CONCERT

Now in its 17th year, BCC’s signature concert honoring Dr. King will be held on Mon., Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. at Symphony Hall, Boston. Featuring pieces by composers like Florence Price, Undine Smith Moore, and Rosephanye Powell. Contact aliujareis@bostonchildrenschorus.org for more info.

BOSTON COMMON MASTER PLAN OPEN HOUSE ON JAN. 15

The Boston Parks and Recreation Department and the Friends of the Public Garden will host an open house to discuss the Boston Common Master Plan on Wed., Jan. 15 from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Josiah Quincy School Auditorium, 152 Arlington St. Attendees will hear an overview of the Boston Common Master Plan project and receive an update on the work that has been accomplished to date, hear a summary of the extensive public feedback that has been received, hear a discussion about user needs and infrastructure needs, consider initial concepts for improving the Common, and learn about next steps. Park users, abutters, and other stakeholders are urged to attend. Please note that the slideshow presentation will be made available bostoncommonmasterplan.org where there is a link to take an important user survey that closes December 31.

JAZZ SERIES OPENS SEASON ON JAN. 9

The Dot Jazz Series kicks off 2020 with keyboard player Nina Ott and her quartet in Peabody Hall at the Parish of All Saints, 209 Ashmont Street, on Thurs., Jan. 9. Originally from Detroit, Nina began playing piano at age 7. A longtime presence on the Boston scene, Nina performs as a bandleader and sidewoman in various projects across many genres. For this show, Nina will be joined by Christopher Lopes (Jeff Parker Trio, Astronomico) on bass, Dean Castrillo on congas. The quartet plays original music with deep roots in jazz and Afro-Cuban traditions.

Jazz Series OpenS SeaSon on Jan. 9

Doors open at 7 and music starts at 7:30. $15, free for under 18. Advance tickets available at dotjazz.org.

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Diversity carries day as City Council begins a new term with Janey at helm

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up from previously zero, to two. “I understand the responsibility that I have to represent the Latinx community, but I also know that I’m here to represent all of Boston,” Mejia told The Reporter.

It feels incredibly humbling, I feel like a single mom, and in the city of Boston we have a huge population of single moms. Representation is important, but I also think lived experiences and what we bring to the conversation are equally as important,” added Mejia.

Janey announced that she would be creating a City Council Committee on Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) that will focus on ensuring that nonprofits — like universities and medical centers — pay their fair share of taxes. She also spoke of her desire to eliminate fares on MBTA bus lines in her district.

“We must find new ways to tackle old problems, like free MBTA buses to increase rider-ship and improve traffic flow in our city. And that is how you, Russell,” Janey said, referring to state Rep. Russell Holmes, one of several lawmakers from the Boston delegation who attended the council meeting.

Janey and Councilor Michelle Wu last year called for a hearing on the MBTA’s Route 28 bus, as it runs from Mattapan to Ruggles Station, free for riders, and Wu has also suggested eliminating fares across the MBTA. The 28 bus runs through Holmes’ district, and he pointed to the city of Lawrence’s decision last fall to make three Merrimack Valley Regional Transit Authority bus routes free, financed by $225,000 from that city’s cash reserves.

“If we can find some way of getting it done through our neighborhood, that would be fantastic,” Holmes told the State House News Service. “But not just, I think, on 28, the bus line, but also how can we get more rapid transit, period. I’m looking for bus rapid transit all through the district. The bus line, as they say, Rodney Dangerfield, gets no respect. I’m trying to give it some respect.”

The MBTA is a state entity. Janey said some on the council have demonstrated “that we are willing to use our bully pulpitt to advocate on issues that are sometimes out of the realm of our control.”

“This is a huge issue because it’s an economic justice issue,” Janey told reporters. “In fact we found a way to offer free bus rides in the city of Boston, that would be huge.”

She said that while the MBTA has increased its fares in recent years, including an average 5.6 percent hike that took effect last July and kept average 5.8 percent hike that in recent years, including an average 5.6 percent hike that took effect last July and kept bus rates unchanged, the gas tax has not also increased. A gas tax hike has been floated as a potential component of a House transportation revenue package, though a specific plan has not yet emerged.

