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Have they found Sgt. Beard?

The deadly fog of war has hung over the family of US Army Staff Sgt. Joseph W. Beard, a Dorchester native born in 1921, for some 78 years now, but maybe, just maybe, it is lifting a bit with the US Defense Department making inquiries about relatives of the soldier who died in the Philippines on June 14, 1942, after being taken off the Bataan Death March by Japanese Army soldiers. The last word Sgt. Beard's mother heard from the Army came in 1950 when she was told, "with regret," that his remains had been deemed "not recoverable."

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Team MR8 set for final Marathon run in virtual fashion

BY DANIEL SHEEHAN
REPORTER STAFF

The Martin Richard Foundation's Team MR8 will field its last squad for the BAA Boston Marathon this week through

Dot Club runners aim for Marathon finish by Monday. Page 13

next Monday, but with a distinctive twist: The run will be done virtually.

The 2020 BAA race was set to be the final time that Team MR8 would make its journey from Hopkinton to Boylston Street, ending the biggest fundraiser for the Martin Richard Founda-

tion. But, with its cancellation by the pandemic, runners will instead complete the 124th BAA Virtual Boston Marathon Experience this week on courses chosen by them for meaningful reasons.

"We launched Team MR8 in a historic comeback race for the BAA and the City of Boston and we end with yet another unique Boston Marathon experience," said Denise Richard, co-founder of the Martin Richard Foundation. "We are proud of our 2020 team for persevering through this challenging season and are ever grateful for their commit-

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Dorchester Running Club members Mary Morgan and Kris Baker will run the marathon as part of Team MR8. Photo courtesy DRC



Brandy Fluker Oakley, who won the Democratic nomination for state representative in the 12th Suffolk district last Tuesday, is shown above (center) flanked by her uncle and godfather Walter DeGraffenreid and her mother Rev. Brenda A. Fluker.

Photo courtesy Fluker Oakley campaign

Fluker Oakley looks back, ahead

Walsh: Wu will run for mayor next year

BY KATIE TROJANO
REPORTER STAFF

Mayor Martin Walsh on Monday told the *Boston Globe* that at-large City Councillor Michelle Wu told him that she will run for mayor in 2021. Wu, who has not officially announced a candidacy as of Tuesday, has neither confirmed nor denied the report.

"A reporter from the *Globe* called me and asked me. He had heard that I got a call from the councillor and I just confirmed," Walsh said Tuesday in a press conference outside of City Hall. The mayor, elected in 2013 and re-elected

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By KATIE TROJANO
REPORTER STAFF

On Sunday, five days after winning a four-person contest for the 12th Suffolk House seat, Brandy Fluker Oakley sat down with the *Reporter* to talk about her victory as a first-time candidate, her experiences canvassing and campaigning during a pandemic, and about what's next for her team to take up.

What happened on election day, she said, was a bit of "a blur." According to results from both Boston and Milton precincts, she posted 4,047 votes in her column, or about 39 percent of the total cast. Behind her, at 30 percent, or 3,144 votes, was Jovan Lacet, who lost his third race for the seat in the last six years. The victory means she will replace Rep. Dan Cullinane, who announced earlier this year that he would not run again, since she faces no opposition in the general election on Nov. 3

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Rev. 'Doc' Conway sounds an alarm

Key BPD ally deplores shift on walking beats in Bowdoin-Geneva area

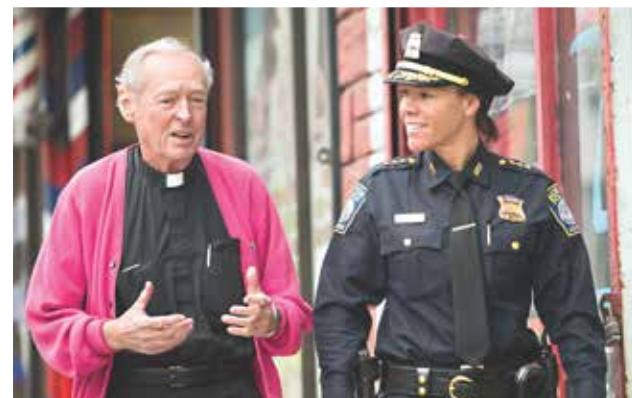
By BILL WALCZAK
REPORTER COLUMNIST

For many years, Fr. Richard "Doc" Conway has partnered with Boston Police to engage directly with residents in Bowdoin-Geneva near his longtime parish base, St. Peter's Church. He has led walks—often in tandem with officers assigned to the neighborhood beat—that have frequently been highlighted by the department itself as an essential ingredient to combating violence and promoting Boston's brand of community policing.

This week, in an interview with the *Reporter*, Conway expressed his frustrations with the BPD, saying it is actively discouraging patrol officers from participating in that sort of direct engagement with residents and merchants. It is a change, he says, that will lead to more crime.

Conway says the change in policy took effect in the aftermath of the May murder of

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Fr. Richard 'Doc' Conway with BPD Superintendent Nora Baston walked Bowdoin Street in 2014. Tom Kates Photography

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Brookvale Street fire injures resident, firefighter — Boston firefighters responded to 6 Brookvale St., off Dorchester Avenue near Carney Hospital, around 9 a.m. on Sunday for a fire that displaced seven residents and Gordo the cat. One resident and one firefighter were taken to the hospital, according to the department, which estimated damage at \$150,000. The fire was particularly challenging because it broke out on the top floor and firefighters had to deal with utility wires in front of the house to get to the roof. **BFD photo**

A man was shot and then run over by a vehicle on Everton Street on Sunday (Sept. 6) afternoon. The incident, captured on surveillance footage shown by Boston25 News, happened around 3:45 p.m. The victim was rushed to a local hospital and is expected to survive. It was one of several non-fatal violent incidents reported over the weekend, including the stabbing of four people reported at Roberts Playground around 7:20 p.m. on Saturday evening.

The website LiveBoston reported that two people were shot on nearby Dunbar Avenue around 7:45 p.m. LiveBoston reported other shootings on Saturday into Sunday on Toledo Terrace, Spencer Street, Livingstone Street, and Dudley Street.

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Boston Police released the name of a man shot to death near Fields Corner last month. James Martin, 26, was killed in a shooting outside 336 Adams St. around 10:43 p.m. on Aug. 26. No one has been arrested for the murder. Boston Police asked anyone with information to call detectives at 617-343-4470.

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BPD unveils memorial to officers who died by suicide

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
REPORTER STAFF

Mayor Martin Walsh and family members of fallen Boston police officers joined Commissioner William Gross Tuesday at BPD headquarters for the unveiling of a new memorial dedicated to BPD officers who have died by suicide. The memorial wall, funded and commissioned by the Boston Police Foundation, pays tribute to 13 officers who had taken their own lives in recent years.

Speaking at the event, Gross said the memorial marks a new chapter of mental health awareness at the department's leadership level, as well as evolving attitudes of openness toward discussing symptoms of depression and PTSD felt by many members of law enforcement.

"We're not hiding that anymore," said Gross. "We're bringing it to the forefront so we can start the healing process."

Walsh quoted scripture before addressing the victims' family members, telling them, "Your city will honor these men



Commissioner Gross, right helped unveil a memorial to fallen BPD officers at police headquarters on Tuesday.

Dan Sheehan photo

and women forever."

Carl Jenkins of the Boston Police Foundation noted that the police memorial to victims of suicide is "the first in the nation. This is not something departments around the country recognize." He drew a parallel between the memorial and another just feet away honoring police killed in the line of duty. "We see these officers the same way, as losing their life in the line of duty."

Statistics show that

police officers are among the professions at highest risk for suicide. Blue H.E.L.P., a Massachusetts-based nonprofit that tracks police suicides, reported earlier this year that suicide deaths among cops exceeded those of all other line-of-duty deaths combined in 2019.

Dianne Donovan of South Boston, whose son, Officer Patrick Donovan, died in 2014, was at the ceremony with her family. "I was sick to my

stomach on the way over here, but when the event started I could feel so much love and support—they uplifted me," she said, gesturing to the community of officers and family members gathered in the hall.

She recalled her son, a Marine veteran, as being "hilariously funny" and beloved by his nieces and nephews. "It's a beautiful thing that they have brought this out in the open. We hope it can help others."

No COVID-19 deaths seen in Boston over past week; caseload rises to 15,967

Boston has gone a week without a Covid-19 death, marking what Mayor Martin Walsh described on Tuesday as a "very encouraging" span. Walsh said 25 new cases of the coronavirus logged Tuesday brought the city's cumulative caseload to 15,967 since the onset of the pandemic; its death toll has held steady at 754 since last week.

Statewide, there have been 121,214 total

test-confirmed cases and 9,141 deaths among people with confirmed or probable Covid-19 cases, according to the Department of Public Health. In an afternoon press conference outside City Hall, Walsh discussed Boston's coronavirus metrics and the dozen shootings that city police responded to over the holiday weekend.

After "a couple of weeks of decline," the city's positive test rate stands at

1.7 percent, Walsh said. East Boston continues to have the highest positive rate of any neighborhood in the capital city, at 8.7 percent as of Sept. 1. That number is down from 11.4 percent three weeks ago.

"That's a good way to see the numbers go," Walsh said. "We want to continue that downward trajectory, if you will, over in East Boston, with testing."

Walsh said city officials

launched an "elevated outreach plan" three weeks ago, targeting East Boston with efforts like the distribution of kits with cleaning supplies and virus information, partnerships with churches, and messaging for people in multi-generational households about strategies they can use to limit transmission.

— KATIE LANNAN
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UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

It will be all virtual this month for a number of civic associations and neighborhood groups in Dorchester and Mattapan that have scheduled general membership meetings. Online via Zoom sessions include: Jones Hill Civic Association on Wed., Sept. 12 at 7 p.m.; Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association on Mon., Sept. 14 at 7 p.m.; Lower Mills Civic on Tues., Sept. 15 at 7 p.m.; and Port Norfolk Civic Association on Tues., Sept. 17 at 7 p.m.

The annual Savin Hill Neighborhood Yard Sale is on Sat., Sept. 19, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. (rain date: Sunday, 9/20). To get on the map or to request a copy of the map of participating homes, please send an email to savinhill@outlook.com.

Public meetings on housing proposal— The BPDA has scheduled a virtual meeting on Tues., Sept. 22 at 5:30 p.m. to discuss a proposal for 69 Bailey St., which calls for a new, four-story, 29-unit residential building on the site of a former veteran's post at that address. To register for the meeting through Zoom, visit bostonplans.org.

Classic car show at Dot Park postponed — The Dorchester Park Association (DPA) has postponed its annual classic car show and family day, originally set for Sept. 13. The popular gathering of families and car

enthusiasts has been rescheduled to Sept. 12, 2021. **A series of public events to gather feedback on the proposed improvements to Boston Common** as part of the Boston Common Master Planning Initiative will be held over the coming weeks. Mayor Martin J. Walsh has committed \$28 million from the sale of the City's Winthrop Square garage to renovate and enhance Boston Common. The goal of the new Master Plan is to create a Common that will serve all people of Boston and visitors to our city while protecting this special place for decades to come.

