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Walsh exit leads to scramble at City Hall

Biden picks ‘tough as nails’ Walsh as his choice for Labor

By KATIE TROJANO
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Calling him a “good friend” and “stand-up guy,” President-elect Joe Biden last week introduced Mayor Walsh to the nation as his choice to lead the Department of Labor, a position that the 53-year-old Dorchester resident and past union leader enthusiastically accepted during a ceremony in Wilmington, Delaware.

“Marty was born and raised in Dorchester. I know him— tough as nails,” Biden said. “He was diagnosed with cancer and beat it at age 11, joined Laborers Union 223 at age 21, worked in the state Legislature, became a union president and graduated from college at age 42.”

Biden also noted that Walsh is the son of Irish immigrants. “Only downside, they’re not from Mayo, they’re from Galway,” he said in a nod to their shared Irish roots.

The president-elect praised the mayor for his leadership as Boston’s steward during the coronavirus pandemic, for supporting healthcare professionals, public servants, essential workers, and union laborers.

“They are literally what’s keeping us going and they deserve a Secretary of Labor who knows how to build their power,” Biden said. “A future with historic investments in infrastructure, clean energy, manufacturing and so much more that’s going to create millions of good-paying jobs.”

“Marty knows worker power means not just protecting the right to union-

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Mayor Martin J. Walsh and now-President-elect Joe Biden shared a thought or two during Mayor Walsh’s second inauguration, held on Jan. 1, 2018 at Emerson College’s Cutler Majestic Theatre. Biden has nominated Walsh to serve as US Secretary of Labor.
Chris Lovett photo

Wu, Campbell lead parade of hopefuls for mayor’s chair

By KATIE TROJANO
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Mayor Walsh’s likely departure for Washington, D.C., could pull as many as five new candidates into a race to succeed him this summer or fall, depending on the timing of his expected resignation, which would follow his confirmation by the US Senate. Two city councillors, Michelle Wu and Andrea Campbell, who were already waging spirited and well-funded campaigns to compete against Walsh will likely be joined by at least two council colleagues and other hopefuls from within city and state government.

When he steps down, Walsh’s vacant seat will be filled immediately by City Council President Kim Janey on an interim basis. She would be the first Black person — and the first woman — to serve as the city’s chief executive. Janey has not yet said whether or not she will seek a full, four-year term, but preparations have already begun for her transition into the mayor’s office.

At-large Councillor Annissa Essaibi-George, a Dorchester resident who has steadily built her citywide profile and electoral performance over her three terms in office, is also seriously weighing a mayoral campaign, according to sources close to her. A former Boston Public School teacher and the owner of the Stitch House on Dorchester Avenue, Essaibi-George has been a longtime ally of Walsh, whom she has known

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Janey stands ready to take the helm

By BILL FORRY
EDITOR

City Council President Kim Janey, a Roxbury native whose family has deep roots in the neighborhood, will become the first Black, and first female, mayor of Boston when Marty Walsh resigns to become the US Secretary of Labor.

The 55-year-old Janey was elected to the city council in 2017 and represents Roxbury and parts of the South End, Dorchester, and the Fenway on the 13-member

council. She was elected last January to serve a two-year term as the council president, a presiding role that will catapult her into the city’s chief executive chair as “acting” mayor.

In his State of the City speech, delivered on Tuesday evening, Walsh noted Janey’s imminent role as chief executive. “I have spoken with Councillor Janey, and we have begun the transition,” he said. “I am confident that the operations of city government, including our Covid



City Council President Kim Janey

response, will continue smoothly. And I want you to know, the work we have done together for

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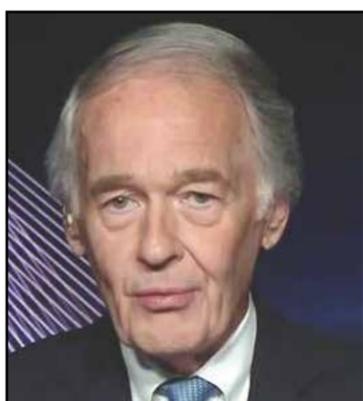
Says Markey: ‘We never saw it coming’

By ED FORRY
REPORTER STAFF

US Sen. Edward Markey was in the US Capitol complex last Wednesday when thousands of pro-Trump rioters stormed the congressional grounds, and laid siege to senators and representatives and their staff members over several hours.

The Reporter’s Ed Forry spoke to Sen. Markey by phone this week about that experience.

Q. Where were you when you started to hear the sounds of the mob?



Sen. Edward Markey

A. I was in my office writing my speech to be delivered on the floor of the Senate, to uphold the Electoral College. I was there

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Lynch worried about security for inauguration

By BILL FORRY
EDITOR

Congressman Stephen Lynch has “significant concerns” about security around the US Capitol ahead of next week’s planned inauguration, which is a potential target of domestic terror groups threatening armed resistance in Washington, D.C., and other cities beginning this weekend.

Lynch was briefed on the security threats — and the planned federal response — on Monday night.

“I am concerned about the situ-



Congressman Stephen Lynch

ation at the Capitol,” Lynch told the Reporter on Tuesday. “There are significant concerns regarding what might take place.”

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Cote Village project nears halfway mark



Cote Village rendering Davis Square Architects

By KATIE TROJANO
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The transformation of a long-abandoned car dealership on Cummins Highway in Mattapan into a complex of buildings with 76 units of affordable housing is just about at the mid-point of construction work. The progress of Cote Village, the new development just steps from a new commuter rail station on the Fairmount Line in Mattapan, was discussed Monday during a virtual meeting of the Woodhaven Culbert Regis Neighborhood Association.

Donald Alexis, president of the Caribbean Integration Community Development (CICD,) told about 30 people on the call that although the project was delayed by pandemic shutdowns, construction has kept pace overall.

“In March, because of Covid-19, we were stopped for probably five weeks. We started again in May and things have been moving along just fine. We’ve finished about 50 percent of the project,” said Alexis.

The project includes a four-story housing complex with 68 affordable units, and a separate townhouse building con-

taining 8 market rate units, 4,172 square feet of ground-floor commercial space, including a 12,000-square-foot public plaza, and 84 parking spaces.

“For the townhouses, we’ve finished installing the roofing, windows and HVAC [Heating, Venting & Air Conditioning], and we are just waiting to get the siding materials and finish up inside,” said Alexis, adding that the team expects the townhouses to be completed by July or August of this year.

“The big building, the one at Cummins Highway,” he said, “will be completed at the latest in October to mid-November. We’ve finished the third floor and so there’s just one more floor to be added.”

The development is a collaboration of the Planning Office for Urban Affairs, Inc. (POUA) and CICD. The non-profit agencies have worked in a unique partnership, with design services added by Davis Square Architects.

City officials originally approved the project in 2016, putting its cost at \$31.2 million. After a number of community comment sessions, final

approvals were given in July 2019, and groundbreaking followed that December.

The units will be available to residents at a range of incomes, including 12 for residents with incomes at or below 30 percent of the area median income (AMI) — people earning less than \$27,900 for a household of three. Of these units, 8 will be set aside for

formerly homeless individuals and families.

Specifically: Two units will be reserved for residents with incomes at or below 50 percent of AMI; 42 for residents with incomes at or below 60 percent of AMI; 12 for residents with incomes at or below 80 percent AMI; and 8 for residents with incomes at or below 100 percent of AMI.

The city and state

BPS agreement with teachers aimed at full re-opening of classrooms by April 1

Boston Public Schools has reached an agreement with the Boston Teachers Union to try to bring all students back to schools in-person by April 1. The agreement calls for phasing in groups of students for hybrid learning, starting with high needs students in February and the youngest grades beginning in March.

Thirty-two schools are currently open for in-person learning, serving students the district has

identified as the highest priority, including some students with disabilities, English language learners, students experiencing homelessness, and students who are in the care of the state Department of Children and Families.

The state has been leaning on districts like Boston to bring more students back into classrooms. The district had rolled back to fully remote in October, citing rising coronavirus cases, and has been

phasing back in students identified as high need since November.

Under the agreement, if the city’s Covid-19 positivity rate stays above 5 percent for two consecutive weeks, the city will provide free weekly Covid testing to union members who consistently report to work.

If the positivity rate is above 10 percent for two weeks, the union can ask to go back to the bargaining table with district officials.

The previous agreement stated that if the citywide positivity rate went above 4 percent, the district would go back to fully remote learning for students. A judge sided with district officials in a dispute that the Boston Public Schools had violated that agreement and ignored the threshold.

According to the Boston Public Health Commission, the city’s seven-day positivity rate is at 8.9 percent, as of Monday.

— WBUR Newsroom

Former Dot resident sought for '91 Chinatown massacre

Police, Courts & Fire

A former Dorchester resident wanted for the 1991 massacre of five men in a Chinatown gambling den is now the subject of a renewed FBI-led manhunt with the lure of a \$30,000 reward for his capture and conviction.

Hung Tien Pham, now 60, has been a fugitive since January 1991 when, police say, he shot six victims who were playing cards inside a social club on Tyler Street. One man who survived the attack identified Pham, along with Nam The Tham and Siny Van Tran, as the shooters.

The other two men were later caught, tried, and convicted. But Pham

fled the country and was last spotted in Bangkok, Thailand, in the mid to late 1990s.

Pham, described as a “major associate” of Asian organized crime syndicate Ping On, is also wanted for another Boston murder that occurred on Jan. 8, 1991, four days before the Chinatown massacre.

Born in North Vietnam, Pham uses aliases including “Hung Suk, Hung Pham, Pham Hung, Hung-Tien Pham, Chung Hung Fan, Hung Tien Fan, Ah Hung, Fan Chung-Hung, Tien



Photograph age progressed to age 60

Pham Hung, and Hung T. Pham. He has held a variety of jobs, including but not limited to, a cook, waiter, bicycle repairman, and floor sander.”

Said Joseph R. Bonavolonta, Special Agent in

Charge of the FBI Boston Division: “As alleged, this cold-blooded killer has been on the run for 30 years and we’re hoping this reward will incentivize anyone with information on Pham’s whereabouts to come forward so we can bring him to justice for his role in one of the bloodiest massacres in Boston’s history.”

Anyone with information regarding his whereabouts should take no action themselves but should immediately call the FBI at 1-800-CALL-FBI (1-800-225-5324). Tips can also be electronically submitted at tips.fbi.gov.

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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

The Ward 15 Democratic Committee will interview the first two announced candidates for Mayor of Boston, Andrea Campbell and Michelle Wu, at the committee’s monthly meeting on Sat., Jan. 16 beginning at 10 a.m. via Zoom. Join the meeting as a guest via facebook.com/ward.15.dems or Twitter @Ward15B. The interview of candidates for public office is part of the annual cycle of activities in the endorsement process of the Ward 15 Committee.

BPDA hosts virtual public meeting on Flood Resilience Zoning — Boston Planning & Development planning and zoning staff will host two virtual meetings — Jan. 13 and Jan. 15 — to review the draft Coastal Flood Resilience Zoning Overlay, which will provide new zoning definitions, dimensional and use standards for development projects to promote resilient design and better prepare new and existing buildings for future coastal storms and sea level rise. The meetings will include a presentation of the draft zoning article and updates to existing zoning, followed by Q&A and comments. The same presentation and content will be covered at both meetings. The BPDA will take comments on the draft Resilience Zoning Overlay until Fri., Feb. 12. Translation and interpretation

services can be made available upon request by reaching out to chris.busch@boston.gov at least a week in advance of the meeting.

Fields Corner Civic Association postponed its January meeting. The next meeting will be held via Zoom on Tues., Feb. 2 at 6:30 p.m. The association is seeking candidates for president, vice president, treasurer and secretary. Please contact Hiep Chu at hiepchu@hotmail.com.

Fuel assistance available — ABCD urges low-income individuals and families who are struggling to get by to apply for home heating assistance. To keep everyone safe during the pandemic, ABCD fuel assistance staff members are taking most applications over the phone by calling 617-357-6012. A fuel assistance staff member will take down application information and explain how to provide needed documentation, including mailing it, leaving it in a drop-box at ABCD headquarters, photographing and sending from their phones and other options. Applicants can go to bostonabcd.org for more info. There is a wide range of eligibility based on income and number of household members. Read the guidelines at masscap.org. ABCD pays the household’s fuel vendor

directly. Right now the maximum fuel assistance benefit is \$875. Last year the top benefit was \$1,140.