“If we had a gas tax, an additional gas tax, maybe that revenue could be invested so we could offer free bus rides,” Janey said. “That is the purpose of bringing our work and our meetings into the neighborhoods to really engage residents who are actually riding these buses, like myself, and hearing their ideas and solutions for how we do this work and, really, then not being afraid to take on the MBTA or the governor or any other entity. I want to bring us all together.”

Mayor Walsh congratulated Janey on her new and advised the new councillors to keep col- laboration in mind. “To presi- dent Campbell, I want to thank you for your leadership over the last two years. Collaboration is going to be the heart of all of your hard work,” said Walsh.

“We look to the federal govern- ment and see a complete lack of collaboration. We can’t let that happen here. The people of Boston deserve better.”

Councillors at-large sworn in for the new two-year term include incumbents Michelle Wu, Annissa Essaibi-George, Michael Flaherty and new- comer Julia Mejia. Local coun- cillors include Lydia Edwards in District 1 (Charlestown, East Boston, North End), Ed Flynn in District 2 (Downtown, South Boston, South End), Frank Baker in District 3 (Dorches- ter), Andrea Campbell in Dis- trict 4 (Mattapan, Dorchester, Roslindale, Jamaica Plain), newcomer Ricardo Arroyo in District 5 (Hyde Park, Roslindale), Matt O’Malley in District 6 (West Roxbury, Jamaica Plain), Kim Janey in District 7 (Bboundaries), and new- comers Priscilla Kenzie Bok in District 8 (Back Bay, Beacon Hill, Fenway-Kenmore, Mis- sion Hill West End), and Liz Breadon in District 9 (Brigh- ton, Allston).

This article includes report- ing from State House News Service.

The Reporter
Waldschlegel to increase funding for schools, housing

(Continued from page 1) of the funds will benefit students, or services provided by BPS.

“We believe in a Bos-
ton where every single
student can reach their
full potential no matter
what. Tonight, I an-
nounce a funding plan
equal to that to make
vision a reality,” said
Mayor Walsh.

Superintendent Bren-
da Cassellius’ draft stra-
tegic vision recently presented to the Bos-
ton School Commit-
tee directly informed this plan. The draft
focuses on rigorous cur-
riculum, including arts,
STEM, and health pro-
gramming; cutting edge
technology; and social,
emotional, and physical
support.

“This level of planned
investment, over and
above cost increases,
has never been done before.
It will reach every school
and it will be carefully
targeted, so every dollar
makes a difference. We’ll
begin with intense sup-
port for under-perfor-
mating schools, so we can
become a great district,”
said Walsh.

After the speech, Dis-
trict 4 City Councillor
Andrea Campbell—who
had suggested her own
“action plan” for BPS last year—offered a sharp
critique of Walsh’s BPS plan.

Mayor Martin Walsh spoke at Symphony Hall on
Tuesday. Chris Lovett photo

“In order to ensure
every family has access
to a quality BPS school,
we need more than an-
nouncements & money
thrown at the problem,”
Campbell wrote in a
tweet. “It is hard not
to view the Mayor’s BPS
announcement at
#60OTC with great skep-
ticism.”

In his remarks, Walsh
called for stricter traffic
enforcement and a more
reliable MBTA service.

“This year, I am direct-
ning the Boston Police
and Transportation Depart-
ment to work together
and implement a plan
to strengthen traffic
enforcement in our city,”
said, adding that “For
many of our issues, pub-
lie transit is the solution,
so we’re working with the
MBTA.”

Walsh asked legis-
tative leaders on Beacon
Hill to be bold on trans-
portation finance.

“Mayors, business
leaders, advocates, and
communities will support
you,” he said. “And if you
can’t move forward, then
let us lead.”