The first public meeting of the virtual open house will be held on Wed., Sept. 16, from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Links to access virtual events will be posted at bostoncommonmasterplan.com in advance of each meeting. This will be followed by smaller, interactive open forum discussions over the coming weeks where members of the public will have an opportunity to review proposed improvements, ask questions, and share ideas with the project team panelists. The schedule for the open forum discussions is as follows: Tues., Sept. 22, 12 to 1 p.m.: Park-wide Strategies for Improvements; Thurs., Sept. 24, 6 to 7 p.m.: Visitor Activities and Play; Tues., Sept. 29, 6 to 7

p.m.: Performances and Active Recreation; Thurs., Oct. 1, 12 to 1 p.m.: Gateways and Edges.

Mayor's Office seeks immigrant leaders for civic program — The mayor's office is seeking immigrants to enroll in a 12-week course aimed at teaching new leaders on "how to effectively navigate local government." The program—"Immigrants Lead Boston"—is sponsored by the Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement in collaboration with the Civic Engagement Cabinet. The City of Boston is granting the participants scholarship stipends of up to \$1,000 for their "time and commitment." The program begins October 21, 2020 but applications are due by Sept. 18. To learn more about Immigrants Lead Boston and to apply, visit boston.gov/immigrants-lead.

Dorchester Bay EDC plans Oct. 2 online fundraiser — Dorchester Bay Economic Development Corp. (EDC) will host its 41st annual fundraiser "Dorchester Strong: Rising to the Challenge" on Fri., Oct. 2 via a live-stream that will be held from 7-8 p.m. The honorees are Sophia Haynes-Cardwell of Stajez Cultural Arts Center and Sheriff Steven Tompkins, with special guest Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum. For more information, please contact Angela S. Yarde at ayarde@dbcedc.org or call 617-533-9561.

Black Patriots event hosted by Shirley-Eustis House — The Shirley-Eustis House Association, Boston National Historical Park, and the Gibson House Museum will host an online presentation highlighting the lives of four Black men—some enslaved, some free—who fought against the British at the Battle of Bunker Hill in June of 1775. Barzillai Lew, Cuff Blanchard-Chambers, Cuff Whittemore, and Jude Hall were among the thousands of men of color who chose to fight with the Patriots in a war that seemed to hold no explicit promise of liberty for Black people. The online presentation will take place at 12 p.m. on Tues., Sept. 15 and at 7 p.m. on Thurs., Sept. 24. It is free of charge and open to the public. A question-and-answer session will follow the webinar to allow participants to ask in-depth questions about the soldiers' lives. The session will also provide more information on the resources available for others wanting to explore this thread of American history. To register for the program, visit shirleyeustishouse.org.

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Nine Boston officers arrested, charged in OT fraud scheme

BY COLIN A. YOUNG
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NEWS SERVICE

Nine current and former Boston police officers were arrested and charged by federal prosecutors last Wednesday (Sept. 2) for allegedly engaging in a years-long scheme to defraud the department of overtime pay.

US Attorney Andrew Lelling announced the indictments on charges of conspiracy to commit theft concerning programs receiving federal funds and embezzlement from an agency receiving federal funds. From May 2016 through February 2019, the defendants embezzled more than \$200,000 in overtime pay from BPD, Lelling's office alleged.

Arrested and indicted Wednesday morning were Lt. Timothy Torigian, 54, of Walpole; retired Sgt. Gerard O'Brien, 62, of Braintree; retired Sgt. Robert Twitchell, 58, of Norton; retired Officer Henry Doherty, 61, of Dorchester; retired Officer Diana Lopez, 58, of Milton; retired Officer James Carnes, 57, of Canton; Officer Michael Murphy, 60, of Hyde Park; retired Officer Ronald Nelson, 60, of Jamaica Plain; and Officer Kendra Conway, 49, of Boston. The defen-

dants are expected to have initial appearances in federal court in Boston via videoconference this week.

"I am a strong supporter of the police, especially in these difficult times. But all must be treated equally under the law, regardless of wealth, power, or station," Lelling said. "These officers are charged with stealing taxpayer money, year after year, through fraud. Beyond the theft of funds, this kind of official misconduct also erodes trust in public institutions, at a time when that trust is most needed."

The indictments come while Lelling's office continues to process cases against at least eight Massachusetts State Police troopers accused by federal prosecutors of taking pay for overtime pay for shifts they did not work and covering their tracks by submitting falsified citations.

The BPD officers involved in the alleged overtime fraud scheme were assigned to BPD's Evidence Control Unit, where they were eligible for various overtime assignments at time-and-a-half pay. By May 2016, Lelling alleged, the defendants "routinely departed overtime shifts two or more hours ear-

ly but submitted false and fraudulent overtime slips claiming to have worked the entirety of each shift."

That includes "purge" overtime shifts during which officers were expected to reduce the inventory of the evidence warehouse from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on weekdays. Lelling said that on days when defendants claimed to have worked the full overtime shift, the warehouse was often "closed, locked, and alarmed well before 8 p.m., and often by 6 p.m. or before."

The officers are also accused of claiming overtime pay for "kiosk" overtime shifts they did not complete. One Saturday a month from 6 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., an officer would work overtime to collect surrendered prescription medications from police districts around the city and bring them to an incinerator in Saugus. Lelling's office alleged that the defendants "routinely submitted overtime slips claiming to have worked eight and a half hours when in fact the defendants frequently completed the work and left the shift early, often before 10 a.m."

Boston Police Commissioner William Gross said the three current

Boston officers who were indicted have been suspended without pay pending the outcome of the case.

"The allegations and behavior alleged in today's indictments is very troubling and in no way reflect the attitudes of the hard-working employees of the Boston Police Department. I hold my officers to the highest standards and expect them to obey all the laws that they have taken an oath to uphold."

Gross said his department's Anti-Corruption Unit uncovered informa-

tion regarding alleged payroll/overtime abuse by evidence management unit officers and got the FBI and Lelling's office involved in the investigation.

Federal prosecutors said Torigian—a former Community Service Officer on Area B-3—received more than \$43,000 for overtime hours he did not work; Twitchell, O'Brien and Doherty each received more than \$25,000 for overtime hours they did not work; Carnes and Lopez each received more than \$20,000 for

overtime hours they did not work; and Murphy, Nelson and Conway each received more than \$15,000 for overtime hours they did not work.

The charge of conspiracy to commit theft concerning programs receiving federal funds could carry a sentence of up to 10 years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine, while the conspiracy charge could come with a sentence of up to five years in prison, three years of supervised release and a fine, according to Lelling's office.

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Street partying stirs Black leaders' call for action from officials

BY KATIE TROJANO
REPORTER STAFF

A two-day outdoor party that attracted thousands of people to the streets near Franklin Field and Franklin Park in Dorchester on the weekend of Aug. 29 and

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Witness, Hon. Brian J. Dunn, First Justice of this Court.

Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate
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30 prompted a strong reaction from Black leaders in the city last week.

Members of the Black Boston Covid-19 Coalition (BBCC) "sounded the alarm" in an online forum last week, denouncing the partying and urging young people to avoid a repeat of the events over the Labor Day weekend. They also criticized what they deemed to be a lack of response from police and state and city officials.

"We are both outraged and scared to death," said Dianne Wilkerson, a member of the coalition and a former state senator from Roxbury, who added that the gathering—which was promoted on social media and began on Talbot Avenue on Aug. 29, was known to city officials days ahead of time.

"The reality is that the event got so large last week that there's no way without major harm and potential for physical danger that they were going to break it up," said Wilkerson. "But they should never have let it happen in the first place. Ever heard of barricades? We've seen it before. How did they ever allow thousands of people to congregate and not say anything?"

She continued: "By Saturday night, live videos on social media clearly showed thousands of

people partying, while many had masks around their necks. Shockingly few were wearing them."

The partying Wilkerson cited occurred at a time that would normally feature Boston Carnival, which, like all other large gatherings, was cancelled. She and other members of the coalition on Thursday demanded that appropriate resources be marshalled to conduct mass testing and contact tracing for those who attended the party; and that elected officials work to put a plan in place to ensure large groups of people don't convene again over Labor Day.

"Just one month ago, Gov. Baker was visibly angry about a prom event in Chatham and a gathering in Cohasset," said Dr. Attyia Martin, a Boston resident who spoke out during the call. "He held a press conference and announced there would be investigations and fines for the hosts. I remember the commentators observing that he was visibly upset.

"But a 2,000-3,000 person gathering in Dorchester, advertised all day on social media that literally shut down a public thoroughfare such that MBTA buses had to be diverted, doesn't even warrant a comment? What are we to make of that?"

On Thursday, when asked about the Dorchester party at his press conference, Baker said, "As we head into yet another holiday weekend and our back to school season, it's important that all of the Commonwealth's residents stick to these proven practices. Covid is highly contagious and it's going to be with us until we have a treatment.

Everyone needs to continue to take it seriously."

Baker said he was aware of the large party the previous weekend and noted that it was peacefully ended by Boston Police.

"With all of the tension that's out there these days that exists between law enforcement and people generally, they handled it exactly the way you would want them to," Baker said.

Priscilla Flint-Banks, a community activist, said she was very concerned about the potential health impacts stemming from the party.

"I just want to say this because this is personal to me. I lost my mom to Covid in April, and so this hits home, you know. When I see this happening and nobody paying any attention, it infuriates me and that's why the BBCC was brought together," she said, "so that we could address these things that

are happening in our community that nobody is paying attention to."

Louis Elisa of Dorchester said that the large congregation of people was a hazard to many families who want to enjoy Franklin Park.

"When they can't get to any place else, they can't get to the beach, they're using [Franklin Park] as a respite and a place they can go and find relief from the hot weather and from being stuck in public housing units across the street," said Elisa. "Those areas are very important to the community. The lack of police protection and official support for families being able to have some place to go is very tantamount to what happens. Hundreds of calls were made to 911 and 311 and they got no support."

At-Large City Councillor Julia Mejia, who joined the coalition call, said "the fact that there was no communication across city and state agencies with the community is really disheartening to me as an elected official.

"What is important about this particular situation is that it's not just what happened [last] Saturday," she said. "It is what happens on Talbot Ave. and American Legion Parkway every weekend. There are peo-

ple that are congregating and hanging out all throughout the weekend. This issue here presents itself as an opportunity to figure out what it is that we're going to do moving forward as a collective and bringing everyone to the table."

She added: "I'm really disheartened that there hasn't been any communication in terms of what's going to happen for follow up and what systems will be put in place for any preventative measures."

Said Wilkerson: "We need a plan ... going forward. And the best plan that can be had is the one that gets worked out with elected officials, the law enforcement, and with the community. That is what we're seeking, because we think there are ways to do that. I know that the police are tentative about going in and I watched what happened just [by] watching how the crowd was responding to police in some of the videos. I wouldn't have wanted to be a police officer trying to walk through that crowd. But that's the problem: It should never have been allowed to get that big. That's not a plan."