The city of Boston’s Community Choice Electricity program to provide Bostonians with greater local control over the electricity that powers their homes and businesses launches in February 2021. Visit the City of Boston’s Community Choice Electricity webpage to learn more and access webinar recordings in English and 11 other languages. These recordings are a valuable resource for learning more about the Community Choice Electricity Program. Virtual “office hours” will be offered each Tuesday and Thursday from 12 - 1 p.m., and will run to Feb. 2. Visit boston.gov for more info.

Play virtual Bingo with the Jimmy Fund on Friday, January 15 at 7 p.m., from the comfort of your own home. Hosted by New England Patriots cheerleaders Lauren and Alexis, team captain and 2-year veteran, respectively. Tune in to the live event on the Jimmy Fund’s Facebook page. Suggested donation of \$10 or more to receive one Bingo card. Bingo cards will be emailed to participants prior to Friday evening. Visit Jimmy Fund Bingo for more information.

18th Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Tribute Concert: Born on the Water will premiere on Sun., Jan. 17 at 4p.m. The Boston Children’s Chorus production showcases music and spoken word to honor the resilience of a people that have formed the backbone of this country’s cultural heritage. The concert’s virtual choirs will feature over 300 singers from the Greater Boston area joined by Massachusetts-born opera star Andrea Baker. Singers have recorded the audio and video in their own homes, with BCC’s oldest singers using microphones and mixing software to edit their own tracks. The concert will feature nine virtual choir videos connected by spoken word and historical context, filmed at sites across the globe and hosted in BCC’s South Boston Headquarters. RSVP at https://live.bostonchildrenschorus.org/ Join Mayor Martin J. Walsh and the Museum of Fine Arts Boston for a **virtual celebration of Martin Luther King Jr. Day** on Mon., Jan. 18. Tune in to mfa.org/mlk.

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Game plan: Use Gillette Stadium as mass vaccination site

By CHRIS LISINSKI
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Gillette Stadium has been home to a near-undefeated football season, two outdoor hockey games, a Major League Soccer final, many dozens of concerts, and next week, it will host another landmark event: the first mass vaccination site in Massachusetts.

In six days, Gillette will open its doors to hundreds of first responders per day who can receive Covid-19 vaccinations, then continue to scale up capacity to serve more people as they become eligible, Gov. Baker announced Tuesday.

After touring the Worcester Senior Center that started vaccinating first responders on Monday, Baker said the stadium will become the first of several locations to host large-scale immunization efforts in the state.

"These vaccines are safe and effective, and millions of doctors, nurses, and health care workers are getting vaccinated across our country," Baker said. "This is a huge step forward in our fight."

Massachusetts started making vaccines available to police, firefighters, EMTs, and other emergency personnel on

Monday at more than 100 local sites and individual departments.

The Worcester Senior Center alone surpassed its initial capacity and hosted 376 vaccinations on Monday, Baker said, citing an "overwhelmingly positive response from first responders to get vaccinated."

When Baker unveiled a plan last week to vaccinate the more than 45,000 first responders in the state, he said mass vaccination sites would serve as a key pillar to support the effort and then expand to other populations.

Tuesday's announcement puts a clear timeline on the start of that segment: On Thursday, staff who will administer the vaccinations will receive their own vaccines, and then Gillette will open to first responders next Monday. Those eligible can schedule appointments at mass.gov/covidvaccine.

CIC Health will operate the site, while Brigham and Women's Hospital will serve as medical director and Fallon Ambulance will support clinical staff.

"Gillette plans to start out doing 300 vaccines per day, but is going to build up to administering 5,000 vaccines per day and potentially much

bigger numbers than that over time," Baker said.

Baker also announced that his administration "in the coming days" will press forward into the next step of vaccine rollout, which will make doses available in congregate care settings such as correctional facilities and shelters. He promised more information "later this week."

That step would take Massachusetts into the fourth population group of six included in the opening stage of the vaccine rollout, leaving only home-based health care workers and health care workers doing non-COVID-related care remaining on the Phase One list.

The original plan Baker and his administration outlined in December anticipated the second phase, with four targeted subgroups prioritized, starting in Feb-

ruary, then the vaccine becoming available to the general public in April.

Through Thursday, Massachusetts had administered about 140,000 first doses of the vaccine and received about 328,000. That data is published once a week.

"I said back in December that I expected that the early part of this rollout would be bumpy, and it's more than lived up to my expectations with regard to that," Baker said on Tuesday. "But that's partly because there was a lot of debate and discussion about how long the manufacturing process would take to ramp up, how the distribution model would work with respect to both the vaccines that would be delivered directly to providers."

Baker urged federal leaders to provide states with clearer information about vaccine distribution so they can plan

more efficiently, citing challenges that come with only having a few days of projections.

"We don't have 20 or 30 days' worth of visibility into what the distribution plan looks like, so it's very hard for us to make predictions about where we're going to be a month from now," he said. "If we're only hearing what our next dose is going to look like two days from now, the farthest I'm willing to go out is a few days. I think it's critically important for us not to overpromise on this stuff."

The Trump administration is preparing new guidelines that will recommend expanding vaccine eligibility to adults older than 65 and distributing additional doses as quickly as possible, according to an Axios report on Tuesday.

Baker, who last week bumped up the priority level for Massachusetts

residents 75 and older, said he would consult a group of medical experts who have advised the state's vaccination plan on the potential new guidance.

Governors were scheduled to speak with Vice President Mike Pence in the afternoon Tuesday about the Covid response. Asked about the prospect of pressing Pence to trigger the 25th Amendment and remove President Donald Trump from office after last week's riot in the Capitol, Baker replied that he intended to focus on vaccine rollout.

"I'm pretty sure most of that dialogue is going to be about the vaccination rollout program and a big push on our part to get more visibility into this so that we can plan on a more forward-looking basis and put more shots in people's arms when vaccines become available," the governor said.

Dot man pleads guilty to child porn charges

Eric Tran Thai, 36, pleaded guilty to two counts of possession of child pornography on Monday for incidents in which he sat in a stall in boys' rooms at Boston Latin School in 2017 and surreptitiously took videos of students, the US Attorney's office reported.

Thai is now scheduled for sentencing on May 13 on two counts of possession of child pornography. He had initially also been charged with sexual exploitation of minors, but that was dropped in a superseding set of charges prosecutors filed on Monday.

According to court documents, Thai somehow managed to get into the school ten times between February and December 2017 to make his videos via a camera in a backpack he had placed on the floor near a stall separator - or at urinals.

Following his arrest for

similar alleged activity at Boston College in 2018, investigators found 45 videos of male Boston Latin School students in the restrooms and arrested him in March 2019. He faces state charges in Middlesex Superior Court for the BC incidents.



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Biden picks 'tough as nails' Walsh as his choice for Labor

(Continued from page 1) ize, but also encouraging unionization and collective bargaining, Biden added. "This is one of the most important departments to me, I trust Mayor Walsh and I'm honored he accepted."

In his own remarks minutes later, Walsh thanked Biden and Vice-President-elect Kamala Harris for the "opportunity to serve the American people. The word 'labor' means everything to me," he said. "My mother and father came to this country as immigrants and they brought with them their willing hands, honest

hearts, and hopes for the American dream. But all they needed, because my father joined the Laborers Union in Boston, was that opportunity. My parents were able to raise us with dignity and security in a multi-ethnic, multi-racial working class neighborhood of Dorchester in the city of Boston."

Walsh used the occasion to slam the Trump administration for an "erosion" of the American peoples' rights. "This isn't just because of the covid or economic crisis that threatens their well-being," he said. "Working people have

been struggling for a long time under the erosion of their rights and the deep inequalities of race, gender and class.

"For the last four years they've been under assault on their rights, their livelihoods. The unions that built the middle class are facing hard times, but nobody is tougher than the American worker. Now we have the opportunity to put the power back in the hand of the working people all across this country.

"Mr. President-elect, said Walsh, "I know that from Dorchester to Scranton to Wilmington to West Virginia and all

across this great nation, your home and your heart are with the working people."

Walsh rounds out Biden's economy-based team that includes Janet Yellen, his nominee as secretary of the Treasury, and Rhode Island Gov. Gina Raimondo, who has been tapped to be secretary of Commerce.

"We have finished naming our cabinet, saving the best for last," Biden said. "We have 24 outstanding women and men who will get our country moving and restore trust in our government again, all of

whom are ready on Day One to do their jobs.

"This is a cabinet that looks like America— it taps into the full range of talent that we have in our nation. It's a historic cabinet— it will be the first ever that is evenly composed with as many women as men, the first-ever with a majority of people of color. It has more than a dozen historic appointments."

Biden said he expects the Senate to "move to confirm these nominees promptly and fairly. Given what our country has been through the last few days they should be confirmed as close as to

Jan. 20 as possible," he said. "We will remain in this dark winter of the pandemic with an economic crisis that's deepening and we have no time to lose with regard to the entire team.

"The bottom line is we are in the midst of the most unequal economic jobs crisis in modern history. Congress needs to act as quickly as possible on all of the issues I've laid out," Biden added. "That's how we can contain the pandemic and build back better with an economy that works for all Americans and this is the team that's going to get that done."

Wu, Campbell lead parade of hopefuls for mayor's chair



John Barros



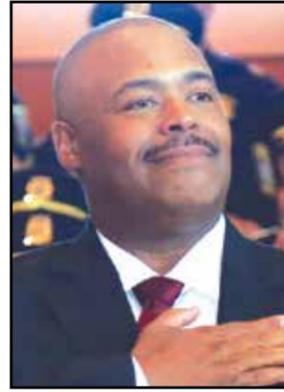
Andrea Campbell



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Kim Janey

(Continued from page 1) since childhood. She is one of several people with ties to his political organization and donors who could mount a viable candidacy.

John Barros, the city's chief of economic development, is also seen as a likely candidate. A Dorchester resident who ran for mayor in 2013 and finished fourth in that year's preliminary election, is now a seasoned City Hall veteran with strong connections to the city's business and civic leaders. Of Cape Verdean descent, Barros was the longtime leader of the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative before joining the Walsh cabinet.

William Gross, the city's police commissioner, told reporters this week that he is "90 percent" in as a candidate himself. Gross was promoted to the BPD's top spot by Walsh in 2018 and is a popular figure among officers and their families. A native of Dorchester, Gross lived in Milton in more recent years before moving back into the city— to Roslindale— after his appointment to Walsh's cabinet.

"I can't give you an answer 100 percent," Gross said on Monday when asked about his candidacy. "But out of respect, I'm going to give this deep consideration. If there's one thing that rings true, I would never be as presumptuous as just to throw my hat in the ring when the mayor was just announced.

"I will have to talk to my family, the mayor,

and my friends about this. ... I love my city... there's no way I would make that decision in three days," he added.

Also considering a candidacy is Marty Martinez, who leads the city's Health and Human Services department, its largest agency and a critical one in the context of the still-unfolding pandemic crisis. A native of Nebraska, Martinez moved to Boston more than 20 years ago and settled in Dorchester last year.

At least three state lawmakers— House Ways and Means Chairman Aaron Michlewitz of the North End, Sen. Nick Collins, who represents South Boston, most of Dorchester, and parts of Mattapan, and Rep. Jon Santiago of the South End—are all considering candidacies as well.

Walsh's nomination by Biden triggered a quick endorsement for Michelle Wu from a significant ally two days later, on Saturday. US Senator Elizabeth Warren, who noted that she has known the councillor since Wu attended her class as a Harvard Law student.

"Michelle is not just a woman full of good ideas and a passionate heart, she is a woman who gets out and does the work that needs to be done to make a difference in people's lives," Warren said in a statement.

"Sen. Warren has been a friend, mentor, and an incredibly effective change-maker for Boston and for the whole country, so I'm excited to continue partnering



Marty Martinez

with her and to have her support in this race," Wu told the *Reporter* in a phone call on Saturday.