“Calling housing “the
biggest economic chal-
gen our residents face,”
Walsh pledged to dedi-
cate $560 million over
the next five years to
create and preserve af-
fordable for those with
low and middle incomes.
He said he would double
the city’s current funding
in affordable housing to
$100 million. Addi-
tional revenue would be
generated by selling the
Lafayette Garage. But
his plan also depends on
the state Legislature—
and Gov. Charlie
Baker—to approve a
Boston-specific rental
voucher tax of up to 2 percent
in private real estate sales
over $2 million.

After the speech, Walsh
told reporters that he’s confident that the funds will be secured.

“We’re finding the
money for it,” Walsh
said. “The investments
for the schools are com-
ing from the revenue
that we’re earning in the
city. Housing is the same
thing. The two pieces that are really important for us is the sale of
Lafayette Garage, we want
to put all of that money
into housing— and the
transportation tax.”

The Mayor also an-
ounced the creation of
a city-sponsored rental
voucher program, which
would help to stabilize
more low income per-
sons and families.

The rental voucher
program aims to subsidize
the rents of those with most
need, including families
experiencing homelessness
not eligible for
assistance, formerly
chronically homeless in-
dividuals, and extremely
low-income elderly
disabled households.

“Altogether, this is one
of the most progressive
housing policies in Amer-
ica, because we believe in
a Boston where housing
is more than a commod-
it,y it’s our community,”
said Mayor Walsh.

Walsh also used the
speech to herald what
will be some of 2020’s mar-
quise events in the city:
the national NAACP con-
ference, which will be held in Boston in July.

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Walsh concluded his
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history and black
achievement all year
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Neighborhood Notables

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POLICE DISTRICT C-11
Non-emergencies and seniors: 617-343-5469. 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.

HANCOCK STREET CIVIC ASSOC.
The Hancock Street Civic Association meets monthly on the first Tuesday at Uplands Crossing, 500 Columbia Rd., Dorchester. Meeting time is 7–8:30 pm. Annual dues are $5; please contact hancockstreetcivic@gmail.com with any questions you may have. The next meeting is on Jan. 7.

WELLINGTON HILL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL
The Wellington Hill Neighborhood Council meets on the second Tuesday of the month from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm at the Mattapan branch of the Boston Public Library.

APPLE GROVE ASSOC.
The Apple Grove Civic Association meets on the second Monday of every month from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at 1135 Morton St., Mattapan. The contact is Ms. Myrtle Huggins at 617-429-8531.

ASHMONT-ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.
Meetings are typically held on the first Thursday of each month from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at the Follen Senior Residences, 249 River St., Mattapan.

ASHMONT HILL ASSOC.
Meetings are generally held the last Thursday of the month. For info, see ashmonthill.org or call Mes- joness713@msn.com.

ASHMONT-VALLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.
The Vineyards Neighborhood Association meets on the second Thursday of each month from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at the Follen Senior Residences, 249 River St., Mattapan.

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

CEDAR GROVE CIVIC ASSOC.
Cedar Grove Civic Association meets at 7 pm at Fr. Lane Hall, 310 Brendan Church, 15 Rita Rd. The civic group meets on the Info: cedar.grovecivic@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 pm., in the Great Hall of the Codman Sq. Health Center, 6 Nor- folks St. Info: call 617-265-4189.

COLUMBIA-SAVIN HILL CIVIC ASSOC.
Columbia-Savin Hill Civic meets the first Monday of each month, 7 pm, at the Little House, 275 East Cottage St. For info: columbia.savinhillcivic.org.

DORCHESTER NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.
The Dorchester North Neighborhood Association (formerly the Annapolis Street Neighborhood As sociation) generally meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 pm. In the meeting room of 8 An- napolis St., Mattapan. See our Facebook page for more information (Dorchester North) for updates and announcements. Send questions and agenda items to: dorchester- north@gmail.com.

FIELDS CORNER CIVIC ASSOC.
The FCCA meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at the Kit Clark Center, 1500 Dorchester Ave. For more info, contact V. Girard, chair: at: vivian612@gmail.com.