The BBCC meets virtually every Saturday from 4 to 6 p.m. For more details visit blackboston-coalition.org.



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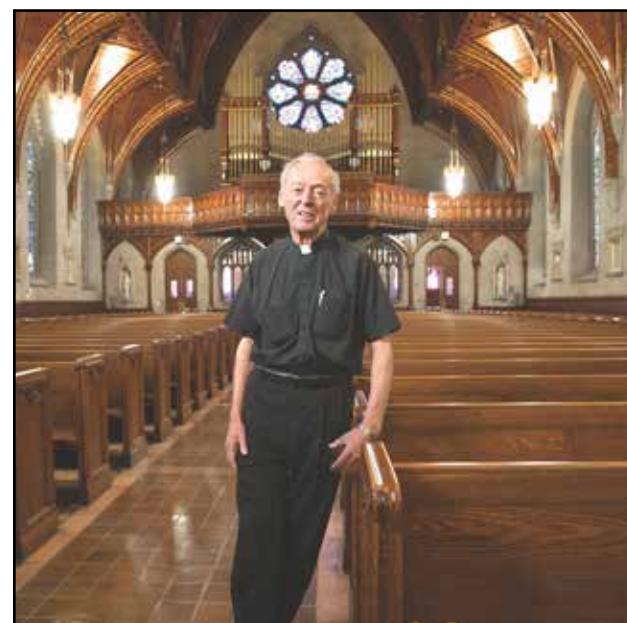
While couching his critique with his opinion that the BPD "is a good department," he continued: "My concern is that, even though Commissioner Gross is into community policing, community involvement...and Marty Walsh talks about police being involved in the community, that's not happening anymore."

He said that "underneath the commissioner there are people there who either don't buy into what he believes in or they're blocking it for some reason."

Ordained as a Catholic priest in 1963, and called "Doc" as a reference to the fact that his father was an obstetrician, Conway's ministry has been described as nomadic, with assignments throughout the Boston Archdiocese over the last 57 years. He was given a "temporary" assignment in Dorchester in 2009 to cover for another priest who was ill, and wound up staying.

"That's some temporary assignment," he said.

While posted here, Conway's main focus has been the Bowdoin-Geneva area, though he has worked in many other neighborhoods. Like all good leaders, "Doc" realizes that relationships are the key to solving problems. He's on a first-name basis with elected officials, city department leaders, police, community groups, merchants, and hundreds of families in Bowdoin-Geneva, relationships built by both learning Spanish and Portuguese and by walking around and



Rev. Richard "Doc" Conway at home in St. Peter's Church on Meetinghouse Hill in 2014.

Tom Kates Photography

talking to people. He is known for having good relationships with police officers and helping them make connections with residents, especially the young people living on the three-decker-lined streets around Meetinghouse Hill.

"Doc" said he recently saw a police officer on Hancock Street and attempted to engage him in discussion. "I stop and introduce myself and say 'Is this a fixed post?' He said no. So I said, 'Come on, take a walk with me for 15-20 minutes down the street.' 'I can't,' he said. I say 'Why not?' He said, 'I have to do what I'm told.' I wonder what he's been told. From what I hear, he's been told— all of them— do not engage with people. That's completely contrary to community policing."

Conway continued, "You go down to Fields Corner, where there are programs going every day. And a cop will never get out of the car to go over to say hi to the kids. I go to the captain of C-11,

"You come down here,

because these individuals causing violence in our neighborhoods should be locked up," Gross said. "That's why you have 12 shootings within three days. There has to be some accountability."

Like other parts of the state's court system, Boston Municipal Court and Suffolk Superior Court are open for in-person proceedings on a limited basis and with health and safety protocols in place, with other matters conducted virtually. Jury trials originally scheduled to start between March 14 and Sept. 4 were ordered to be continued to dates no earlier than Tuesday, Sept. 8, and no new grand jury could be empaneled before Tuesday unless ordered by the Supreme Judicial Court.

"We definitely welcome the courts to reopen. There's the COVID-19 situation that prevents them from doing so, but whether it's virtually or until that time, we need the courts to be open,

you protest, you go home to your suburbs, you feel good. But you're not doing anything. Why don't you volunteer as a big brother or a big sister? Why don't you come down to the Boys and Girls Club or the Y and tutor kids?"

"Doc" insists that people he knows in Bowdoin-Geneva want to see police officers walking in their neighborhoods and engaging with them again. "You walk down the street and the people are glad to see the cops, they want to see them."

He described an event next to the C-11 police station involving kids and both Boston and school police. "They had a little dialogue between the police and the kids [to the question of what you'd like to see changed]. One little kid puts his hand up and says, 'I'd like to see more police around, makes me feel safe.'

When asked where he thinks the problem lies, Conway said, "I don't think it's Willie Gross. It's the command staff... I think that's where it is. These people must have an idea that the people are going to turn on the cops. They're not, in my opinion. We're just talking maybe take a walk for two hours a day. What does it take to walk down the street and say 'Hi'?"

Conway still holds the BPD, particularly its Community Engagement Bureau—in high regard. "[Superintendent] Nora Baston and her group said they'll walk, they do a lot of good stuff, so she walked with us, and they saw the reaction. 'Nice to see you, hey are we going to have the safe

streets team back?' The safe streets team was a group of seven people who, when they were up there, knew everybody. The crime rate went down 40 percent. This summer, we've had three killings on Adams Street. So, the shootings are up.

"The problem is, and I've complained to the police department about this: They're not publicizing the good things that the police do. Lots of little things going on. At Franklin Field, kids want their pictures taken with the cops. Everybody says hi. There's no big problem. I can't figure out why they're not engaging with the neighborhood."

"Doc" expressed his fears if the tactics do not change. "They have a great reputation. I can't imagine what it's like in some of these other cities. New York is going through a real mess right now. That's where we're headed – more killings, the numbers going up and up. Just walking the streets, is it going to solve it? I don't know, but at least it's going to help."

Asked what his message is to the powers that be, he said: "Can we get the police back on the streets talking to people, talking to kids? There's still stuff going on that the Bureau of Community Engagement group is doing, and they need help."

"When [Captain] Sexton was in charge of the police academy, he used to ask me to speak to the recruits. We'd meet and walk around the neighborhood, and then we'd meet at the Bowdoin Street Health Center. And I'd do a power point around community policing... Coffee with a

cop, basketball with kids. Even the recruits didn't know about half the things being done by police officers.

"I don't see police walking and when I ask, they say that they can't. I think that's a big mistake and it's going to hurt the trust level that the police have built up over the years. Because they're a good department, they're good people. They're not into brutality, they're not into that stuff."

"If you want, walk with me. I'll walk with any cop any time," said "Doc" Conway.

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The Reporter asked Mayor Walsh's office and the BPD if they had any reaction to Fr. Conway's concerns in the story in this week's edition.

On Tuesday afternoon, Sgt. Detective John Boyle of the BPD's Office of Media Relations offered this comment:

"Community policing is a central pillar of the Boston Police Department's work, and Boston is seen as a model in our nation for being a city with strong police-community relations. All Boston Police officers work every day to continue building trust and positive relationships with community members."

"COVID-19 made everyone adjust their way of engaging and delivering programs, with some transitioning to virtual opportunities, but our commitment remains the same to building on the progress we have made and further strengthening relationships with the community and other agencies that work in violence prevention, intervention, and trauma supports."

Walsh, Gross react to 12 shootings in 3 days

BY KATIE LANNAN
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Mayor Walsh and Police Commissioner Willie Gross said on Tuesday that Boston city departments and other agencies convened ahead of the Labor Day holiday to plan violence prevention and response efforts. Walsh said some sort of violence "is not unusual for Labor Day weekend," although he said any act of violence, at any time, is unacceptable. Gross characterized the weekend as a long one, with 12 unrelated shootings in the city.

"At this time, our investigations reveal that none of the 12 shootings are connected," the commissioner said, adding his thanks to residents whose 911 calls helped police make gun arrests or "facilitate investigations."

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Have they found Sgt. Joseph W. Beard?

Dot soldier marched on Bataan in 1942, then died; remains were deemed lost – until now, it seems



BY TOM MULVOY
REPORTER STAFF

The fog of war has hung over the family of US Army Staff Sgt. Joseph W. Beard for more than 75 years now, but maybe, just maybe, it is lifting a bit with the US Defense Department making inquiries about relatives of the soldier who died in the Philippines on June 14, 1942, after being taken off the Bataan Death March by the Japanese and assigned to cleanup duty back in Manila.

Joseph W. Beard was born on Aug. 25, 1921, one of the seven children of Joseph E. Beard and Mary Ann Hepp-Beard, who lived at 14 Linden Street, Dorchester, between Adams Street and Dorchester Avenue. He grew up in St. Peter's Parish and later moved to Port Clinton, Ohio, where he lived with his grandparents and worked as a hotel bookkeeper. In 1938, at age 17, he joined the Ohio National Guard and was assigned to his hometown tank company, beginning a short life of service to state and country that took him over the next four years to Fort Knox in Kentucky, to Camp Polk, Louisiana, and, in the summer and fall of 1941, to Ft. McDowell on Angel Island in San Francisco, to Honolulu, to Guam, and, finally, for him, to the Philippines.

His ship entered Manila Bay, at 8 a.m. on Thurs., Nov. 20, 1941, and docked at Pier 7 later that morning where his company was greeted by an armed military party whose commander told the soldiers to "draw your firearms immediately; we're under alert. We expect a war with Japan at any moment. Your destination is Fort Stotsenburg, Clark Field."

The information above and what follows have been taken for the most part from US government files compiled after the war.



Certifiable figures concerning the Japanese march of American and Filipino POWS on Bataan in April 1942 are hard to come by, as is extensive photographic evidence. Consensus estimates are that of the 75,000 or so POWS forced to traverse the 65-mile route, about 54,000 survived. This Associated Press photo by way of the US Marine Corps was reportedly stolen from the Japanese during their three years of occupation of the Philippines during World War II.

Dec. 7/8, 1941: Bombs Away

On Dec. 7, just before 8 a.m. Hawaii time, Japanese planes dropped out of the clouds over the island of Oahu and wreaked devastation on the people, ships, and property at the US Naval Base at Pearl Harbor. Ten hours later, but across the international dateline, making it Dec. 8, Sgt. Beard and Co. were in the field when bombs began exploding around them, dropped from Japanese planes that seemingly never stopped coming. For this St. Peter's boy, the war was on and he was in it, along with his comrades and many millions of others, looking at a future with lots of unknowns attached. And

for those facing the invading Japanese forces in the Philippines, the following four months were rife with the chaos of battle as American and Filipino forces fought the Japanese wherever they encountered them. But the dogged defenders were outmanned and eventually found themselves backed into dire straits in the province of Bataan on the island of Luzon.