Campbell, who lives in Mattapan, has represented District 4 on the council since unseating longtime incumbent Charles Yancey in 2014. She jumped into the race for mayor last September, citing her policy work on the council and her roots in the city. In the last two weeks, her campaign says she has raised \$160,000, bringing her total funds to more than \$467,000 since announcing, more than any Black candidate has ever raised total for a mayoral campaign in Boston. According to the Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCPF), Campbell has \$513,731 cash on hand, behind Wu, who has \$535,589, according to the most recent available report.

On Monday, Campbell's team announced notable campaign endorsements from the following: 11th Suffolk District Rep. Liz Malia; Bill Walczak, co-founder of the Codman Square Health Center; Diana Hwang, founder of the Asian American Wom-



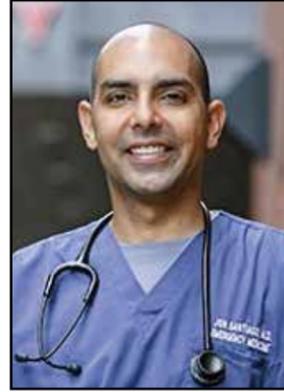
Aaron Michlewitz

en's Political Initiative; Dr. Atyia Martin, founder and CEO of All Aces, Inc. and former chief resilience officer of the City of Boston; and Makeeba McCreary, former chief of staff at Boston Public Schools.

Campbell said last weekend that Walsh's departure and the question about a special election in the summer or a general campaign in the fall "hasn't changed anything" for her team.

"We launched this campaign in September with the goal of running a grassroots movement and connecting with voters all across the city," she told the *Reporter*. "I've been telling residents that if we want this city to work for everyone, we're going to have to do the hard and sometimes uncomfortable work of addressing our own history in respect to racism. And if we do that together, we can indeed eradicate inequities in housing, education, the environment, you name it."

The timing of picking an electorally permanent replacement for Walsh remains uncertain this week. By city statute, if Walsh were



Jon Santiago

to resign before March 5, his departure would automatically trigger a special election— a preliminary followed by a runoff between the two highest vote getters— that would likely be scheduled for early summer.

But District 5 Councillor Ricardo Arroyo has filed a Home Rule Petition requesting the Legislature to allow Boston officials to override the special election requirement in the event of a vacancy in the office of the mayor before March 5. He argues that the city should simply wait for the already scheduled September and November municipal elections to choose Walsh's successor.

Arroyo took to Twitter last week to say that he filed the petition because he thinks a special election would further drain the city budget; create unsafe conditions with residents going to the ballot box during the pandemic; create barriers to accessibility; and hold an "unnecessary and redundant" election.

His petition is scheduled to go before the City Council for review at their meeting on



Michelle Wu

Wednesday of this week.

When she was asked about how the petition could affect the race, Wu said "there are several different factors that we still don't have information on. One is the timing of the confirmation process in D.C., and when we hear more on the proposal at this week's council meeting, my colleagues will be weighing all of the different considerations," she said, adding:

"This has been an extraordinary year and there have been a tremendous number of costs to trying to address all of the needs during the pandemic, and so this is a moment where we have to be thinking about how to keep people safe first and foremost and the best use of city resources while ensuring that we're protecting access to the ballot and democratic accountability."

Said Campbell, "We have yet to receive our formal council agenda, so waiting to review it and specifically the language before taking any next steps."

Reporter editor Bill Forry contributed to this report.

Janey stands ready to take the helm

(Continued from page 1) the past seven years has prepared Boston to build back stronger than ever.”

Sources familiar with the transition planning tell the *Reporter* that Walsh and Janey met in the mayor’s office on Monday to begin laying the groundwork for an orderly transfer of leadership within the next month to six weeks.

In a statement issued last Friday, Janey said: “I want to start by congratulating Mayor Walsh on his nomination for US Secretary of Labor. His deep love for the city, and his dedication to working people and good jobs, have left a remarkable impact, and his legacy will show that dedication.”

“Should Mayor Walsh be confirmed by the Senate, I am ready to take the reins and lead our city through these difficult times,” Janey said. “I look forward to working with the Walsh administration and my colleagues on the Council to ensure a smooth transition as we address the unprecedented challenges facing our city.”

On Tuesday, Janey told the *Reporter* that she has not made a decision on whether to mount a campaign this year for a full, four-year term.



“While many people have reached out to talk about my running for mayor, my focus now is on ensuring a smooth transition for the people of Boston during these challenging times,” Janey said in a message sent through a spokesperson on Tuesday.

The precise date on which Janey will take charge is not yet known—and the full duration of her interim role will depend on decisions made by the council, Walsh, the Legislature, Gov. Baker. It may also be impacted by events in Washington.

Sources familiar with the likely sequence of confirmation hearings for

Biden’s cabinet believe that Walsh would most likely be confirmed by the Democrat-controlled Senate by mid-February.

Maureen Feeney, the clerk of the city and a former city councillor from Dorchester, told the *Reporter* that the city charter calls for a special election to be scheduled to fill the vacancy left by Walsh if he resigns before March 5—which is the most likely scenario at this point. If he were to resign on or after March 5, the election to replace him would be held as scheduled, with a preliminary in September and a run-off between two finalists in November. The winner in the

general election would be sworn in immediately after the results are certified, likely within days of the final.

But an effort to override the special election requirement is underway. Last Friday, Councillor Ricardo Arroyo of Hyde Park filed a Home Rule petition that would eliminate the need for a special election, no matter when Walsh resigns. That filing would need to be approved by the majority of the council and Walsh before going to the Legislature and the governor for approval.

Janey says she supports Arroyo’s petition idea “because special elections historically disenfranchise communities of color and low-income communities.”

“We are in a state of emergency due to the ongoing pandemic, and multiple elections for the same office jeopardize the health of our residents,” Janey told the *Reporter* on Tuesday. “Additionally, I’m concerned about the cost of the special election to the city when we are looking at revenue deficits.”

Arroyo, who joined the council in 2019 representing Roslindale, Readville, parts of Mattapan, and his native Hyde Park, has argued that having four elec-

tions—and potentially four different mayors—over the next ten months would be disruptive and chaotic. He expects that the measure will pass muster with his colleagues, the mayor, and state lawmakers, too.

Councillor Frank Baker, who represents a large section of Dorchester as the District 3 councillor, said Monday that uncertainty about when a successor for Walsh will be chosen—and whether a special election will or won’t happen—is worrisome.

“For the city of Boston, I feel concerned for us with the uncertainty, and cities need surety more than anything,” Baker said. “It concerns me that in a difficult time all of the cards get thrown up in the air. I am very happy for [Mayor Walsh] and I’m going to hope for the best for the city.”

As for who Baker might support for mayor, he said, “The field still isn’t set. I’d like to see what the field is and whether we’ll have a special election.”

Janey, who hails from a large family with deep roots in Roxbury and the South End, took office in January 2018, after winning an open seat in District 7 that was vacated by former

Councillor Tito Jackson. A longtime civic leader in her neighborhood, Janey was working as a senior project director at the education non-profit Massachusetts Advocates for Children prior to her election.

Arroyo, who is likely Janey’s closest ally on the council, says his colleague faces a daunting task—particularly with revenue deficits and Covid-19 infections that are at emergency thresholds.

“She is coming in at a unique time for the history of the city and she’s going to do it with the shortest transition in history. I hope that folks are able to set aside whatever other concerns they may have for the betterment of the city,” he said. “We’re going to have to pull together from all directions to help.”

He added: “She was elected the leader of council because she does have the ability to lead and she’s shown that, whether it was with Covid, racial equity, cannabis equity. She’s capable of leading. My hope is that everyone gives her the support to do the most that she can and really meet the moment.”

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Amid shuffle at City Hall, additional council bids emerge

Mayoral situation could open up three seats or more on panel



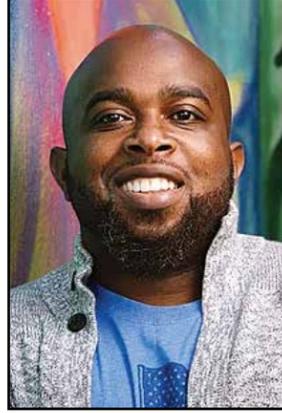
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Leon Rivera
Eyes Janey seat



Nick Vance
Neighborhood focus

By **KATIE TROJANO**
REPORTER STAFF

A number of hopefuls have announced bids to run for a seat on the City Council next year, a tantalizing target following Mayor Walsh's nomination to serve as Joe Biden's Secretary of Labor and the decisions by two sitting councillors— At-large Councillor Michelle Wu and District 4 Councillor Andrea Campbell— to run for mayor this year.

A third councillor, Annissa Essaibi-George, is also weighing a mayoral campaign.

If confirmed, Walsh will leave a vacancy in the mayor's office that will, by statute, be filled on an interim basis by City Council President Kim Janey of Roxbury, making her the first Black person to serve as the city's chief executive.

Other at-large incumbents — longtime councillor Michael Flaherty and first-termer Julia Mejia, who was elected in 2019 with a margin of one vote— are expected to seek re-election.

All of which could leave more than two openings on the 13-member body for potential newcomers to the scene.

Following is a look at candidates or individuals to keep an eye on:

Alex Gray, currently a policy analyst at City Hall who previously served as an adviser to former Gov. Deval Patrick, announced his bid for a citywide seat last November. The 36-year-old Democrat from Jamaica Plain, who is legally blind, reported raising \$39,206 through Dec. 31.

"I'm feeling incredibly humbled and grateful to have the support of so many. I think that shows an unprecedented amount of support for a first-time council candidate and I couldn't be more grateful," Gray said in a phone call with the *Reporter* last week.

"I think 2021 is the time that we can start to have those conversations and bring in those people that might have felt left out — communities of color, frontline workers, seniors, and,

particularly for me, people with disabilities that I think really need to be at the table as we start to chart the course forward."

David Halbert, who ran citywide in the 2019 election and finished in eighth place in the November final after making the preliminary cut, has launched his second bid for a council seat.

"I have a great team that's being formed around me and I'm just really excited about this race," said Halbert, who lives in Dorchester. "The reason I got into it in the first place is because Boston is an incredible city and there are so many opportunities, but there's also a lot of inequality," Halbert told the *Reporter* last weekend.

He had \$31,446 in his campaign account reports as of Dec. 31, according to the state's Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCPF).

Halbert, who also worked for former Gov. Deval Patrick, current-

ly sits on the boards of the Greater Mattapan Neighborhood Council, East Boston Main Streets, and the East Boston Project Advisory Committee (PierPAC).

"We need to have leadership that speaks to representation and the ability to understand how policies are created and affect our communities in different ways," he said. "I think that I personally can speak to that as a Black man, and as someone who has worked in government for almost the entirety of my career."

He notched an early endorsement on Tuesday morning from Alejandra St. Guillen, who ran in the 2019 cycle and finished fifth, missing out by one vote after a dramatic recount won by Mejia.

"I have known David for nearly 13 years and in that time, I have witnessed his deep commitment to community and family," St. Guillen said in a statement. "He has served across government sectors and has always done so with a sense of greater purpose and devotion to our humanity - he sees the best in all of us. He is the leader we need in this moment and to prepare us for the uncertainty ahead."

Another contender is Nick Vance, a Hyde Park resident who grew up in Dorchester and Mattapan. He has served as the political action co-chair for the Boston NAACP and is a former member of the Mayor's Millennial Council (SPARK).

OCPF records show that Vance had about \$3,000 in the bank at year's end. He told the *Reporter* last week that "no matter how the race shakes out, it's going to be history-making for the mayor and the council.

"Our campaign is going strong and I'm excited to be a part of this upcoming election year as a candidate for Boston City Council at-large. I am laser focused on the health and recovery of Boston's neighborhoods as we come out of this pandemic."

Domingos DaRosa, who ran unsuccessfully for a citywide seat in the last two election cycles, told the *Reporter* on Monday that his goal with a third campaign is "bringing voices of the unheard, and the folks who are not politically savvy into the conversation. National politics have gotten a lot of attention but locally we need to do more and make sure that folk who come from a background similar to mine have an interest in politics, and are represented by someone who understands where they are coming from."