WOODROW AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.
WANA meets on the third Thursday of every month from 6:30 pm at VFV Post 8722, 54 Woodrow Ave., Nina Johnson is the president. Email woodrowavenueas- soc@gmail.com or wanaboston on Facebook.

JONES HILL ASSOC.
The Jones Hill Association meets every month on the second Wednesday at 7 pm at St. Mary’s Center for Women and Children in the Executive Board Room. All are welcome. Developers wishing to inquire or present should contact officers@joneshill.org.

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"A lot of local people were involved in this process. For example, my neighbor, Gary Bar-
somian, did a lot of the woodwork, all of the tables, bars, the beauti-
ful woodwork that you see upstairs. We tried to buy local as much as possible," said Malloy.

"We're really trying to incorporate what a brew-
ery is all about, which is the local community and using our own resources. We
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M&M BBQ, which will operate out of the floor level at DBCo, is a lo-
cal standby that made its name selling ribs from a food truck that has
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FIND OUT WHAT’S INSIDE:
BGC Performing Arts Programs Host Recital! The various dance groups at BGC combined with the baton program to host a recital for family, friends, members and staff just before the holiday break at our Walter Denney Youth Center site. Members performed a variety of routines they had been working on throughout Fall programs which began in September. Thanks to all of the parents and family members who made it out to see the members perform and congratulations to all of the members on an amazing performance. For more information on the Dance program please contact Shannon Zar noch at szarnoch@bgcdorchester.org. For more information on Baton programming, please contact Arts Director Katy Farrar at kfarrar@bgcdorchester.org.

DID YOU KNOW:
BGC Keystone Club Volunteers at Christmas in the City: Members of the Keystone Club at Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester volunteered at this year’s Christmas in the City event. Christmas in the City is a volunteer, non-profit organization that is dedicated to helping relieve the impact of homelessness and poverty on Boston-area children and their families. Our teens helped move toys for wrapping and also prepped backpacks to be filled with special items for the holidays to go to children in need and their families. Congratulations to our friends at Christmas in the City on another great event! The work that you do for Boston’s children and families is vital to helping our city.

CONNECT THE DOT:
BGC Keystone Club Participates in Highland Philanthropy Initiative: Members of the Keystone Club were chosen to participate in the Highland Street Foundation’s Youth Philanthropy Initiative. As part of the program members learn about the importance of philanthropy in giving to those in need. They were tasked with choosing a non-profit outside of the Club to make a donation. This year, the members selected Hope & Comfort, an organization that provides hygiene essentials to those in need. Congratulations to Hope & Comfort from all of us at Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester. Thanks to the Highland Street Foundation for making this program opportunity available to our members.

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William “Bill” Francis Devin, of Braintree and Nantucket, passed away peacefully in his home on Thurs., Jan. 2. He was 81 years old. The son of the late William II. and Madeline C. Devin, Bill was born in Boston and raised in Saint Gregory’s Parish in Dorchester. A graduate of Cathedral High School in Boston’s South End in 1956, he attended Stonehill College before serving in the United States Marine Corps.

Bill’s dry sense of humor, devotion to family and friends and passion for financial services were magnified by his enduring contributions through his work and goodwill. His life was one filled with love and achievement. He built a career in finance, academia, and philanthropy that spanned six decades across the Boston community.

Bill began his career in financial services atEsta brook C., and was later recruited by the national firm, Dempsey Tegeler & Co. His seminal career moment arrived in 1966 when the founder of Fidelity Management and Research (“FMR”) of Fidelity Management & Research (“FMR”) opened a door for him that he could not have imagined coming from the working-class city of Dorchester. Once given the chance, his commitment and work ethic did the rest.

During his 30-year tenure, Bill served as vice president and head trader in FMR’s equity trading department for portfolio managers including Peter Lynch and future CEO and chairman, Edward “Ned” Johnson III. He later became executive vice president of Fidelity Capital Markets before retiring from Fidelity in 1997.