On April 8, 1942, the commander on scene, Gen. Edward P. King, decided that further resistance was futile and gave up the fight, and his combined forces. On April 9, Joseph Beard was among some 75,000 American and Filipino soldiers who were now prisoners of war. Their captors then organized a march of some 65 miles to the trains that would take the POWs to prison camps. Participants reported later that they were brutally abused by Japanese guards, given little food and almost no water. As Sgt. Beard and his company made their way north, they walked past artesian wells with water flowing from them. Anyone attempting to get a drink was shot or bayoneted.

According to records kept by officers of his battalion, Sgt. Beard was reported missing during the march. He apparently had been selected out of the line by the Japanese for a work detail back at Fort Stotsenburg where he and other prisoners cleaned up the grounds of the base and lived in their former barracks.

While on the detail, Sgt. Beard reportedly became ill with dysentery and died on June 14, 1942. He was said to have been buried in a grave with four other POWs in the cemetery at Ft. Stotsenburg. For some reason, the Japanese apparently never reported his death to the Red Cross, so his family did not learn of his passing until after the war, in late 1945.

His father passed away early that December, and a funeral Mass was said for him at St. Peter's Church. The liturgy also served as a memorial Mass for his son, the sergeant.

Early the next year, in February, a report that suggested finality, at least for the Army, as to what happened to S/Sgt. Beard noted that his remains and those of the men buried in a grave at Fort Stotsenburg had been exhumed and reburied at the American Military Cemetery at Manila.

A mother seeks information
But the story doesn't end there, at

least not yet. For one thing, Mrs. Mary Ann Beard, the sergeant's mother, wasn't satisfied with the crisp assertion of her boy's death by the Army, and as late as 1950 was writing letters in longhand inquiring of various Army offices: "What did my son die of? Where? Where is he buried? Also, if he had a priest? If you can't give me what I ask for, please say so."

That last plea evoked a letter from a Capt. J. F. Vool on May 19, 1950, which said, in part:

"It is with deep regret that your government finds it necessary to inform you that further search and investigation have failed to reveal the whereabouts of your son's remains. Since all effort to recover and identify his remains have failed, it has been necessary to declare that his remains are not recoverable."

"Realizing the extent of your great loss, it is with reluctance that you are sent the information that there is no grave at which to pay homage. May the knowledge of your son's honorable service to his country be a source of sustaining comfort to you."

This was the last word that his family received from the government. Since his remains have never been identified, S/Sgt. Joseph W. Beard's name appears on the Tablets of the Missing at the American Military Cemetery at Manila, according to bataanproject.com, a website that continues to chronicle the lives and times of those forced to make the death march in April 1942.

An inquiry from Washington

Last month, Jim Opolony, the curator of bataanproject.com, was contacted by a researcher for the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), the Department of Defense branch charged with recovering the remains of some 80,000 missing members of the US armed forces.

Wrote Opolony in a letter to Earl Thomas of the Dorchester Historical Society, who sent it along to the *Reporter*: "It appears that Sgt. Beard's case is considered active by the Department of Defense and they are doing research on him. This means they will be attempting to find family members for DNA. If you go to bataanproject.com and search for Joseph W. Beard, his page will come up. Open the page and you can read about him."

"All I am doing is attempting to make his relatives aware that DNA is wanted so his remains will be identified and possibly returned home. In particular, children or grandchildren of his sisters will be wanted for DNA because of the archaic DNA testing done by DPAA. The family can initiate the DNA testing, but does have to wait for the DPAA to contact them."

The next step? Hard to tell

That last admonition by Mr. Opolony is well taken, at least by the *Reporter*. I was given two names at DPAA to contact if I wanted to get some supporting information for this story. Late last month I wrote a letter to that department's Gregory J. Kupsky and I called the section's public affairs office (703-699-1420). A Sgt. Sean Everette answered with a message noting that he was working from home during the pandemic and could be reached at his email address. So I sent him a letter by email.

In my correspondence, I asked them if they could in any way amplify details from this report for *Reporter* readers who might know how to contact later generations of members of the Beard family that lived in Dorchester, Mass., before, during, and after World War II.

To date (Sept. 10), no replies.

COMMERCE YEARBOOK



JOSEPH C. WALSH, Jr.
"Joe" "Walshie"

Glee Club—Dramatic Club '39—Captain

"Joe" hails from that well known place, Uphams' Corner, Dorchester. He can always be found with Newton and Schilling. "Walshie's" ambitions is to be a stenographer and there is no doubt that he will succeed. The result of his likeable personality, Joe has made friends with all those he comes into contact with. He has attained the rank of captain through his hard work. So long, "Joe," and the best of luck to you.

Welshman seeks information on Dot WWII airman killed in mishap in Wales in March '44

Coincident with the reporting of the story in this issue on Staff Sgt. Joseph W. Beard, the *Reporter* received the following in the mail last week from Steve Jones of Wales, UK:

Dear sir/Ma'am,

I wonder if I could, via your readership, seek information about a WW2 airman who hailed from the Dorchester area of Boston. Joseph C. Walsh was a flight engineer in the US Army Air Corps and, sadly, in March 1944 he lost his life as the result of a flying accident aboard a B-24 near my home in Wales, England, aged 22 years.

"Joe," as he was known, was initially buried in England, but in 1948 his remains were repatriated back to Boston and he is today buried at Calvary Cemetery, Mattapan. He had been a student at Commerce College [Ed: High School of Commerce in Boston] and had many siblings. His parents, Joseph Senior and Anna Walsh, were of Irish background.

Online research has shown me that the family once lived on Magnolia Street in Dorchester during the 1930s/1940s.

Many thanks for your anticipated help.

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Reporter's People

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

City Singers team up with Dot band to salute names of those killed by police

BY DANIEL SHEEHAN
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Earlier this summer, Muhammad Seven and the Spring, a local band fronted by Dorchester resident and songwriter Nima Samimi, enlisted the vocal power of several Boston City Singers choir members to create a virtual Black Lives Matter-themed tribute, "In the Name of Amadou Diallo."

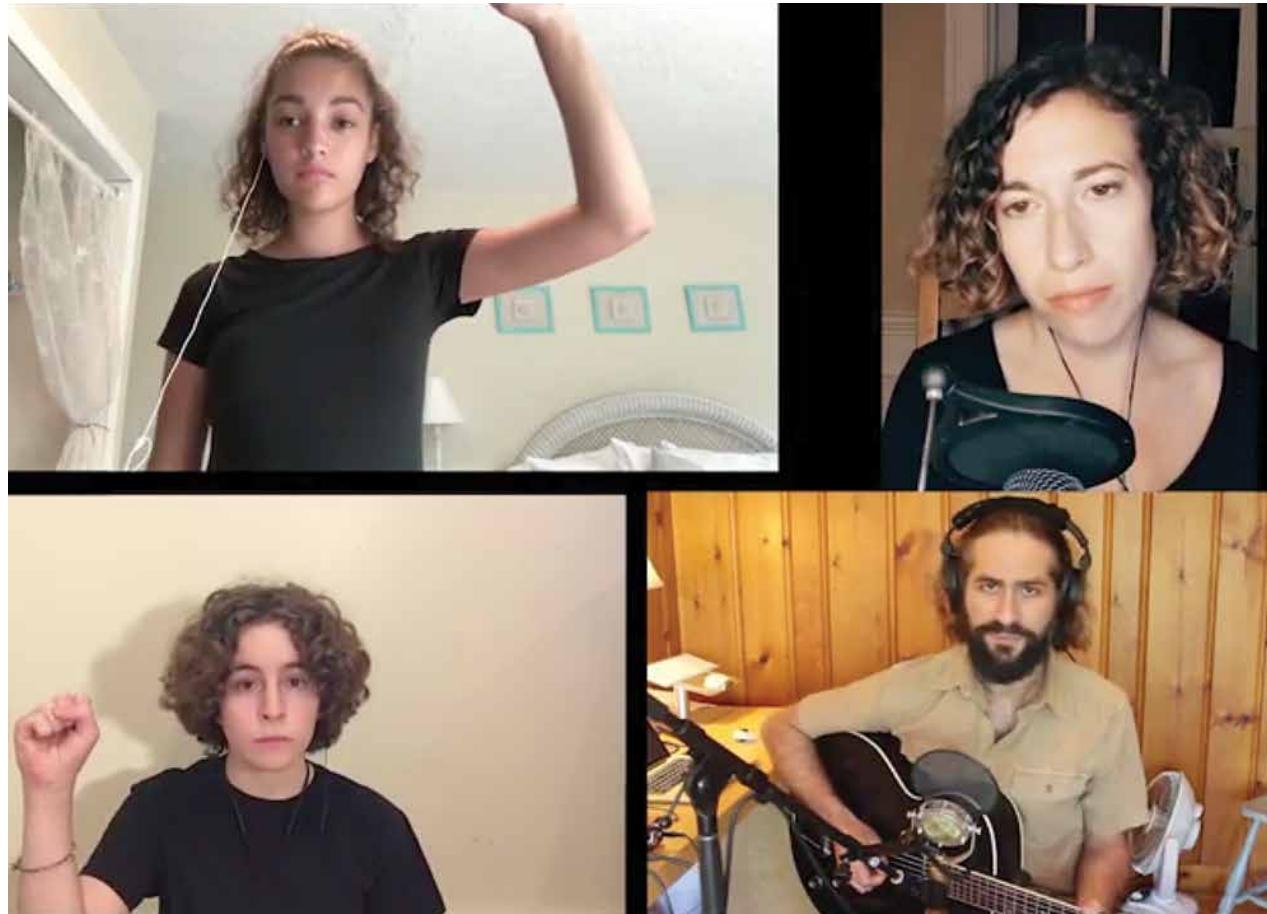
Samimi explained that he wrote the song in 2016 in the wake of the murder of Philando Castile in Minnesota. The tune honors Amadou Diallo, a Guinean immigrant shot and killed by police in New York in 1999, as well as dozens of other victims who have since met similar fates.

Today, the message of the song, which places the names of victims of police killings front and center, still rings true.

"The song celebrates and remembers Black people in the United States who have been murdered by the police and offers us an opportunity to say their names and grieve the loss of their bright lights in our world," wrote Samimi in a statement. "First and foremost I wrote it so that I myself could make a practice of saying their names, remembering their humanity, and facing the tears I still must cry in order to fight to change racism in law enforcement - and all our institutions..."

"What moved me to release this song at this moment is the fact that our voices of protest and indignation have risen, thanks to the work of so many."

Samimi and his band members recorded their individual performances remotely and edited them together to imitate a live recording. Vocalists from Boston City Singers also sang from their own homes for the virtual collaboration.



(Clockwise from top left) Nina O'Loughlin, Valerie Sussman, Muhammad Seven, and Emanie Knippen collaborated visually on the music video.

Program manager Carmen Piedad said that while the project presented some new challenges for students, often requiring them to record multiple takes and explore new technological methods, it also marked an opportunity

for education and catharsis.

"Most of our kids didn't know who [Diallo] was, so it was an opportunity to talk to them about another case of police violence, and for them to learn the history of what is unfortunately

an ongoing problem," she said.