DaRosa's family moved to Boston from Cape Verde Island when he was an infant, and he grew up in Roxbury, Dorchester, and Hyde Park. He is a graduate of Madison Park High School and holds a degree from the Benjamin Franklin Institute of Technology. He has \$3,595.56 cash on hand, according to OCPF reports.

District Four

Fields are also forming for a few district seats, including Campbell's seat in District 4, which she will vacate to run for mayor. Three men — Jacob Ureña, Joel Richards, and William Dickerson — have formed committees.

Said Ureña, a Mattapan resident and Cristo Rey Boston graduate, "At this point we are attempting to continue the momentum that we started when we announced in the fall. My intention is to shift the dynamic on the council and get residents involved in local politics," he told the *Reporter*.

"One of the challenges that we're facing is being able to connect and fundraise with the community during a pandemic. The financial component is difficult because of how involved the community can be when they are struggling with financial instability. So we're trying to find that perfect balance."

Joel Richards, a Dorchester resident who has spent seven

years teaching in Boston Public Schools, has also launched a campaign for the District 4 seat.

"For the past five years, I have organized locally and supported my community in the areas of small-business sustainability, equitable education, and accessible housing. I believe that we all deserve better in District 4," Richards wrote on his campaign website.

"As a city councillor representing District 4, I will listen to your needs and be your advocate. Together we will build a stronger community where our families, friends, and neighbors have the resources to succeed."

District 7

Leon Rivera, born and raised in Dorchester and a graduate of West Roxbury High School, said he plans to run for Janey's seat in District 7. Rivera told the *Reporter* that he got involved in politics at a young age when he met the late former District 7 City Councillor Chuck Turner.

"He gave me the idea that if things are not going right in our neighborhoods, you can do something about it. Seeing the effects of the opioid epidemic in my neighborhood, and after conversing with so many elected officials and seeing the lack of response when it comes to quality of life issues in the city, I was inspired to run," Rivera said.

District 3

Frank Baker, who has represented Dorchester as the District 3 councillor since 2010, told the *Reporter* on Monday that he will be running for re-election.

"As we're going through this period of transition my intention right now is to run for District 3," he said in a phone call.

So far, one potential District 3 challenger — Ashawn Dabney-Small — has registered a committee. It's unclear if the 18-year old is still planning to run. He did not respond to the *Reporter's* requests for comment this week.



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Reporter's People

News about people
in and around our Neighborhoods

Optometrist joins Harvard Street Health Center

Dr. Angela Abraham has joined Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center as its new Director of Optometry. The expansion of Harvard Street's services to include a full-service optometry department is important to building its comprehensive patient-focused medical facility, according to president and CEO Stan McLaren.



Dr. Angela Abraham

"Patients are now able to complete their medical appointments and go directly to our optometry department for eye exams. They can also order their glasses, for complete one stop shopping," McLaren said.

Dr. Abraham previously served as the Director of Eye and Vision Services at The Dimock Center, a New England College of Optometry (NECO) affiliated clinic. While there, she was also an assistant clinical professor that trained future optometry students. Prior to that, Dr. Abraham was in private practice in South Carolina.

"At Harvard Street, Dr. Abraham will continue her work as an optometrist, bringing

her specialized eye care in ocular diseases to our patients," continued McLaren. "With her passion for reducing racial disparities in vision healthcare, social justice, treatment of glaucoma and overall public health challenges that plague communities of color, Dr. Abraham has become a stellar addition to our team."

Her career accomplishments include being the first optometrist to complete the Nick Littlefield Fellowship in Health Policy for Network for Excellence in Health Innovation, (NEHI), Boston, MA which included coursework Hain minority health policy and social justice at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. She was also the first optometrist to attend Academy Health's Health Policy Orientation class in Washington, DC

"I am very excited for the opportunity to build an optometry practice at Harvard Street Neighborhood Health Center, said Dr. Abraham. "Throughout my career, I've actively worked to develop healthcare policies for reducing disparities and barriers to quality care. This role will allow me to ensure that the patients in this broadly diverse health center and community, receive the best eye care possible."

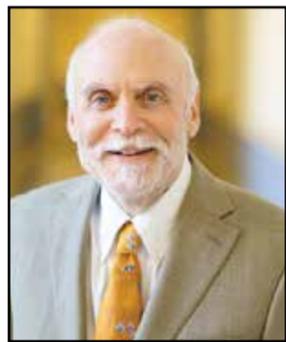
In addition to her role at Harvard Street, Dr. Abraham will continue her work as the inaugural Diversity and Inclusion Liaison for the New England College of Optometry.

Psychiatrist signs on with Steward Group

Carney Hospital and Steward Medical Group have welcomed Richard Marcus, MD, MS to the Dorchester community. Dr. Marcus joins the hospital's growing psychiatry team and will support psychiatric needs of the hospital's inpatients.

Board certificated in child and adolescent psychiatry, Dr. Marcus earned his medical degree at Wayne State University of Medicine and completed his residency at University of California, Irvine. He has over 44 years of experience in the medical field and has a special interest in mood and thought disorders.

"We are proud to have



Dr. Richard Marcus

Dr. Marcus join our care team at Steward Medical Group," said Michael Callum, MD, president of Steward Medical Group. "Our patients will benefit from Dr. Marcus's skills and expertise, as well as his commitment to providing care in the community."



Last week US Women's Soccer World Cup gold medalist and professional women's soccer player Samantha Mewis partnered with Boys and Girls Club of Dorchester and her sponsor Nike to donate more than 200 pairs of sneakers to club members who are shown above with their new sneakers in the Marr Clubhouse gym. Photo courtesy BGCD

Young adults from Dorchester and Mattapan begin their year's work on 2021 SPARK Council

Last week, Mayor Walsh announced the members of the incoming 2021 SPARK Boston Council, a group of 41 young adults — including eleven from Dorchester and Mattapan — that will work virtually over the next 12 months to open up new lines of communication between young adults and leaders in city government.

Originally launched as OnEIn3 in 2004, SPARK Boston is celebrating 16 years of civic engagement with more than 400 Boston residents aged 20-35 having served on the council over the years.

"The Council has worked with my administration to highlight and advocate for their shared values - voter participation and activation, a more equitable and affordable child-care system, comprehensive climate change policies, resiliency in our immigrant communities, and much more," said Walsh. "I look forward to work-

ing with the incoming Council to ensure that our young Bostonians voices are heard."

The new council members live in 21 of the 24 Boston neighborhoods, and include people born and raised as far away as Pakistan and China. More than 65 percent of them are people of color and approximately 40 percent are native Bostonians, while others are from Texas, Ohio, Florida, New York, and California.

"I am so excited to engage this council virtually," said SPARK Director Audrey Seraphin of her new colleagues. "They have completed the entire application and interview process through the technologies that have allowed us to connect throughout the pandemic, and I look forward to seeing this cohort's creativity and passion in action. We have an incredibly talented group that highlights how bright Boston's fu-

ture can be."

SPARK Boston, which is housed in the Mayor's Civic Engagement Cabinet, is responsible for advising the mayor on issues affecting the millennial and Gen Z populations, and for working with city departments and community stakeholders to improve the lives of young people in Boston.

The Council holds monthly meetings and puts on programs focused on connecting millennials with the city and one another. Historically, programs included many events, among them neighborhood meet-ups, voter registration pop-ups, salary negotiation workshops, and Chief Chats, an event series that allows citizens to hear directly from Walsh's cabinet members on a variety of issues.

Programming has moved online due to the pandemic, and expanded to include virtual town halls; #CiviCoffees, a

30-minute monthly Facebook Live interview show with local civic leaders; and social media campaigns promoting proper mask usage, flu vaccines, voting, census participation, and more.

The 2021 Council members from Dorchester include: Kathleen Carroll, Nyambura Barrow, Anthony Nguyen, Denisse Rorie, Romy St. Hilaire, Alia Thompson, Genevieve Bien-Aime, Antonio Centeio, and Stephen McBride. Members from Mattapan include Monee Vance and Daphney Pacouloute.

The program received 95 applications for the 2021 Council, evidence of a continued interest in community engagement, despite the new virtual format. New council members, including academic counselors, students, non-profit workers, entrepreneurs, community leaders, medical professionals, and consultants, began their work on Jan. 4.

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The Dorchester Yacht Club

Est. 1870

A Boston Herald editor wrote this caption under the paper's May 1956 photograph that is this week's illustration:

"BLAME IT ON THE TIDE - This is the way the Dorchester Yacht Club building looked at high tide yesterday when it was found that the new foundation was 14 inches too high for the building. The contractors had to float the barge and clubhouse back to deeper water and start jacking the building up higher. They will make a new attempt today. The building is being moved across Savin Hill Bay from its old site to make room for the new Southeast Expressway."

The yacht club was formerly located on Freeport Street next to the Power House of the Boston Elevated Railway Company, a brick building that now is home to Yale Electric Company. An on-ramp to the Southeast Expressway, opposite the end of Mill Street, occupies the property where the club



was located before it was moved northeast to a location close to Savin Hill Beach where it can be seen by Expressway traffic.

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

Editorial

Boston sends its best to D.C.

Tuesday night's address by the mayor wasn't just a State of the City speech, it was a farewell, of sorts. Marty Walsh is rooted here in this neighborhood and that's not going to change. Yes, once confirmed by the US Senate — probably next month — he'll be in Washington, D.C., a lot. But he's not pulling up stakes and leaving town. He's based here 'til the end.

Still, this was his final State of the City speech as mayor and it was a tough one for him to give. The typical SOTC — in front of a thousand admirers at Symphony Hall — is peppered with natural breaks afforded by applause lines, a chance to catch one's breath. In coronavirus times, it's just the mayor, a teleprompter, a camera, and a glass of water to power him through 3,100 words crafted with speechwriter Eoin Cannon, another Dorchester resident with roots in the Emerald Isle.

But the emotions of the moment on Tuesday night were a bigger hurdle. As he came close to the end, our mayor labored to get through lines that clearly touched him deeply.

"I believe in Boston," he said. "This is the city that welcomed my immigrant parents. This is the city that picked me up when I needed a second chance."

Throughout this year of plague and protest, Walsh's genuine empathy for others has been a constant and a balm for people facing frightening realities about our own well-being. In his near-daily briefings at the height of the crisis, he conveyed information and guidance, but also hope and comfort — all while juggling the great burden of making countless life-and-death decisions.

His was a steady hand and his caring, earnest tone — contrasted as it was with the ravings of the nation's narcissist in chief — was a blessing for Bostonians that so many of our fellow Americans were denied.

So even the less-enamored among us would have to check their pulse to not feel a gulp of their own emerge as Mayor Walsh composed himself and plunged forward with a farewell.

"The truth is, I'm not going to Washington alone. I'm bringing Boston with me. This city is not just my hometown, it's my heart."

He continued: "Seven years ago, at my first inauguration, I said 'I will listen, I will learn, I will lead. We are sworn in together and we are in this together — all of us. I meant it.'"

Back when he took office at City Hall, the Reporter — which has chronicled Walsh's political career since his first days as a candidate for state representative in 1997 — observed that there's a quality in Marty Walsh that eludes lesser leaders: People want him to succeed.

"For folks from Dorchester," we wrote in this space, "he is now the vessel of their own aspirations: the kid from the three-decker on Taft Street who has beaten cancer, a drive-by bullet blast, and "the disease" to grasp his city's ultimate brass ring. Marty has become living, breathing proof that we can tame our own demons and even harness them for the purposes of a greater good... [We] also want him to get better — to achieve more than even [we] thought he could. We still do. Like every one of us, he's a work in progress. And that has been the case with him since Day One of his move into politics."

In terms of stepping up to the job at hand, we concluded: "It says here that Walsh has it in him."

We were right. And these same qualities will now serve him, us, and the entire nation. At a time of great gravity for our shaken Republic, Boston is sending our best.

- Bill Forry

Commentary

In the wake of the Trumpian seditionists, our region can lead the nation by example

By BILL WALCZAK
REPORTER COLUMNIST

I'm guessing that I'm not the only person who had to look up what "sedition" means last Wednesday following the first invasion of the US Capitol building since the War of 1812. Sedition is one of those words you may study in a course on government, though we haven't heard it recently except with regard to incidents involving obscure terrorists and revolutionaries. But following last week's insurrection, sedition was the term used regarding the president of the United States.