Outside of Fidelity, Bill chaired the New York Stock Exchange’s Institutional Advisory Committee and served as a member of its market performance committee. He served eight terms as vice chairman of the Boston Stock Exchange (“BSE”) and six years on the BSE’s board of governors. In 1985, he co-founded and chaired the National Organization of Investment Profession als (“NOIP”) to create a forum for the country’s equity trading professionals.

Following his retirement, Bill served on the boards of national financial service companies including Sun America Funds (2001-2010) and Valic Funds (2001-2019), which he had chaired since 2005. He also served as a director of the Boston Options Exchange (2001-2011). Beyond his professional career, Bill supported charitable and educational causes such as Catholic Charities of Boston, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, the Boys and Girls Club of Boston, the Thomas Durant, M.D. Fellowship for Refugee Students, and, especially, Adopt-A-Student Foundation, and, especially, the Thomas Durant Forestdale High School’s Adopt-A-Student Foundation, and, especially, Thomas Durant, M.D. Fellowship for Refugee Medicine. For a total of 20 years, Bill and many other generous men and women, have enabled healthcare professionals from Massachusetts General Hospital (“MGH”) to continue the work of Dr. Thomas Durant. Bill had an extraordinary dedication to his alma mater, Stonehill College—an affection that has been reciprocated many times by the school. He served on Stonehill’s Board of Trustees for over two decades, seven years of which as vice chairman. He led two comprehensive development campaigns, in addition to the 2012 presidential search committee. He and Susan established the William F. Devin Scholarship fund that continues to benefit Stonehill business students. He also established Stonehill’s successful stock picking competition—the “Devin Family Cup.”

In 1980, Stonehill presented Bill with the College’s Outstanding Achievement Award. In 2012, he was again acknowledged when he received an honorary Doctor of Business Administration degree from the school. And, for a third time, in 2015, he received the Boston College of Business with its prestigious Gen- esis Award, which hailed him for showing “the kind of leadership that spurs others to action and moves an institution forward.”

Outside of the office, Bill spent his time golfing, boating, sculling, and skiing until the age of 80. He was most passionate about golf, an active member of Wollaston Golf Club and the Nantucket Golf Club, whose inaugural member-member tournament he won in 1997. For 23 years, Bill was among 16 American golfers known as the “Famous Group” who competed in an annual Ryder Cup-style format against a same-sized British squad called the “Low Flyers.” Bill was proud of his Dorchester roots and his Irish heritage. He remained close to his “grammar school” friends from the Parish. He was an active member of Boston’s 136-year-old Clover Club, whose membership of influential politicians and businessmen of Boston has included the former mayor of Boston, John “Honey” Fitz Fitzgerald, and US House Speaker, Thomas “Tip” O’Neill.

Although his business success and charitable contributions were remarkable, Bill was a family man, and his most proud achievement was the love of family and grandchildren. He has held leadership, his quick wit, and his zest for life will truly be his legacy. As stated by his children, Kathleen and Bill: “He took pride in his children and grandchildren. He was always there for us with encouragement and understanding. The example of caring for each other that he and my mother set for us will be in our hearts forever.”

Bill leaves his loving wife Susan (McCarthy) Devin, whom he married in 1964, and their children, daughter Kathleen Devin Garvey, her husband Jerold, and their children, Caroline, Lily, and Anna, and son William Devin, Jr., his wife Renate, and their children, William “Charlie” Devin and Natalie Devin. He also leaves his brother Paul and his wife, Judy, as well as his sister-in-law, Ann Devin, the widow of his brother Robert “Bobby” Devin.

Bill’s funeral Mass was celebrated on Wed., Jan. 8, at St. Gregory’s Church, where he once served as an altar boy. Burial followed in Cedar Grove Cemetery in Dorchester.

Should friends desire, memorial contributions may be made to the William F. Devin Scholarship Fund of Boston College Office of Development, 320 Washington St., Easton, MA 02357. To leave a sympathy message for the family, visit cartwritcfuneral.com.

Mr. Devin’s funeral arrangements were made under the direction of the Cartwright Funeral Home, 845 Washington St., Braintree, which submitted this obituary to the Reporter.
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