Samimi reached out to Boston City Singers about the project in June, as BLM protests were gathering momentum. At a time when many students were feeling helpless

and discouraged by compounding factors of injustice and the pandemic, Piedad said it was the "perfect" moment. "It was a really great way for them to have a sense of purpose during a time that felt hopeless."

Dot marathoner boosts Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester

Winston Vaughan of Dorchester will be running the Boston Marathon virtually on Saturday as part of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester's team. Members of the clubs' staff, family, and friends will be set along the route to safely and responsibly support and cheer him on.

"In the midst of this pandemic, too many of our neighbors are struggling to pay their bills and be there for their kids as we prepare to start the school year remotely," said Vaughn. BGCD is stepping up to provide families and kids, especially the most vulnerable in our community, with the support and care that we need to get through this together. While this Boston Marathon will look really

different from what we imagined a year ago, I couldn't be more proud to be running this marathon through the streets of Dorchester to support this essential work and this amazing community."

Since March, the club has adapted and transformed its ways to serve youth and families across Dorchester and beyond. BGCD has distribut-

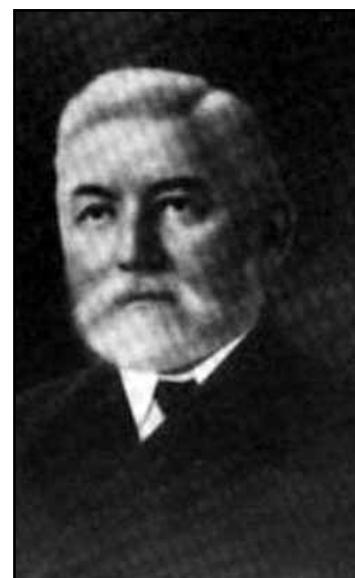
ed nearly 15,000 'Grab & Go' meals, hosted over 400 Virtual Program Videos and Zoom Lessons, and given almost 17,000 diapers and formula to families. Additionally, since July the club has been able to open at limited capacity to serve 245 children and teens every week.

Winston Vaughan



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The Meisel Press Manufacturing Co.



sel, president of the Meisel Press Manufacturing Company of Boston, Massachusetts, the printing world has lost one of its most prominent men. Mr. Meisel was born in Baden, Germany, on January 10, 1846, being one of eight children. His father

was the owner of a flour mill, and at the age of seventeen the young Meisel, upon the death of his father, took up the business, conducting it until 1865, when he went to Munich, where he served an apprenticeship as a millwright.

"In 1870, when twenty-four years old, he came to America and settled in Boston, his first employment being with B. F. Sturtevant, the founder of the Sturtevant Blower Works,

while associated with this company that he began making inventions for specialty printing. He was especially interested in color work and designed the press that printed the first high-class colored supplement, issued by the *Boston Herald* on May 30, 1896.

"In 1903 he organized the Meisel Press Manufacturing Company and erected the present factory building in Dorchester. With the assistance of his nephew, Charles A. Meisel, and his son, Otto C. F. Meisel, a business was developed which is known the world over. These two young men have carried the burden of the company's affairs during the past few years and will continue the business under the same firm name."

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

Francis lived at 10 Upland Avenue from 1903 until his death in 1917.

The following is from "Inland Printer," Vol. 58, October 1916 to March 1917 (Chicago, 1917): In the death of Francis Mei-

Editorial

Let's wait on 2021; Nov. 3 is just ahead

Less than a week has passed since we dispensed of the state primary election and we are already looking ahead to... September 2021?

The *Boston Globe* this week reported that City Councillor Michelle Wu called Mayor Martin Walsh on Sunday to let him know that she intends to run for the mayor's office next year. A consistent critic of Walsh for much of her time on the council, Wu has clearly been mounting a run for higher office for many months. And her candidacy, once launched officially, will no doubt be welcomed by her existing supporters, who appreciate her approach to challenging Walsh's administration at most every turn. She'd be a contender.

But, as City Councillor Julia Mejia cautioned this week, it would be unwise to presume that 2021 Bostonians will be presented with a strictly binary choice — Walsh v. Wu.

"I recommend that everyone wait until all 2021 candidates come out before jumping on anyone's bandwagon," Mejia tweeted, adding that she predicts 5-6 mayoral candidates and a slew of at-large council hopefuls will emerge. "Wait to see who gets on the ballot," she advised.

It's sage advice. The sands can shift suddenly in these parts and the first out-the-gate doesn't always end up in the winner's circle. Some might recall way back in 2012 when an upstart city councillor — John Connolly — decided to announce a next-year challenge to long-time mayor Tom Menino. By the time the actual election rolled around, Menino was not a candidate and Connolly finished as runner-up to one Martin J. Walsh.

As of this writing, it is not yet clear if Walsh will himself be a candidate again. Conventional wisdom among political observers — this one included — is that Walsh may very well *not* seek a third term. If Joe Biden and Kamala Harris are victorious, Walsh could be invited to take a national post in the new administration — as one of his predecessors, Raymond L. Flynn, did when Bill Clinton sent him to the Vatican in 1993.

For obvious reasons, such a sequence of events next year remains an uncertainty. And even if it were a viable scenario, no sitting mayor would seek to undermine his or her power by telegraphing such a maneuver a full five months before inauguration day.

It's also possible that if Biden does come a-calling, Walsh might end up getting an offer that he *can* refuse. Crossed up by dual allegiances to hometown fave Elizabeth Warren and Biden, the eventual nominee, the mayor, quite uncharacteristically, *sat out* the Democratic race for president.

Then there's the matter of legacy. Walsh has just led Boston through a grueling six months of pandemic and economic stress the likes of which have been unmatched in the city's modern era. Only the most ungenerous of critiques would suggest that Walsh's leadership — overall — has been wanting. In fact, Walsh's steady hand and empathetic tone — particularly as the coronavirus crashed into the city last spring — stood in stark contrast to the incoherencies of our so-called president.

On Tuesday, pressed by reporters eager to get the mayoral grudge-match under full sail, Walsh wisely demurred. All political eyes, he counseled, should be on the presidential prize. Oh, and by the way, there's also the small matter of the deadly menace of the virus to occupy our days and nights.

Nov. 3 is right around the corner. Perhaps the Walsh-Wu forces and the other camps that are circling Boston's more distant prize can put the next six weeks into a sustained effort to win back the US Senate and solidify Biden's chances in our neighboring states.

-Bill Forry

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Our plans for schooling this fall salute health, safety, and equity

By MAYOR MARTIN J. WALSH
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From the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, keeping Boston's families safe, healthy, and equitably supported has been our top priority. That's why we made the tough but necessary decision to close Boston Public Schools buildings in March. In a matter of days, we began distributing Chromebooks and WiFi hotspots to students; we set up meal sites to continue feeding tens of thousands of students and families; and we transitioned to fully remote learning. It was an all-hands-on-deck effort, and one we kept up while planning the upcoming school year.

We are still facing uncertainty from coronavirus, but the values that guide us are unchanged. Our plans for the upcoming school year put health, safety, and the needs of our most vulnerable students at the center of our effort.

After conducting an equity analysis and incorporating the feedback of thousands of stakeholders, we have decided to move forward with a cautious, responsible, phased-in hybrid model for the school year. In the optional hybrid model, students learn at home three days a week and attend school in person two days a week.

This is our plan:

- We pushed the first day of school back to Sept. 21, to give schools and teachers extra time to prepare.
- On September 21, all students will start with all-remote learning.
- No sooner than Oct. 1, the option of hybrid learning will begin for students with the highest needs.
- No sooner than Oct. 15, optional hybrid learning may begin for the three grades of kindergarten: K0, K1, and K2.
- No sooner than Oct. 22, opt-in hybrid learning may begin for grades 1-3.
- No sooner than November 5, opt-in hybrid learning may begin for grades 4-8. That will include grades 6-8 in the high schools that include those grades.
- And no sooner than November 16, opt-in hybrid learning may begin for grades 9-12.

In every step, families have the choice of whether to opt in to hybrid learning or stay fully remote. BPS is surveying families about their learning environments and transportation preferences for the fall. We know that many families want and need their children to be in school, but many other families are not yet comfortable with in-person learning. That's why we are honoring family choice.

We've learned a lot from the spring remote-learning period. This plan is an opportunity to make remote

learning more robust, inclusive, and creative. We are expanding technology and internet access; creating new outreach and support plans for families; developing solutions for special education students and English learners; and talking with childcare providers.

We have also spent months preparing our school buildings and training staff to protect students' and teachers' health. We are working with school leaders and facilities professionals to make sure every school is safe and in compliance with DESE recommendations. We will not send students, teachers, or staff into buildings that are not safe.

We are focusing on equity and meeting the needs of our students. Our plan responds to the significant opportunity gaps facing students from low-income households, students of color, immigrants, and English language learners. Many parents are essential workers who must return to work and cannot leave their young children home alone.

For these families, opportunity gaps grow with every day students are out of school. It's also important to remember that school is about much more than learning. For many students, it's their place of safety, support, and social development.

Supporting students with special needs is a big focus of this plan. We are prioritizing high needs special education students by giving them the option of in-person learning for up to four days per week, starting Oct. 1. This is the right thing to do. We are committed to meeting the requirements of every student's Individualized Education Program (IEP).

We need to keep our communities safe, get kids back to school, and provide quality education. That's what this plan makes possible. At every step, we will follow public health data. Every family will have the choice about when to send their children into school buildings. And we will continue the work that began long before COVID-19: To close opportunity and achievement gaps, and give every single child the quality education that he or she deserves.

We are deeply grateful to all of the teachers, school leaders, staff, families, students, and public health experts who lent their time and expertise, and helped us consider all aspects of our plan. This is the most difficult chapter in our city's recent history, and time and time again the Boston community rises to the challenge with solidarity and compassion.

To see the full BPS reopening plan, and for more information about how to submit feedback, visit bostonpublicschools.org/reopening.

Galvin: Check mailbox for Census form

Warning that a decade of federal funding is on the line, Secretary of State William Galvin alerted Massachusetts residents who have not responded to the 2020 US Census that mail is once again headed their way.

The Census Bureau will send a second round of forms to households that have not yet responded to the decennial population count in areas across America with low response rates, Galvin announced Tuesday.

"If you receive this second census form, it means that no one in your home has been counted in the 2020 Census, and many of your neighbors haven't been counted either," Galvin, the 2020 Census Liaison for Massachusetts, said in a press release. "An undercount in your neighborhood will mean your community will be shortchanged in federal funding for the next ten years. If you receive this second questionnaire, please send it back immediately."

Through Sunday, 91.1 percent of Massachusetts households have been counted, with 67.9 percent covered in self-responses and 23.3 percent reached in follow-ups, according to Census Bureau data. The national response rate is 87.6 percent.

Under the Bureau's current plans, the 2020 count will end on Sept. 30 rather than Oct. 31. Galvin's

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office said Massachusetts and other states challenged that decision in court, and counting will continue under a judge's orders while the litigation proceeds.

— CHRIS LISINSKI
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Letter to the Editor

Senators should act to curb high phone fees for jail calls

To the Editor:

Some people must face a terrible choice: Pay for heat or food or pay to talk to a loved one in jail.