Much has been already written about the actions of President Trump and about what happened in Washington last week, but what haunts me, and has haunted me since the election, is how imperiled our republic is. Especially bothersome are the pundits and politicians who keep insisting that "this isn't America." In fact, it is. Those who said "this is not what America is supposed to be like" are the ones telling the truth.

What I fear is that because we as a nation have chosen to elect people who are more interested in ensuring their own power to protect plutocratic interests than in tending and nurturing our democracy, we are heading downhill as a country. Without a dramatic shift in the makeup of our current milieu, it is likely that, to quote soon-to-be-former Senate Majority leader Mitch McConnell, "our democracy would enter a death spiral."

It's not that our government has been faultless up to now. The death last week of Neil Sheehan, the New York Times reporter who was responsible for the publication of the Pentagon Papers, reminded me that the US government continuously lied about an unwinnable Vietnam War while 58,000 American soldiers and millions of Vietnamese died. Some 35 years later, President George W. Bush fabricated the notion that Saddam Hussein had "weapons of mass destruction," an assertion that has resulted in endless Mideast wars and the wasting of trillions of dollars that could have been used for domestic and foreign humanitarian purposes.

Today's situation is different. We have a president and a majority of Republicans in the US House claiming without evidence that our recent election was fraudulent and trying to overturn it to prevent the new president from taking office. Some 74 million Americans voted for this president, and a large number of them still believe that the election was rigged. And so last week, our president committed

sedition an incitement to armed insurrection that led to death and destruction in the Capitol building.

The election of Biden and Harris was an effort on the part of 81 million Americans to correct a mistake made in electing Trump in 2016, but I don't see the election result as curing the deepest national divide since the Civil War. Barack Obama tried to be a uniter, but our country seems to be past that. It elected a divider to succeed him, and that division has only grown wider over the past four years.

Biden is in a tough spot. Democrats see him as a centrist, and Republicans call him a socialist. If he stays in the center, he risks losing left-of-center Democrats while still being called a radical socialist by Republicans. If he moves left, he risks losing centrist Democrats and former mainstream Republicans who effectively left their party when it was taken over by the Trump personality cult.

It's very possible that November's election was the last to be held before additional political fissures create other parties, perhaps a conservative party made up of former mainstream Republicans and centrist Democrats. We could start to become like Great Britain, with three or more major parties. But we don't have a Parliament, which is the way the British create a majority coalition to elect their prime minister. If the United States had a multi-party political system, a plurality, not a majority, would elect the president. The office is too powerful a position to be filled regularly by a plurality of voters.

Meanwhile, we continue to neglect expiating our original sin of racism. We tolerate mass shootings, insane responses to the coronavirus, endless wars, and a growing income divide that is starting to resemble the Gilded Age of the robber barons of a century and more ago. It's essential for the country that these issues be taken on, but they are also part of the reason we're so divided.

So what do we do? Rather than be despondent about the entire nation, let's focus on making our region the best it can be. Economies are regional. We need regional planning and cooperation, and we need to elect those who will make that a reality. While our country tries to figure out how to be the united United States of America, we need to ensure that our city and state and region are strong, so that we can lead the nation in equity and innovation, ensuring that every resident has access to outstanding schools, jobs, health, and opportunity.

How Codman Academy teachers helped students process the Capitol insurrection

By CARRIE JUNG
WBUR REPORTER

Just after sunrise last Thursday, the four high school humanities teachers at Codman Academy in Dorchester logged into Zoom. They were developing a game plan for how to guide high school students through a conversation about the Jan. 6 riot in Washington, D.C.

Even in this virtual space, the energy was high and the mood was urgent. They were trying to work through many questions. What words should they use to describe the people who entered the Capitol? Is it okay to show the picture of the man holding the Confederate flag as he walked inside the Capitol? Does it do more harm to show them this violent image of this flag in class? Do they need to see that image to understand this event?

The group decided not to use the image of the Confederate flag. They also decided they would all spend the whole class period on the subject. "This was something I knew we'd need to take some time with," said Sydney Chaffee, one of the humanities teachers on the call.

When Chaffee's students logged into class at 10:45 a.m., they had widely varied information. Some had no idea there had been a riot at the Capitol building. Others had spent hours watching newsfeeds



Sydney Chaffee
Many questions to decide

That's a big reason why Chaffee began her class with some context: What was supposed to happen yesterday? What role did those lawmakers play in the peaceful transition of power?

She also wanted to give her students time to reflect. So, she showed the class, who are predominantly students of color, some pictures: lawmakers ducking for cover and Vice President Mike Pence resuming the electoral vote count late Wednesday night. She also showed the kids some photos of armed law enforcement officers clashing with protesters in the Capitol building and outside

by the barricades.

It didn't take long for her students to bring up race.

"I asked them, 'What do you notice in the picture?' And they said, 'Well, I noticed that the police are not treating them the same way that they treated Black Lives Matter protesters,'" said Chaffee. "If these people had been Black, they would not have gotten in."

Her students were actively engaged through the whole class. Within a few minutes, they were readily volunteering to share their feelings, Chaffee recalled, adding that even students who are typically shy in class took the chance to speak.

"One girl came off of mute, which she doesn't do very often, and said, 'This shows white supremacy because they wouldn't have been treated that way if they were Black,'" recalled Chaffee.

Even though the students were remote, Chaffee said the virtual environment didn't negatively impact the discussion for the most part. It was a productive hour, she said, but added, "it's still difficult to read the kids' emotions when you're only seeing them as a two-inch square on a computer screen."

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Said Sen. Markey: ‘We never saw it coming’

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when over the intercom in my office came a voice saying, “The Capitol is under attack. Block all doors immediately, all the blinds, immediately; the capitol is under attack.” They repeated that message a couple of times. It was, you know, a moment that I never imagined could occur – Americans attacking their own Capitol building where we, after we had fought so hard during the American Revolution to construct that very building, that’s what the revolution was all about.

Q. Leading up to that moment, were you aware that there was a mob coming... to confront the people in the Capitol?

A. No, I didn’t know that. The networks were not extensively covering those speeches that were being given by Donald Trump and his family and Rudy Giuliani over by the White House. So, we were not aware at that time of the incitement that the president, his family, and Giuliani had engaged in in the hour before we were beginning to deliberate. So, it was obviously a shock that these rioters, these looters, were able to penetrate the security of the Capitol in such vast numbers. We never saw it coming. It came as a complete shock to the members of the Senate and the House that our security could be penetrated. And it resulted in a lot of very quick action to protect the security of all the members of the House and Senate and the staff.

Give the security personnel credit for that, but we’re going to have to re-examine the security that is around the Capitol complex, especially on Inauguration Day.

Q. Were you and your staff locked down in your office in the Dirksen Office building?

A. I had two staffers with me; all the rest have worked remotely since last March, so there were only two. We locked each and every door and we pulled down the blinds because we face right out onto the Capitol from my office. We didn’t know what would happen. In fact, they did find a pipe bomb in front of the Democratic National Committee office and a pipe bomb in front of the Republican National Committee office.... Thank goodness the security people found those other bombs.

Q. What will you remember about that day?

A. I’ll remember two things: One that the president of the United States, Donald Trump, incited an insurgency against the government of the United States of America that was ultimately unsuccessful. I will also remember at eight o’clock that same day, sitting at my desk in the Senate once again considering the challenge to the Electoral College votes of Arizona and Pennsylvania and other states. The Senate successfully rebuffed the efforts of Ted Cruz and Josh Hawley and other senators and we were able to certify that Joe Biden had been constitutionally elected as the next president of the United States of America.

So, two things happened on the same day: One



A pro-Trump mob was pushed from the US Capitol after they mounted a violent and deadly attack on the Congress last Wednesday. AP photo

was a terrible affront to democracy, and the other was the re-affirmation of democracy. And I was able to be there speaking on the floor of the Senate for Massachusetts and about the values that we believe in. So, it was about as memorable day as I will ever have.

Q. What is your best read on what’s going to happen for the rest of this week?

A. I believe that Donald Trump is going to be impeached in the House of Representatives, and I believe that it is absolutely historically necessary that he be impeached. We have to ensure that history knows that we added an additional indelible Scarlet Letter of Impeachment to Donald Trump for all of history to see.

Q. Do you think they actually will go through with a full outdoor ceremony next Wednesday, Jan. 20? Will it be safe to do that?

A. Well, we will definitely have the inauguration, but again, there are going to be coronavirus restrictions that were going to limit what was going to transpire. To begin with, the inauguration is a national special security event, like the Super Bowl and a few other events in the course of the year. So, there are going to be thousands of troops there to protect against the repetition of what happened last Wednesday. But, again, like the counting of the Electoral College votes, we cannot allow the terrorists to stop our constitutional obligations from being fulfilled. So, we have to have the inauguration and we have to do it in a way that says to the rest of the world: We are not going to be intimidated by terrorists.

Q. This is being described as domestic terrorism. Has that become a more dangerous problem than foreign terrorism?

A. We have to protect against both. We clearly need to ensure that terrorists cannot penetrate the security of the United States from external locations.

That’s what inspections of planes and ships and our borders are all about. But we have to be aware of this Trump-created insurgency, which raised its ugly head on Wednesday, because it’s not going away.

They’re unrepentant. They’re proud of what they did on Wednesday. And we have to recognize and accept that as a permanent part of the political future in the United States. That’s a sad commentary on the legacy of Donald Trump, but it’s very real, it’s very dangerous. These people are willing to resort to violence in order stop the operation of democratic institutions in our country.

Q. Some of the Capitol Police personnel showed great bravery in responding to the mob, estimated now at about 8,000 people. I understand many of them are students working part time to provide security to the buildings. Years ago, when he was a college student in Washington D.C., Dorchester’s own Jim Brett worked as a Capitol police officer.

A. Jimmy Brett, Chris Matthews, Harry Reid. Their entry into politics all came through that job. There was a police officer who committed suicide yesterday. He had been on duty on Wednesday. And another one was killed, I guess it was a fire extinguisher that killed him. I feel badly for the police; they were left undermanned, and the intelligence was ignored.

We’re going to have to have a 911 Commission-like investigation about what happened. How did this unfold? There’s no two ways. They were outnumbered 100 to one, or 200 to one, each of them, you know, as the crowd surged.

Q. There’s a video of an officer who was chased up several flights of stairs. He turned right and went down a hallway and it has been reported that had he turned left, it would lead to a door that enters into the Senate chamber. And he’s being treated as a hero for having the forethought to go to the right rather than to the left. He became the magnet that drew the mob away from the chamber. It was an extraordinary scene.

A. It’s a miracle that it wasn’t far more catastrophic in terms of human life and limb. If it had happened like five, six minutes earlier, you know, these terrorists might have had 200 House members, all surrounded on the floor, and others in the Senate. It was just very, very fortunate how quickly people got evacuated, because there was absolutely no notice.

“It was a day like, you know, if you remember on the day of Kent State, when ... Nixon had absolutely created this divided country. ‘America love it or leave it. And that’s what Trump has done, the same exact thing. He has built an ‘Us Against Them’ mentality across the whole country and it’s just nitro meets glycerin; it’s going to result in an explosive situation.

“That’s what we had on Wednesday: A day like Pearl Harbor that will live in infamy in our country’s history, if you will.”

Rep. Lynch is “concerned about security for inauguration”

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Analysts who briefed Lynch told him that “four extremist groups were calling for an armed presence at the Capitol beginning on Jan. 16 surrounding the Capitol, and the White House as well, to prevent Trump from being removed, and then surrounding the Supreme Court to prevent the justices from taking any legal action that might be necessary.” One of the groups named, he said, is called “Come and Take It,” an affiliate of the Proud Boys, a violent, white supremacist organization.

In addition to a large contingent of Capitol Police, Lynch said, he has been told by the Sergeant at Arms that there are about 850 National Guard troops – heavily armed – now protecting the Capitol complex where President-elect Joe Biden and Vice-President-elect Kamala Harris will be sworn in next Wednesday at noon.

“They think they’ll have 4,000 security [personnel] on ground in total, so I think we would be able to conduct [the inauguration]. It will be limited seating. We are not allowed guests and there is assigned seating.”

When he was last in Washington last Friday, Lynch saw workers erecting “global fencing” – 8-foot-high sections topped by razor wire – in a wide perimeter around the Capitol.

Lynch said that he and his staff were unharmed and relatively safe throughout the course of last Wednesday’s assault on the Capitol complex. He was not in the House Chamber when rioters poured into the building around 2 p.m. He had begun his day doing a television interview in the Russell Office Building, which houses US Senators, and was cut off from reaching the House side of the complex by mounting waves of protestors spreading out around the edges of Capitol Hill.

At first, he said, they were boisterous and menac-

ing, but not yet violent. That changed after Donald Trump’s incendiary speech near the White House.

“When Trump made his remarks, he incited the crowd to go up and confront the House and Senate. That’s when it really hit the fan,” said Lynch. “I was blocked by the crowd that was between myself at Russell building and I was advised by Capitol Police to shelter at my apartment and I sort of hunkered down.”

Lynch, who lives just a block-and-a-half from the Russell building, watched in disbelief as the protest turned into a riot, with rabid Trump supporters assaulting police officers.

“The Capitol police have us on a warning system and were texting us repeatedly throughout about the building. There was a breach in the Cannon Building. Pipe bombs were found. We had a rolling awareness of the danger to everyone and, then, of course the shelter-in-place alert came.”

Lynch says he was one of first to arrive back in the Capitol after it was cleared. “There were a couple of hundred FBI and ATF officers, some heavily armed and with combat gear in the Capitol on the second floor near Statuary Hall. They found me a safe spot to operate from. I was prevented from entering the Speaker’s Lobby. It was a crime scene; that’s where the woman [later identified as Ashli Babbitt, a rioter] was shot.”

“You could still taste the pepper spray,” said Lynch. “The insurrectionists had tramped through the Capitol and it had been ransacked, basically. A lot of broken windows, damaged furniture.”

After the Electoral College votes were certified later the next morning, Lynch joined his colleagues in the state delegation, who have unanimously called for the removal of the president by enforcement of Article 25, impeachment, or resignation.

“We certainly have the votes for impeachment,”

Lynch said. “There’ll be a vote tonight [Tuesday] on the Raskin resolution that directs Vice President [Mike Pence] to exercise the 25th amendment,” which would mean ousting Trump via a vote by Pence and a majority of the cabinet.

“The vice president hasn’t been very communicative with us,” Lynch said. “He was not returning phone calls, but through his staff we were able to ascertain that he did not welcome the idea of using the 25th Amendment. His opinion can always change and he can have time to think more deeply about what happened. I hope he has a change of heart and mind and will live up to his oath that he took to support and defend the Constitution.

“If that doesn’t come to pass, we have articles of impeachment against the president for supporting an insurrection against the country,” said Lynch. “It also cites the president for trying to compel the Secretary of State of Georgia to try and change the vote.

“I think we have the votes and the Senate is going to have to decide whether they think it’s important enough for them to consider it,” he said. “Majority Leader McConnell said that it didn’t work with the Senate calendar. We reminded him that the attacks on our Capitol didn’t work with our calendar, either.”

Lynch told the *Reporter* that the FBI office in Boston and the State Police know of no specific threat to the State House in Boston despite a national bulletin issued Monday by the FBI that warned of planned armed protests in 50 states.

On Monday evening, a Massachusetts State Police spokesman issued a statement that said, in part: “To date, we are aware of no specific threat to government venues or to public safety generally in Massachusetts. We are in contact with the FBI and continue to share information through our Fusion Center with federal, state, and local partners.”

Vacant lot on Blue Hill Ave. eyed for four-story condo building

By **KATIE TROJANO**
REPORTER STAFF

A development team led by four brothers who run a Mattapan car wash aired their proposal to construct a four-story, mixed-use building on a vacant lot at 1471 Blue Hill Ave. during a virtual meeting of the Woodhaven Culbert Regis Neighborhood Association on Monday.

The proposal includes 34 residential rental units, four of which would be income-restricted in compliance with the city's Inclusionary Development Policy (IDP,) 28 off-street and 3 commercial parking spaces.

The half-acre project site is currently owned by members of the Fernandez family— Daniel, Jose, Caña, and Juan Carlos Fernandez— and a partner, Jim Brennan.

"The Fernandez family has been involved on Blue Hill Avenue and in the Mattapan community for quite some time," said Sheila May, who spoke for the project team. "They are employers of about 75 people in the area and they are involved in the community as much as they are in their businesses."

Said Jean Carlos Fernandez, manager of Fernandez Xpress Car Wash: "I've been working



A rendering of what the condo complex at 1471 Blue Hill Ave. would look like. Courtesy Theodore Touloukian, Inc.

in the area since I was about 15 or 16 and I've seen the area change with a lot of new businesses."

The team hosted a virtual abutters meeting last week, but has not yet filed plans with the Boston Planning & Development Agency.

Ted Touloukian, architect at Theodore Touloukian Inc., introduced the project and reviewed specifics.

"The site is across the street from a very busy area of Blue Hill Avenue. There are a lot of apartments of different sizes, churches, and the new Blue Hill Avenue station.

The topography of this lot is quite diverse; it goes from about 0 feet at the corner to about 25 to 30 feet. Another thing to note is that it's a vacant lot heavily overgrown with trees and debris."

Touloukian said the team will look for community input in the eventual process of deciding what types of retail would be the most beneficial in the neighborhood for the ground floor retail space.

"Some of the comments we've heard throughout our process has been around neighborhood safety and one of the best things you can do on a

parcel that is neglected is to look to activate it and bring responsible housing and retail space," he said.

Neighbors voiced a variety of concerns with the proposal, including affordability, parking, traffic, and the overall height and density. Several neighbors said they felt the project was out of step with the surrounding area and would displace Mattapan residents.

Ingrid Trench said she was frustrated that the owners of the lot haven't kept up with maintenance over the last few years.

"If they've owned the lot since 2017, why haven't they at least kept up with the upkeep?" she asked the team. "Because that area is quite dirty. It's often littered with trash and the plants are overgrown. Where was the care of the neighborhood then?"

Replied May: "As far as the cleanup goes, I think the thrust of the effort has been in trying to have the property assessed, but cleanup and maintenance is something we can look into."

Several residents were frustrated with what they thought was a lack of notification from the project team about their proposal and upcoming meetings, although May said that the team did knock on doors and post fliers. She added that the proposal process has been ongoing for more than a year, but was delayed by Covid-related shutdowns in 2020.

"Clearly, the residents of Culver Street felt that they were not given adequate notice, and so I don't think we need to go through all of that again," said Barbara Fields, president of the Woodhaven Culbert Regis Neighborhood Association, adding that concerns over lack of notification had been thoroughly hashed out

during the abutters meeting.

David Venter, a nearby resident, said that the parking provided in the current proposal "is not enough. If you're building housing, you're talking 2-3 cars per unit. I can see the impact that would happen on the street I grew up on. I've seen the complete over-building of my neighborhood," he said, adding:

"I want to ask you what you mean by affordability and some feedback on the safety component. This neighborhood is safe. Culver Street is a gateway to a park. I'm kind of offended when you're selling you're talking about safety."

Touloukian said the team would "look at a traffic study if that is a request of the community" to assess parking and traffic impacts of the project.

"The issue on safety was not a comment on the neighborhood, but just the lot itself. You have a half-acre site that is vacant, so it's always a concern," he added.

The conversation wrapped up after about an hour of discussion. "Clearly we haven't finished the dialogue, and so we look forward to having further discussions," said Fields.



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The Clarion, a mixed-use building, opens in Grove Hall

By Reporter Staff

A newly built mixed-income, mixed-use housing development opened on Monday in Grove Hall. Named The Clarion, the building not only brings income-restricted units to the neighborhood but it will also serve as home to Future Chefs, an organization that prepares teens for success after high school through culinary and job-readiness skills training.

Located at 311 Blue Hill Ave., The Clarion includes 39 units of rental housing, 32 of them income-restricted units at a range of income levels and the other 7 at market rate. The building also houses 5,750 square feet of commercial space on the first floor, the new home of Future Chefs.

“I’m excited that we will welcome 39 families to their new home at The Clarion, a state-of-the-art building that includes incredible amenities and space reserved for Future Chefs, which provides crucial life skills to Boston youth,”



The new look at 311 Blue Hill Ave.

said Mayor Walsh, whose administration teamed with developer The Community Builders (TCB) and Future Chefs to plan the project.

Future Chefs formerly operated out of the old Flower Exchange building, but when the Albany Street property was slated for redevelopment in 2018, the non-profit connected with TCB to make the Clarion their new home base.

“Future Chefs is making a monumental shift at a

really important time. Our contribution and response to change is on the side of positivity, growth, progress, and togetherness with a focus on youth development and empowerment,” said Aquila Kentish, who grew up in Roxbury and Dorchester and earned a bachelor’s degree in Hospitality Management on a Future Chefs scholarship. “Everything coming together makes me so proud to be a part of this wonderful family

since its inception,” added Kentish, who has rejoined the organization as the manager of culinary operations.

“We are excited to bring our values into focus in this beautiful new facility,” said Toni Elka, founder and executive director of Future Chefs. “We believe that every young person should be able to imagine a purposeful, joyful life. This collaboration gives us a warm and inviting home to create food-centric, youth development magic with our neighbors for years to come.”

Ed Gaskin, executive director of Greater Grove Hall Main Streets, spoke to how the mix of housing and youth-development brings new beginnings to the site. “We are excited that where once was an empty lot now sits a beautiful building that provides housing and brings hope to the community,” he said. “Future Chefs and Commonwealth Kitchen now anchor our culinary district and provide people a clear career path into the culinary

arts, entrepreneurship, and a multitude of other endeavors.”

The Clarion has 27 new affordable apartments for households earning at or below 60 percent of area median income (AMI), or \$76,740 for a family of four. Seven of these units are set aside for households bringing in, or below, 30 percent AMI, or \$38,350 for a family of four. Of the seven, three units are set aside for persons with disabilities and four are for formerly homeless households directly referred by HomeStart.

The Clarion also includes seven market-rate units and five income-restricted units at a range of AMIs financed by the City of Boston Department of Neighborhood Development that are intended for households earning at or below 100 percent AMI, or \$119,000 for a family of four. T

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Plumbing the marvels of ‘mRNA’ in creating vaccines, therapeutics

BY ANGUS CHEN
WBUR REPORTER

One of Moderna co-founder Derrick Rossi's favorite things to say is that there are three keys to life on Earth: "DNA makes mRNA makes protein makes life."

The experimental technology behind Moderna and Pfizer's coronavirus vaccines harnesses the power of one of those keys — messenger RNA, or mRNA. They are the first medical products to use mRNA in this way, but they certainly won't be the last. A Covid-19 vaccine is just one of the near-infinite possibilities the technology offers, Rossi said.

Being able to control mRNA would allow scientists to manipulate life in astonishing new ways. It could open the door to new treatments for diseases like cystic fibrosis, cancer, and HIV. Now, bolstered by the apparent success of the Covid vaccine, Rossi said, those other applications may soon come to fruition.

"Within 10 years' time, we'll see probably dozens of mRNA therapeutics. In maybe 15 years' time, we'll see maybe 50 or 60 mRNA therapeutics," he said.

Before Rossi co-founded Moderna, he was a biologist at Harvard tinkering with mRNA. DNA is often described as the building block of life, but DNA is essentially a database of information cells need to create proteins. RNA is the molecule that actually does the work of creating those proteins.

For years, Rossi and other scientists tried designing strands of mRNA that would force cells to make specific proteins. But long before this technique created the world's highest profile vaccines, they failed.

"It totally didn't work," Rossi said. "What it looked like to the cell was that the mRNA was a virus. And the cell, like a good soldier, would elicit a very robust antiviral response."

Every time Rossi tried to insert the mRNA, the cell would either destroy the molecule or kill itself — not at all what he wanted. He felt like he'd hit a wall. The solution came from another part of the cell — and two scientists at the University of Pennsylvania discovered it.