Among the many ways that the criminal justice system disproportionately impacts Black and brown communities is the exorbitant, predatory, and extreme phone fees charged to people in jails. Families in our state spend \$24 million a year just to be able to connect with their loved ones, while phone companies profit richly.

State Senate Bill 2846, the no cost calls legislation, is currently waiting for a floor vote. Sen. Nick Collins must demand that this bill be brought to a vote. He should prioritize the needs of families and communities in senatorial districts over corporate profits.

— Tamiko Beyer
Dorchester

Revisited: Bob Bigelow, Boston, and respect

By KEVIN McCCLUSKEY

SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

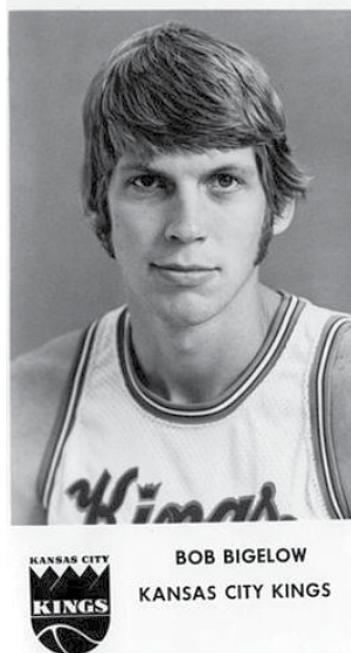
"Big-e-low, Big-e-low, Big-e-low." The chants echoed loudly throughout the game from the young black kids who watched from the perimeter of the cavernous Washington Park skating rink that was transformed into a basketball court for the summer.

Those cheers celebrated the play of Bob Bigelow of Winchester, who had come to the city in the early '70s to test his roundball mettle against the legendary lineup of the best players in New England: Bill Raynor, King Gaskins, Ron Lee, Steve Strother, Bobby Carrington, Carlton Smith, Will Morrison, Billy Collins, Twinkie Brown, Richard Winslow, Ralph Monteiro, Owen Wells and "Durag."

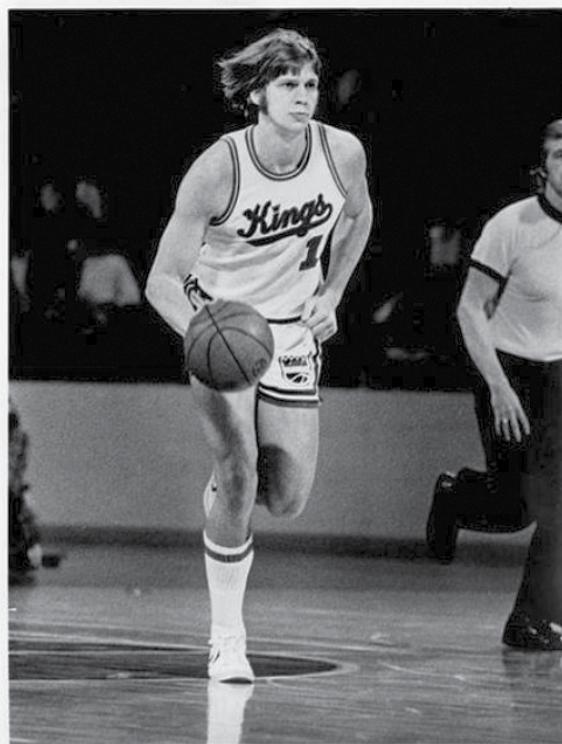
And had I said "inner city," instead of just "the city," there would be no need to point out that all of those players are black.

So it was a huge deal that "Big," as he was appropriately known, was standing out so starkly in such august company on the somewhat slippery surface of the court next door to the Shelburne Center, aka the house that Alfreda Harris built. His was not the typical "city game" of feint and flash and finish. To quote JoJo White when he competed in the old NBA HORSE half-time show: It was "Straight in, Mendy" all the way with Big.

As fundamentally sound as the Big "O," but with blond hair, a loping country boy gait, and a booming voice that accentuated his "bigness," Bob's talent eventually made him a first round pick in the NBA. And his love for the game – all games – made him a highly sought-after speaker on the youth sports circuit, where he admonished all of us parents to "just



BOB BIGELOW
KANSAS CITY KINGS



let the kids play."

So when we recently learned that Bob Bigelow had suddenly passed from this earth, it was beyond stunning. As our close friend Bill Raynor said when I called him to share our grief and disbelief, "The cat had no vices and was the healthiest person I knew; it doesn't make any sense".

Within the context of where we've come as a city, and where we need to go as a country, Bill also recalled the lobbying that he and Jack McMahon did at the Bigelow family kitchen table to convince Bob's father that it would be okay, i.e., "safe," for Bob to play in Roxbury.

It was a necessary pitch because the city at that time was distinctly chopped

up into neighborhoods that were only safe for certain kinds of people to be in at certain times. You simply did not go where you didn't "belong."

But if the vehicle for crossing that boundary was sports, and basketball in particular, then athletic visas were distributed with de facto enthusiasm. I admittedly view that time, which was not without its significant troubles, with a measure of nostalgia, but more importantly, within the context of sports, as a connector, as a bridge in a world that is now too often painted in irrevocably contrasting colors of black and white. It does not have to be cast in such a bold dichotomy, and sports can help us see ourselves and others through a healthier prism.

I would argue that a turning point (and, yes, we have much more to do together) in Boston's sometimes discordant attempt to achieve authentic racial harmony had its roots in basketball.

Aside from their innate decency, the fact that Mel King and Ray Flynn played ball together put them in a different place when they conducted a mayoral campaign in 1983 that could have torn the city apart. But their mutual respect and shared love of the city instead put us on a restorative path. Was it all about hoops? Of course not, but, as both men have attested, it certainly didn't hurt.

Fast forward to the high-profile athletes who today seek to counter the voices of division with their own expressions of unified concern about where we've been and where we need to go, and it is clear that their collective impact holds promise. After all, more people know which playoff games have been postponed than know who has been on the podium at either political convention. That is real, enduring impact.

With the excruciating loss of lives and livelihoods that the pandemic has wrought, the loss of sports may seem irrelevant, but I would argue that the relevance of sports as a celebration of mutual respect is a damn good starting point for where we need to go as a society, governed by that one basic indicator on our elementary school report cards of days gone by that pointedly assessed our "Respect for the Rights of Others."

Let's start there.

Kevin McCluskey is the associate director of Athletics at UMass Boston and past president of the Boston School Committee.

'It stinks,' says Baker of dislocation caused by virus

By CHRIS LISINSKI
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

Midway through an answer about steps taken to relieve the financial burden restaurants face, Gov. Baker uttered two words relatable to virtually every resident of Massachusetts six months into the pandemic: "It stinks. It stinks," Baker said at a press conference on Sept. 3. "A lot of this stinks. But it comes with — it's part of what comes with Covid, and honestly, it's why we've been so aggressive about trying to get this notion across that the most important thing we need to do as a commonwealth is beat this thing back."

The outbreak has led to more than 9,000 confirmed or probable deaths in Massachusetts, and its upheaval on daily life has pushed the country into a recession. Even with many businesses now allowed to resume some degree of in-person activity, Baker said the economic consequences have been "profound and significant and, in many cases, incredibly distressing."

His reflection was prompted by a question about whether he would relax restrictions on restaurants amid a period of comparably low infection



Gov. Baker minces no words describing the pandemic

rates across the state, given the recent closure or sale of high-profile establishments such as Boston's The Pour House.

Baker pointed to drops in business among restaurants that depend on live sports viewership and on restaurants within walking distance of the State House, the latter of which are suffering because so few people are in the

building — and therefore looking for a nearby lunch — during the workdays.

"They all relate to Covid, but they relate to Covid in different ways," Baker said. "It's heartbreaking to see some of this, the way it plays out, but if the customers aren't there, then the rules, on some level, at the end of the day, aren't going to solve the problem."

He did not commit to any further changes such as a revision to current occupancy limits, but said his administration continues to talk with industry representatives and that he had signed several bills earlier in the outbreak to expand use of outdoor dining and to-go drinks.

Massachusetts has topped the national list for unemployment rate in each of the past two months at 17.7 percent in June and 16.1 percent in July.

Employers laid off record numbers of workers amid government-ordered physical closings and the business slowdowns that have lingered even after reopening.

"That has a ripple effect all over the economy," Baker said. "The fact that most people don't travel much anymore has huge ripples on our economy. Logan Airport was doing 450,000

passengers a day before this. Now they do about 50,000. Just think about all the people that means aren't coming in and out of the airport and staying in hotels and going to conferences and going to restaurants and making presentations."

Asked if there was any grain of hope amid the worrying outlook, Baker pointed to the state's progress since the administration started its gradual reopening process on May 1 -- a date when "basically nothing was open," he said.

In February, about 3.7 million people were employed in Massachusetts. That figure dropped to 2.85 million in April and has since grown to about 3.24 million in July, recovering more than 390,000 of the jobs lost.

"In the beginning of the summer, we were in a really rough place," Baker said. "Half a million people who weren't working in Massachusetts at the beginning of the summer are working now. That's progress. And we should be proud of the fact that that's happened because it wouldn't have happened without the people of Massachusetts stepping up every day and doing the things they need to do to stop the spread."

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Fluker Oakley looks back, ahead

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"My campaign manager created a schedule for me the night before for all the different polling locations I should be at—and she told me I would need someone who's sort of a Jiminy Cricket, for lack of a better phrasing," she said with a smile. "And so my sister came up from Connecticut and she's always been great at keeping me calm and cool, so the plan was to be with my sister all day." For more support, their mother, Rev. Brenda A. Fluker, joined them at the polls for most of the day.

"I just felt such great energy at the polls from supporters that would come out and say, 'I got your mailer,' or 'Remember when we talked on the phone,' which gave me some optimism," said Fluker Oakley.

She also noted that prior to the primary she had received a birthday package from her boss containing a T-shirt that she wore on election night. "It said: 'I am my ancestors' wildest dreams' and I thought: 'Win or lose, I'm going to wear this on election night and see what happens.' So I put that on and I waited for the results surrounded by close family and friends."

When the first unofficial results from polls

began to roll in, Fluker Oakley was in first place in many bellwether locations, including Florian Hall's 16-11 precinct, Ashmont-Adams (16-8) and Lower Mills Library (17-13). She also won in battleground Mattapan precincts, including Mildred Avenue. And she dominated the field in Milton's two precincts. In the end, she topped the ticket in 12 of the district's 17 precincts.

Fluker Oakley beat Lacet at some of the polling stations where Lacet topped Cullinane in 2018. He was the top vote-getter at Lower Mills precinct 17-14 and at the Taylor School on Morton Street.

Stephanie Everett, an attorney and Mattapan resident who ran unsuccessfully for the seat in 2013, finished in third place with about 21 percent of the vote.

And Cameron Charbonnier, who suspended his campaign during the summer and endorsed Everett but saw his name remain on the ballot, collected significant vote totals near his home in Dorchester and finished with about 8 percent of the vote.

Fluker Oakley was home—reviewing text messages from poll checkers with precinct results—when she and her campaign manager

realized that she was on track for a victory.

"Some of us were downstairs in the living room area and my campaign manager and sister sat me down and said: 'We're looking at the results and it looks like you won.' When the news came down, I was just so overcome by emotion on so many levels. It was a tremendous night and I'm just grateful for the experience and to all of the voters and residents of the district."

Early on and throughout her campaign, Fluker Oakley notched impressive endorsements from elected officials, environmental groups, and both the Boston Teachers Union and the Massachusetts Teachers Association.

"I was so humbled by all of the endorsements that I received and I think those partnerships will be critical for a variety of reasons," she told the *Reporter*. "So many of those organizations and people showed up for me whether it was with fundraising, reaching out to constituents, or providing phone banking resources. One group even did digital ads on my behalf, so that was also really helpful."

"When I think about my experience of being an advocate at the State House," Fluker

Oakley said, "it was never success by myself; it was always through partnership. I recognize that the equitable and inclusive changes that we want to see here in the district will require partnership, so I'm hoping to leverage those that were established during and before this campaign to make that vision a reality for us."

Over the course of the race, Fluker Oakley led the field in fundraising and mounted an aggressive and effective direct mail and digital campaign to reach voters in their homes and on mobile devices. That capacity to reach voters proved pivotal in the age of Covid-19, she said.

"I thought I'd be able to go door-to-door and talk to people and hear their concerns, but Covid completely nixed that idea. Then it became apparent that we had to run a strong mail campaign and I had to phonebank like it was my job—which was challenging because I was working full time except for the month of August."

She said she dusted off the skills she acquired during her first job in college—working as an alumni caller—in her fundraising. "I went through every single person on my phone, called them and told them that

I was running for office and asked them to make a donation," she said.

"I was so humbled by those who supported early on and it was because of that early support that I was able to have the capital necessary to have the foundation for the strong mail campaign that I was able to run," she said. "When I was able to phonebank people they would often say they'd received a piece of mail from me and that would be a touchpoint to engage in conversation."

Fluker Oakley added that she personally called every "super voter" in the 12th Suffolk district about 3,500 people about two weeks before election day.

As Gov. Baker began to loosen some social distancing requirements, she began to engage in some door-knocking and canvassing.

"One version was just me out there with a list of people who were super voters that we didn't have phone numbers for, just trying to make contact and introduce myself to them," she explained.

"Another model," she said, "was having supporters in certain neighborhoods walk me around, and what that did was allow residents to call their neighbors and tell them I would be around and wanted to talk to them.

"That was certainly the most effective method for canvassing in Covid, because everyone has 'stranger-danger,' but they're not afraid of people they know, Fluker Oakley said. "It was nice to have someone from the neighborhood to walk around with because people were more likely to talk and engage."

She added: "I also recognize that most of our electorate in the 12th Suffolk do identify as Age Strong, so some might be on social media but not heavily. I thought it was helpful to have some of that messaging and we finally did our digital ads about two weeks before election day."

After getting some much-needed rest over the holiday weekend, Fluker Oakley said that her team will be re-convening sometime this week to talk about the general election.

"I am grateful for the voters, residents, for Jovan Lacet and Stephanie Everett and all that they gave to this race and have given to our community and will continue to give to our community. I certainly hope to earn their support and the support of their voters going into the general election and I'll be preparing to transition and serve the district full time come January," she said.

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Dorchester was a bright spot for Kennedy in losing bid

BY BILL FORRY
EDITOR

US Rep. Joe Kennedy was defeated in his bid to bump Ed Markey out of the US Senate last Tuesday by a statewide margin of about 10 points, or 55.44 percent. In Boston, the margin was even bigger, with the 74-year-old incumbent besting the 39-year-old Congressman from Newton by an 18-point margin.

But Dorchester — as it turned out — was much friendlier to Kennedy

than most sections of the capital city. In fact, when the *Reporter* crunched the precinct-by-precinct results made available by the city's Election Dept., it found that Kennedy had won Dorchester by about five points, roughly 52.47 percent.

Markey was strongest in the 12 precincts of Ward 16, the section of Dorchester that includes Neponset, Cedar Grove, Ashmont-Adams, St. Mark's Area, Pope's Hill, and parts of Fields

Corner. He won every precinct in the ward, with the exception of Florian Hall's 16-12, typically home to a more conservative vote, which went Kennedy's way by 68 votes.

But Kennedy dominated in the other four wards — 13, 14, 15, and 17 — that make up the bulk of the neighborhood. He was strongest in Ward 14, which includes parts of Dorchester west of Washington Street — including areas

around Franklin Park and Franklin Field and the Blue Hill Avenue corridor. While Markey performed better in some parts of ward 17 — winning in places like Lower Mills, for instance, Kennedy outpaced him in Codman Square and in precincts along the Mattapan-Dorchester line into ward 18.

Kennedy also topped the ticket in Bowdoin-Geneva and Uphams Corner. Markey, notably, won by a large margin in

Savin Hill's bellwether precinct, 13-10, which Kennedy stopped by late in the day on Tuesday.

Markey's landslide win in Boston, then, was earned in other neighborhoods, most notable among them East Boston — where Kennedy failed to win a single precinct. Markey also piled on lopsided returns in places like Jamaica Plain, Roslindale, Allston-Brighton, West Roxbury, and South Boston.

Turnout in last week's election was 33.33 percent, according to the city's Election department. That is higher — by percentage — than any other Democratic primary since 2008, which posted a 34 percent turnout. But as noted by BNN-TV's Chris Lovett, the total number of votes cast last Tuesday in Boston — 140,119 — was actually higher than 2008, since there are now more enrolled voters in the city.

Walsh: Wu will run for mayor next year

(Continued from page 1) in 2017, did not comment when asked if he will seek a third term next year.

"Right now, I'm focused on running the city and getting us through the Covid-19 crisis that we're having in Boston as you can tell," Walsh told reporters. "We're talking about working on reopening schools and making sure that people losing employment don't continue to. We want to continue to create jobs and fight for equity. My job right now is focusing on being the mayor of Boston."

"When I'm not on duty as mayor, my job is to elect Joe Biden and Kamala Harris as the president and vice president of the United States of America," Walsh said. "We need an administration in Washington that we can work

with for the next four years." There'll be plenty of time for conversations later on, he added.

Jessicah Pierre, a spokesperson for Wu, said in a statement that "Councilor Wu believes that in this moment of hardship in our city, each one of us should be asking ourselves how we can make a difference in strengthening our communities and fighting for change that matches the scale and urgency of our current challenges."

According to a recent filing with the state's Office of Campaign and Political Finance, Wu's expenditures in August totaled an unusually high amount — \$53,363. She spent \$20,000 on "campaign emails/digital ads" and \$2,500 on a monthly campaign ad retainer. Both services were

purchased from Authentic Campaigns, which is described on its website as "a full service digital communications shop" for Democratic clients.

Wu also spent \$15,000 on "campaign video production services" at Blue State Digital, a digital strategy and technology firm based in Chicago that specializes in online fundraising, advocacy, social networking, and constituency development. She has a little more than \$346,000 in cash on hand, compared to Walsh's \$5.5 million.

Since her election to the council in 2013, Wu has emerged as a force in city politics, topping the at-large ticket in the last two election cycles. In 2016, she became the first woman of color to be elected council president by her peers.

She has called on the Leg-

islature to better fund the beleaguered MBTA (maybe, she says, make it a fare-free operation) and spoke up loudly last year with a 72-page review of her concerns about the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA). Bottom line: She wanted it "abolished."

More recently, Wu has criticized the Walsh administration's Boston Racial Equity Fund and Resiliency Fund, arguing that they present potential conflicts of interest for donors who have business before the city and do not do enough to address systemic racism. In late August, she successfully lobbied her colleagues on the council to block appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeal (ZBA,) citing the need for structural changes.

Wu may not be the only person to emerge to run for mayor next year. District 4 Council-

lor Andrea Campbell, also a former council president, has been moving money into her campaign coffers. According to OCPF, she has \$285,000 in the bank, which is considered a large sum for a district councillor. However, unlike Wu, Campbell has not been spending large sums — yet.

On Monday, after the news about a Wu candidacy was reported by the *Globe*, at-large Councillor Julia Mejia took to Twitter to say: "I recommend that everyone wait until all 2021 candidates come out before jumping on board anyone's bandwagon. In 2021 I predict 5-6 mayoral candidates, 20 at-large candidates, at least 1-3 for each district, and with so many people running we'll have lots of viable options. Wait to see who gets on the ballot, best represents your values, then decide who you want to support. Be informed."

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Those murals on the Strand's doors carry a teenage touch

By DANIEL SHEEHAN
ARTS & FEATURES EDITOR

For five weeks this summer, a team of Boston teens worked on improvement projects at the Strand Theatre in Dorchester, repainting interior walls and creating an exterior mural with the help of local artist Alvin Colón.

The project was undertaken as part of the City of Boston's Department of Youth Engagement & Employment SuccessLink program, which employs Boston's youth at community-based organizations with the goal of providing those between the ages of 15-24 with opportunities to build soft skills and key competencies to prepare for future career opportunities and academic success – while also helping organizations fulfill their missions and reach organizational goals.

"I am so proud of the work that is being done through the SuccessLink program," said Mayor Martin Walsh. "To see the work of the program being linked to a theater that has been such an iconic building and cultural center in Uphams Corner is wonderful. These murals will improve the look of the Strand and enhance the neighborhood."

The Strand, a cultural landmark built in 1918, has undergone several renovations in the past century. Adding another pop of color outside the theater was just one of the ways the youth team contributed.

"We didn't have a clear



From left to right: Alvin Colón, Avaughn Hardin, supervisor Grete Langrind, Nick Martin, and Mackenzie Brown.
Photo courtesy City of Boston

plan for the kids," explained property manager Juan Morales. "We just had to get them into the Strand and get them busy."

Initially, Morales had the three teens, Isabel Slater, 16, Avaughn Hardin, 15, and Mackenzie Brown, 15, painting dressing rooms within the theater. They were assisted by supervisor Grete Langrind.

Once the interior painting was complete, Morales decided that they should then focus on improvements to the outside. With the help of Strand Theatre manager Melody Green, they decided to create murals on the fire exit doors that are on multiple sides of the building.

Morales contacted Alvin

Colón and asked if he was available for the project. "I made myself available for it," said Colón. "It was spontaneous. With this project, I wanted to take a pause and go back to what I love."

Alvin "Acoma" Colón of Boston has been an artist for over 22 years, and a curator for 6 years. He designed murals for the doors, in some cases, drawing inspiration from an African deity and tapping into Sumerian designs.

The project turned out to be an educational experience for the teens, with Colón letting them practice on back doors before finishing the final product in front. "We had them start with these doors so they could get better," Colón

explained. "They improved their skills and by the end, they were consistent with their color flow and shapes. They've learned how to mix colors, how to create steady lines, and how to have good posture and be calm."