Katalin Karikó, then a junior scientist at UPenn and now a senior vice president at BioNTech,

another company that has developed a Covid vaccine, was trying to do the same thing that Rossi was — and coming up empty, too. But a colleague of Karikó at UPenn, Dr. Drew Weissman suggested that Karikó try using modified chemical letters in her mRNA code.

"By modifying the RNA, it cloaks the RNA. It's like giving it a fake passport," said Timothy Springer, an immunologist at Boston Children's Hospital and Harvard Medical School. "And it worked brilliantly."

The modified chemical letters disguised the mRNA, making it appear more or less innocent to the cell. When Rossi read about Karikó and Weissman's work, he immediately started incorporating their technique into his own research. In one experiment, he directed cells to create proteins called Yamanaka factors that converted mature cells into stem cells. In another, he injected mice with mRNA encoded for the protein that makes fireflies light up.

"And then you know, an hour later, we put the mice into this machine, and we could see this glowing spot," Rossi said. The experiments were

working, and now Rossi knew how to control one of the three most fundamental keys to life. He took the new data to Springer, also an accomplished entrepreneur, and asked him to help start a company based on the new technology.

Springer jumped on board, becoming the company's first investor. They called it Moderna — short for modified and RNA. Both still own stock in the company.

"The possibilities were unlimited," Springer said. "You know, the RNA can encode for anything. They could be encoding secreted protein or an enzyme in the cell or a vaccine unit, you know, to protect against SARS-CoV-2."

Over the last decade, Moderna and other companies like BioNTech have been studying modified mRNA technology as a way to develop treatments for a wide variety of diseases including heart failure and chikungunya virus. Other researchers have found ways to use modified mRNA to make advances in anti-aging research.

And modified mRNA is particularly suited to creating vaccines, Springer said. That's

because while those modified chemical letters allow the molecule to sneak past cellular defenses, the compound still looks somewhat suspicious. "It doesn't completely sneak by," he said, "there's a little bit of interest. Maybe the eyebrows of the immune system perk up."

The mRNA in a vaccine carries the code for a pathogen protein — like the spike protein from the coronavirus. When the cell begins executing the code from the vaccine and manufacturing that protein, the already wary immune system flares into action and produces a particularly strong immune response. That might be one reason why the coronavirus vaccines from Moderna and Pfizer have been so effective so far in clinical trials, Springer said.

That property, along with others, makes modified mRNA an attractive option for cancer vaccines, said Dr. Cathy Wu, an oncologist at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. These vaccines train the immune system to attack tumors, but creating them takes a long time and it's expensive. That's a problem for cancer patients.

"If someone has advanced cancer, you can't really wait that long," she said. "Being able to build vaccines in a timely fashion is probably

what's going to be needed to make this actually work." mRNA vaccines can be made lightning fast. All that's needed to create a new one is rewrite the genetic code in the vaccine. The Covid vaccine took only days to design once researchers had the novel coronavirus's genome. This could also be an advantage if the coronavirus mutates in a way that makes the current vaccines less effective.

"The technology provides a nimble platform that you can switch things up quickly," Wu said.

Now that the Covid vaccine is being produced on a massive scale, Wu said, that might also help drive down some costs for the technology, as manufacturers find more efficient ways of making the mRNA. The last step remaining for cancer vaccines is to be tested in large clinical studies.

That's true of other applications for modified mRNA, too. Wu pointed out that with two mRNA COVID-19 vaccines now in use, billions of dollars are going into the new technology. Other therapeutics aren't likely to be too far behind.

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Massive 'On the Dot' project pitched for Andrew Square



or "active" ground floor uses in four different buildings.

Core said it anticipates taking the master plan and the 505 Development Plan through the complete review process with the state's Executive office of Energy and Environmental Affairs concurrent with the BPDA process.

The project is positioned within the BPDA's PLAN: South Boston Dorchester Ave. Corridor, which envisions 12-16 million square feet of development. Under the plan, about half of that development would be allocated to housing.

The letter of intent filed on Monday was signed by John C. Bissell II, president of Core Investments Inc. The next step for the team will be to submit a Project Notification Form, or "PNF," to the BPDA, a document that would go into much more detail and be available for public comment.

**By KATIE TROJANO
REPORTER STAFF**

A team of developers with Core Investments Inc. filed plans with the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) on Monday for a massive, mixed-use project on Dorchester Avenue near Andrew Square in South Boston.

Labeled "On the Dot," the four-phase project would be laid out over 9.1 acres, including four new buildings, one of which would rise 15 stories at 505 Dot Ave. and contain roughly 670,000 square feet of mixed-use office lab, research, and pharmaceutical manufacturing retail spaces as well as 12,000 square feet of ground floor retail and expanded sidewalks.

The site, which sits adjacent to the MBTA's Andrew Square station,

has been used as a metal scrap yard for decades.

"The project would transform this long-distressed site through a master plan project development agreement (PDA) containing approximately 2.5 million square feet of development," the team wrote in the document. They note that the plan offers the potential for a range of mixed-use office, laboratory, research/development, pharmaceutical manufacturing and residential uses with retail

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Make pets part of your New Year's resolutions

By DR. EDWARD SCETTINO

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Pets offer us so much more than unconditional love. They are a tremendous help in keeping us active, mentally sharp, and on an even keel.

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Walking your dog isn't the only way to increase activity and improve overall health – pet ownership in general has been shown to improve physical health. According to the CDC, having a pet in the home can help decrease blood pressure and lower cholesterol and triglyceride levels.

We all know the importance of being more active, but it's also important to be mindful of our mental health. Pets can also play a key role in this aspect.

Multiple studies have shown that pets can sig-



Ellie takes a lap.

nificantly reduce stress and anxiety. Simply petting an animal creates a feeling of security and calmness and is probably the reason many of us interact and pet our animals as soon as we walk in the door after a long day!

Pets can also help tremendously with depression, loneliness, or low self-esteem. Caring for an animal is more than a responsibility – it is a life-long commitment to care for another living being. As our animals grow and thrive, we have a proud feeling of accomplishment. We are also comforted knowing that our animal is always there for us and wants to reciprocate the love

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So, if you are looking for a healthy and balanced 2021, please consider adopting a pet. It is a wonderful journey filled with resounding happiness and joy.

Happy New Year to all!
Dr. Edward Schettino is the president and CEO of the Animal Rescue League of Boston. He has a doctorate in Veterinary Medicine from the Cummings School of Veterinary Medicine at Tufts University. Pet questions? Email ARL at press@arlboston.org.



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Casino mogul Adelson, a Dot native, is dead at 87

Casino magnate Sheldon Adelson, a cab driver's son who grew up in Dorchester and later became a very generous booster of conservative politicians and the nation of Israel, died Monday night at the age of 87 due to complications

from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma, according to a statement from Las Vegas Sands, the company he founded.

Adelson made his fortune — a net worth of around \$35 billion, according to an estimate by Forbes — in the

casino hotel industry. He spent a lot of it influencing what happened politically, socially, and culturally around the world.

In a court filing 12 years ago, Mr. Adelson talked a bit about his youth in Dorchester,

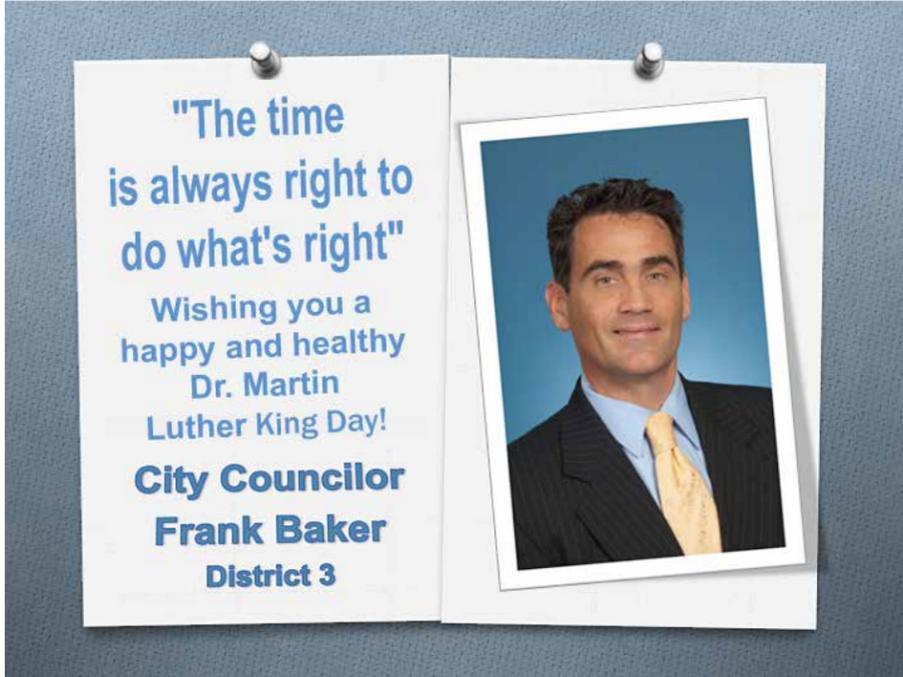
where he sold newspapers on the street as a youth and attended Roxbury Memorial High School. "When I was 12, I bought my first business," he said, "You know, you hold the newspaper in your hand and say, 'Hey, get your *Daily Record*.' We would yell

that out. We would hawk newspapers," he said.

While still in his teens, he got into the vending machine business where he earned enough money to start up a tour business, move into investing, trade shows, and, finally, casinos, the engines of his fortune.



Sheldon Adelson



Baker agrees to create commission to plumb changes to state seal

By MICHAEL P. NORTON
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

A commission will be created to recommend a new seal and motto after Gov. Baker signed a resolve on Monday that had emerged for votes last week as the two-year session was winding down.

The resolve calls for

the panel, after study, to recommend a new or revised seal or motto by Oct. 1 of this year "to ensure that they faithfully reflect and embody the historic and contemporary commitments of the commonwealth to peace, justice, liberty, and equality and to spreading the opportunities and advantages of education."

The current seal depicts a Native American standing beneath a disembodied arm wielding a sword and the Latin motto, "By the sword we seek peace, but peace only under liberty." Elizabeth Solomon of the Massachusetts Tribe at Ponkapoag has said the imagery "promotes a history of conquest, appropriation, and genocide."

Rep. Nika Elugardo of Boston last week credited former Rep. Byron Rushing for his work on the matter. "For over 35 years native leaders have asked the Legislature to re-examine the harmful elements of our state flag and seal," she tweeted. "Today the Legislature stands on the shoulders of long-time champion Representative @ByronRushing as we answer the call of our generation."

The commission, she wrote, "lets us re-imagine the symbols representing our commonwealth's values of justice and perseverance in a way that honors



our shared heritage and our debt to indigenous communities."

Mahtowin Munro from United American Indians of New England said the resolve represents a "first step toward repairing the harm done to Indigenous people." Last week, he identified other bills addressing Native American issues.

"As the new session opens, we will be back at the State House to present bills to ban Native American sports team mascots, to celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day statewide, to protect Native heritage, to ensure improved educational outcomes for Native students, and to include curriculum on Indigenous history and cultures in MA public schools," he wrote.

According to the resolve, the commission will include five members appointed by the Commission on Indian Affairs who descend from tribes with a historic presence in Massachusetts, four members appointed by the governor with cultural and historical expertise, and seats to be filled by the heads of the Commission on Indian Affairs, the Mass. Historical Commission, the Mass. Foundation for the Humanities, and the Massachusetts Cultural Council.

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Elevate Youth & BGCD Continue Partnership with Hiking Club: See details below.

CONNECT THE DOT: Elevate Youth & BGCD Continue Partnership with Hiking Club: This past weekend, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester continued our Hiking Club expeditions with our friends and program partner, Elevate Youth. Elevate Youth encourages outdoor experiences for youth from under served neighborhoods and encourages those from urban areas to nurture a love for nature and exploration. This recent trip included a beautiful hike around the Middlesex Fells Reservation. The Hiking Club has been meeting twice monthly since September and follows all COVID-19 safety protocols. Upcoming trips include Hikes, Cross-Country Skiing and Snowshoeing. A huge thank you to our friends at Elevate Youth for offering this fun series of outdoor activities to our members. For more information on the Hiking Club please contact Brendan McDonald at bmcdonald@bgcdorchester.org.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE: BGCD Holds Virtual Family Paint Night During Holiday Vacation Week: During the holiday vacation, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester held virtual Zoom classes for our members and families to stay engaged and participate in throughout the week.

One of these classes included a fun virtual paint night with 40 members participating. All the materials were provided and were available to our families via curb-side pickup. Families then tuned in via Zoom for step by step instruction on how to paint a snowman and a snowy winter scene with our Art Director. Every member did an amazing job on their paintings, making them each unique in their own way.

Stay tuned for more upcoming paint nights! For more information, please contact Art Director Katy at kfarrar@bgcdorchester.org.



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DID YOU KNOW: BGCD is Celebrating National Mentoring Month all of January: If you didn't know, January is National Mentoring Month! At Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, we have supportive, caring staff as mentors who help our members learn, explore and grow into contributing, kind and responsible members of the community.

Throughout the month of January, help us celebrate all of the positive role models, mentors and mentees that have begun at BGCD. We kicked off the month highlighting our Vice President of Programming Brendan McDonald and BGCD Member Viet's inspiring story. Watch their video at <https://vimeo.com/498136929>. Make sure to follow our socials to continue celebrating National Mentoring Month with us! To donate in honor of your mentor, please visit <https://give.bgcdorchester.org/donatebgcd>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Elevate Youth Cross-Country Skiing
January 16
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day - Closed
January 18
- College Fellows Scholarship Night
January 26
- Let's Get Ready SAT Prep
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BAKER, R. Louis of Dorchester and Morrill, Maine. He leaves his wife Maryann Linnell Baker. Father of Michael Baker of Las Vegas, Nevada, Erin and her husband David Scalli of Morrill, Maine, Irene Baker of Morrill, Maine, Rachel Baker and Joseph Baker, both of Dorchester, and the late Brooke Baker. "Guppa" of 3. Son of the late John V. Baker and

Eileen (O'Connor) Baker of Dorchester. Brother of Dorothy, Florence and her husband John Meehleder of Houston, Texas, Stephen, Mary, Thomas, Vincent and his wife Yuko, James and his wife Jill, Joseph and his wife Kathy, Frank and his wife Today, and Dawn, all of Dorchester. He was predeceased by his brothers John and Ricky. Uncle of thirty-one nieces and nephews. Retired member of Local 103 International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. Donations in his memory may be made to an organization that is close to your heart.

CURLEY, Elizabeth B. of Dorchester. Sister of Michael Curley and his wife Tere-



sa of Duxbury, Chrissy McLaughlin and her late husband Frank of Avon, Edward Curley and his wife Judith of Dorchester, William Curley and his wife Ok-sana of Plymouth, Erin Cotto of Dorchester, Dori Moussalli and her husband Anthony of Marshfield, and the late Katherine Ivan and Joseph Curley, and their surviving spouses Stan Ivan and Janice Curley. Elizabeth is also survived by many cousins, nieces, nephews, and good friends. She was a proud longtime member of the Telephone Workers Union IBEW #2222. Donations in memory of Elizabeth may be made to the American Lung Association.



his husband Steve Huber of Florida, Michael Driscoll of Boston, Denise Driscoll-Hall and her late husband Joseph Hall of Braintree, and Karen Marsden and her husband Todd of Brockton. Grandfather of 2. Brother of Thomas Driscoll and his wife Jackie, and James Driscoll and his late wife Doris. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends. US Marine Corps veteran. He was a long-time employee of MDC-MWRA and a member of the Old Dorchester Post #65. Donations in memory of Frank may be made to Celtic Angels or to Old Colony Hospice.

ABCD mourns longtime advocate Irvienne Goldson



ABCD's deputy director of Health Services and dedicated community activist, educator and advocate Irvienne Goldson died unexpectedly on Dec. 29. She was 60 years old.

Goldson joined ABCD in 1992 as manager of education and training and rose through the years to become Deputy Director of the Health Services department. She was applauded

throughout Boston and beyond for her tireless advocacy and creative programming that reduced teen pregnancies, gave young women in disenfranchised neighborhoods control over their bodies, employed cutting-edge social media to disseminate health information, fought HIV/AIDS with unflagging outreach and practical interventions and never ceased in her successful efforts to serve as advocate, educator and friend. The concepts that guided her work and life were: health access, health equity, and empowerment.

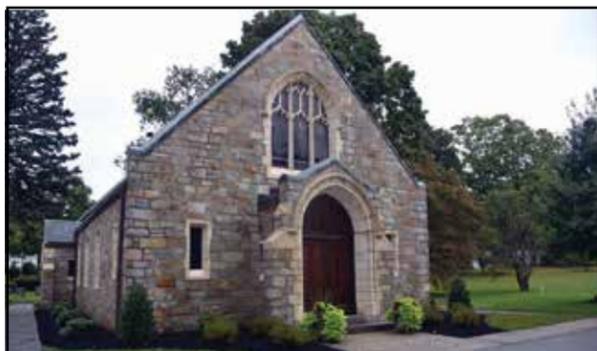
ABCD President/CEO John J. Drew expressed his condolences and those of the entire ABCD community to Irvienne's family.

"ABCD has lost a powerhouse in its work with youth and neighborhood residents who need health and reproductive information to move their lives forward," he said. "Irvienne was a trailblazer. Giving up was not in her vocabulary. She understood what people in our neighborhoods needed and she brought it to them via workshops, conferences, one-on-one meetings – whatever it took. She was ablaze always with love and understanding so people listened to her. She made a difference. She was the best of us and we will miss her."

A Virtual memorial for Irvienne will be held on her 61st birthday— Thursday, Jan. 14 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. To attend, go to ZOOM ID: 830 1125 2499. PASSCODE: 852884

Memorial Fund established

Working with other community organizations, ABCD is establishing a fund in Irvienne's memory to honor her legacy and commemorate her tireless advocacy and extraordinary work at ABCD and throughout the community. He applauded her as a champion of health equity and access and a creative and inspirational leader who made a difference for girls, women and men in need of health resources and pathways to a better life. Please go to bostonabcd.org/donate to give to the Irvienne Goldson Memorial Fund.



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DONOVAN, Helen M., 76, of Dorchester. Daughter of the late Timothy J. and Helen A. (Molis) Donovan. Sister of Ann Marie Donovan of Dorchester and Margaret Sienkiewicz and her husband Walter of Shorewood, IL. Helen was a longtime Quincy School Educator. Donations may be made in her memory to Quincy Community Action Food Pantry, One Copeland St., Quincy, MA 02169.

DRISCOLL, Francis W. "Frank" of Dorchester. Husband of Patricia A. (Molloy) Driscoll. Father of Edward Driscoll and his wife Deborah of Braintree, Paul Driscoll and



FITZGERALD, Walter D. III, 65, due to COVID-19. He is deeply mourned by his children Liam and Fiona Fitzgerald and his two sisters Joan Fitzgerald and Elaine Greene. He was predeceased by parents Ann Martin Fitzgerald and Walter D. Fitzgerald, Jr. Retired Boston Public Schools teacher and referee of high school football, hockey, lacrosse, softball and college hockey. Donations can be made in his name to the Holy Cross Retreat House at 490 Washington St. in N. Easton, MA 02356.

KEOUGH, James A., longtime resident of Marshfield, 80.



Husband of Patricia (Malone) Keough; father of Kathleen Keough of Marshfield, Coleen Keough of Brockton, James Keough and his husband Matthew of California, and Timothy Keough of California; grandfather of 3; brother of Michael and Daniel Keough; son of the late James and Catherine (Davin) Keough. Memorial donations can be made to Alice's House, P.O. Box 681, Humarock, MA 02047.

HURLEY, Jeanine P. (O'Connor) of Dorchester. Wife of the late Fred W. Hurley Jr. Mother of Dawn Hurley and her fiancée Nicholas Meegan of



Dorchester, Kathleen Willett and her husband Christopher of Dorchester, Fred W. Hurley III of Dorchester and Danielle O'Neill and her husband Shawn of Braintree. Sister to Mary Bourne and her husband Joe of Dorchester, Christopher O'Connor of Braintree, David O'Connor and his wife Julie Jordan of Dorchester and sister-in-law to Beth O'Connor of Brockton, Susan Hurley and Diane Hurley, both of Lynn. Predeceased by her parents Patrick J. O'Connor Sr. and Mary O'Connor and brothers Patrick J. O'Connor Jr. and Michael G. O'Con-

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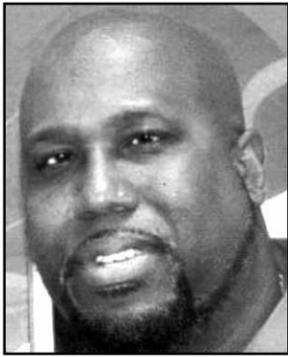
nor. Cherished Nanny of 9 grandchildren.



LLEWELLYN, Barry G. Barry was born and raised in St. Catherine Jamaica. He was one of six children born to the late Owen and Aileen Llewellyn and was the husband of Verna Llewellyn for over 37 years. Brother of Linton, Cliven, Lorna and Maureen. Stepfather of Donovan Lucas, Jennifer James, Michelle Stainrod, Carolyn Myrie, Suzette Collins, Children-Clifford, Jason, Kevin, Sherianne, and Marianne Llewellyn. Grandfather of 11. Plus five others. Also, stepdaughter-in-law-Debra and stepson-in-law- Huntley. Barr also leaves behind aunts, uncles, and countless other friends and family who were blessed to know him.

LUMLEY, Anthony Baron, Sr., 56, of Dorchester. Thirty year employee of Cleary Millworks. Father of Eric Dixon, Nykia Lumley, Anthony Lumley, Jr., and Samone Lum-

ley and grandfather of 2. Son of Beverley Lumley of Brockton. Brother of Tondaleya Lumley. Nephew of Leslie Lumley, Carole Lum-



ley, James Lumley and Carla Lumley. He is survived by his fiancée Gwen Johnson, and a host of extended family and friends.

MAWN-MURRAY, Catherine L. in Braintree, formerly of Dorchester. Wife of the late Paul J. Murray. Mother of Paul J. Murray, Jr. and Donald P. Murray, both of Braintree. Daughter of the late James Mawn and Bessie (Clancy) Mawn. Sister of James and his



wife Judy Mawn of Milton, and the late Grace and her husband John Vaughan, and Mary "Mae" and her husband Paul Healy. Survived by many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, and grandnephews. She worked as an Executive Assistant for the Vice-President of Nursing at the Carney Hospital in Dorchester for over 20 years. Donations in Catherine's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society at cancer.org.



RICKERSON, Mario of Randolph formerly of Dorchester. Son of the late Gurley Rickerson and Ruby-Ann Rickerson Young. Husband of Michelle Brown of Randolph. Father of Malaysia Vivian Rickerson of Randolph. Brother of Blake Rickerson (Toni), Vivian Rickerson-Holliday (Mayfield) of Mattapan, Rick Rickerson of Everett and Shawn Young of Dorchester. Mario is also lovingly survived by many friends and a

host of coworkers. He was a member of Carpenters Union Local 327 Boston. Mario was a long-time union member, first with the Carpenter's Union, Local 40 and then with SEIU Local 888. He served as Chapter President and Chief steward for SEIU Local 888's DCAMM Chapter and as a member of the contract negotiating team for the Alliance - AFSCME/SEIU Local 888.

VANELLI, Joseph M., 88, of Dorchester. He leaves behind his wife Jean (Greene) Vannelli of Braintree,



and his children; Laurie Vannelli Coscia and her husband Michael of Scituate, Joseph M. Vannelli Jr. and his wife Patricia of Braintree, Paul Vannelli and his wife Diana of Braintree,

and the late Jean Marie Vannelli. He leaves behind 5 grandchildren. He served in the US Army. He was be a 26-year veteran of the Boston Police Department and a 20-year associate with the Boston Police Patrolman's Association where he recently retired. Son of the late Rita and Michael Vannelli and brother of the late Audrey DiFronzo. Donations be made in memory of Joe's special daughter, Jean Marie Vannelli, to the Arc of the South Shore, 371 River Street, Weymouth, MA 02191.

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