During the mural process, supervisor Langrind, who has a painting degree from the Rhode Island School of Design, stayed on to assist and proved integral to the finishing of their final mural.

In the last week of the program, one of the teens was not available, so the team brought in a new intern, Nick Martin, 15, to help.

The final mural, which incorporates Sumerian designs, features a variety of colors,

all mixed by the young folks. "We added this pattern and all of these colors to say to the public that Boston is very colorful," explained Colón. "These colors represent the people in Boston and the motions are supposed to be playful dancing, to tie into the Strand."

For at least one of the students, the project is more than just a job. Mackenzie Brown has developed an interest in art through her participation in the program and has bought some art supplies to use at home. She is proud of the work she accomplished at the Strand. "I'm bringing my family and my cousins to see it next week," she said.



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Dot Club runners aim for marathon finish by Monday

BY DANIEL SHEEHAN
REPORTER STAFF

Seven members of the Dorchester Running Club (DRC) will hit the pavement this weekend to participate in the Boston Marathon, which for the first time in 124 years is being held virtually instead of in-person. An eighth runner, Dianna Maneksha of

Dorchester, will compete in a virtual version of the Connemara Marathon, which was also cancelled.

The Boston Marathon contingent will run for charities and causes of their choice: Jean Adams, Kris Baker, and Mary Morgan are running for Team MR8; Beth Bailey for the

Shawn Thornton Foundation; Lindsay Kennedy for the Remember Betty Foundation; Megan Mahoney for Jake Kennedy; and Kathy Mullen for the Vanessa T Marcotte Foundation. Together, the runners have fundraised thousands of dollars for their causes.

Runners can complete the 26.2 route on their own anytime between Sept. 5 and next Monday (Sept. 14).

DRC president Ste-

fanie O’Shea has set out a Dorchester-centric route for her fellow runners that will lead them from Adams Village to the Back Bay and back.

“The Dorchester Running Club has made our own route that starts and ends at the Eire Pub, winding them around the city, by the traditional finish line, and along our favorite route by UMass,” said O’Shea. “We have members doing water stops along the way and

hope that people will cheer them on along the route.”

O’Shea added that she was impressed by the dedication of the DRC marathoners, whose race preparations were interrupted by the onset of the pandemic earlier this year.

They were essentially forced to repeat their entire months-long mental and physical training process, she explained.

“They started training for Boston in November

and had just completed their long runs of 18-20 miles in training when everything shut down in March. After the Marathon was cancelled and a new September date announced, they started all over again and kept at it even as we learned there would be no in-person marathon.”

For more details about the makeshift marathon route and opportunities to cheer on runners, contact dorchesterrunningclub@gmail.com.

Team MR8 set for final Marathon run in virtual fashion

(Continued from page 1) ment to fundraise for a Legacy Fund anchored in promoting inclusion, kindness, social justice, and peace.”

On Monday, the Foundation kicked off a week-long campaign to commemorate and celebrate all who have laced up or supported a runner to advance the organization’s mission in the last seven years. Since 2014, more than 1,000 runners have raced over 23,000 miles and raised more than \$6 million to establish a Legacy Fund that will ensure that the Foundation’s grant making continues to fund direct service, community-based organizations that address social equity in the areas

of youth development, adaptive and inclusive efforts, and community building.

A highlight of the campaign will be an art installation in Martin’s Park later this week.

Team MR8 will continue to promote teamwork and healthy lifestyles while challenging runners to #RunForMore through the MR8K race, the organization’s new annual signature event co-sponsored with Dave McGillivray Sports Enterprises and the Boston Bruins Foundation in which runners of all abilities participate in a family-friendly road race to collectively advance the spirit of sportsmanship and inclusion in Boston.

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Contractor fined \$75K for illegal donations to Walsh, Flaherty

BY CHRIS LISINSKI
STATE HOUSE
NEWS SERVICE

A New Hampshire contracting company will pay a \$75,000 fine to Massachusetts after the Office of Campaign and Political Finance determined it illegally provided corporate funds to employees for donations to the campaigns of Boston Mayor Martin Walsh and a city councilor.

In violation of Massachusetts campaign finance law, employees of Select Demo Services LLC donated a total of \$21,000 from their personal accounts for which they had been paid by the company, OCPF announced Tuesday.

Twenty employees or affiliated individuals with the specialty contracting firm based in Salem, New Hamp-

shire each made \$1,000 contributions to Walsh's campaign in December 2019, campaign finance regulators found.

Donations made by personal check were dated on or about Dec. 4, 2019. Select Demo had issued \$1,000 checks to each of those workers on or about Dec. 3, 2019, according to the investigation.

Around Sept. 19, 2019, an employee also donated \$1,000 to Boston City Councillor Michael Flaherty's campaign, money the company said it also provided.

In every instance, the employees donated to Walsh and Flaherty "at the request or suggestion" of company president Ryan Denver and were told they could seek reimbursement from the company, according to a disposition agreement signed by Denver and OCPF Director Pro Tem Michael Sullivan.

Workers agreed to make the contributions voluntarily and were not pressured to do so.

Massachusetts campaign finance law prohibits corporations from directly or indirectly

donating to a political candidate and bans contributors from disguising the "true origin" of the funds.

Denver, whose company has about \$125 million in annual sales and an office in Boston, told regulators that he was unaware of those provisions when he asked his employees to contribute to Walsh and Flaherty's campaigns.

"Whoever contributed funds ultimately derived from Select Demo did so willingly, voluntarily, and without malintent," OCPF wrote in a section of the agreement outlining Denver's position. "Denver only wanted to support candidates whom he believed shared similar values. Neither Denver nor Select Demo has ever asked for or received anything in exchange for supporting the particular candidates; indeed, Select Demo has never directly bid for or performed work for the City of Boston."

OCFP said it started its investigation following a "routine review" of campaign finance reports filed by Walsh and Flaherty's committees. Regulators examined bank records of the donors and other information.

The two campaigns were not aware of the violations behind the contributions, according to OCPF. Neither Walsh nor Flaherty's offices responded to requests for comment Tuesday.

Under the disposition agreement with OCPF, Select Demo will pay a \$75,000 civil forfeiture into the Massachusetts general fund and implement a campaign finance law training program for its employees.

The office agreed not to refer Select Demo or Denver to the attorney general or any other governmental agency for the specific violations laid out in the agreement.

Walsh and Flaherty will need to disgorge the \$21,000 they received in prohibited funds. An OCPF spokesperson said that money will also go to the general fund, pushing the total amount added as a result of the settlement to \$96,000.

OCFP records show a range of other donations by Select Demo employees that were not part of the violations, including past support of Walsh and contributions to Gov. Charlie Baker's during his 2018 re-election campaign.

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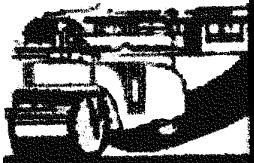
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The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for Irretrievable Breakdown. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Joann Bautista, 5 Peterborough St., Apt. 7, Boston, MA 02115 your answer, if any, on or before 11/04/2020. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 1, 2020

Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate

Published: September 10, 2020

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 Docket No. SU20D0360DR DIVORCE SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION and MAILING SANDRA LEVYONE CUMBERBATCH vs. CHRISTOPHER PHILLIP SANDIFORD To the Defendant:

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

You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Sandra Leyvone Cumberbatch, 60 Clarence St., Unit 2, Everett, MA 02149 your answer, if any, on or before 10/08/2020. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.

Date: August 20, 2020

Felix D. Arroyo
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Published: September 10, 2020

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT SUFFOLK DIVISION 24 NEW CHARDON STREET BOSTON, MA 02114 Docket No. SU20P0169EA ESTATE OF: CLIVE J. KEAZER: DATE OF DEATH: 08/18/2019

To all interested persons:

A petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Eileen Collins-Keazer of Dorchester, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Eileen Collins-Keazer of Dorchester, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/08/2020.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

Unsupervised Administration Under The Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code (MUPC)

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

Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.

Date: August 27, 2020

Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate

Published: September 10, 2020

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT PROBATE & FAMILY COURT Suffolk Probate & Family Court 24 New Chardon Street Boston, MA 02114 (617) 788-8300 CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION Docket No. SU20P1533EA ESTATE OF: RICHARD JAMES DOWLING: DATE OF DEATH: 05/02/2020

To all interested persons:

A petition for Formal Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by Thomas Dowling of Quincy, MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Thomas Dowling of Quincy, MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 10/07/2020.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.

Date: August 26, 2020

Felix D. Arroyo
Register of Probate

Published: September 10, 2020

Two from Dorchester earn \$10k scholarships from Red Sox

Jalil Presley-Rogers from Bridge Boston Charter School and Tachenia Saintil from UP Academy Boston, both 13 and of Dorchester, were selected last month as two of 12 Boston Public School 7th graders to receive \$10,000 college scholarships from the Red Sox Foundation.

The college success program provides academic, professional, and social support to each student for at least nine years to ensure they graduate from college with as little debt as possible and are prepared to enter the workforce.

Presley-Rogers is described as an exceptional student who has won academic awards which include recognition for perfect attendance, Student of the Month, and Honor Roll. In his free time, Jalil likes to participate in team sports, including basketball, soccer, football, and volleyball because it gives him the opportunity to meet new people, work as part of a team, and tackle new challenges. Jalil is also learning how to play and master the violin and other instruments as a creative form of expression.

Saintil was hailed as a very active member in her school community who has received "Student of the Month"



Jalil Presley-Rogers and Tachenia Saintil of Dorchester received \$10,000 college scholarships as part of the Red Sox Foundation's Red Sox Scholars Program during a special ceremony at Fenway Park on August 24.

Boston Red Sox photo

and Honor Roll awards throughout her academic career. She is a member of her school's

Student Council and is responsible for assisting

in the planning and execution of fundraisers for student activities. Outside of school, Tachenia is involved with her local church choir where she practices and performs for her congregation.

Red Sox Scholars is a college success program managed by the Foundation and presented by Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center (BIDMC), the Official Hospital & Official Health Care Provider of the Boston Red Sox and Fenway Park. The Red Sox and Red Sox Foundation have supported and empowered 313 students to pursue their goals since the program's creation in 2003.

Throughout the years, 100 percent of the Red Sox Scholars have grad-

uated from high school and enrolled in a 2- or 4-year college program. With that, approximately 80 percent of Red Sox Scholars in the Class of 2020 graduated from a post-secondary program within 4 years.

The Red Sox Scholars program receives funding from American Student Assistance, Aramark, Biogen Foundation, Eastern Bank, Doris Buffett's Letters Foundation, The Lynch Foundation, Northern Trust and PGA Tour, Sunovion Pharmaceuticals, and Winter-Lehman Foundation as well as by Red Sox Foundation fundraising events. Red Sox outfielder Jackie Bradley Jr. and his wife Erin serve as the Program Captains.



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Event Description

This PLAN: Mattapan workshop will be a continuation of the August presentation. The planning team will provide a brief refresher of our August meeting and then move into small group activities. There will be an opportunity for large group questions and answers at the end of the meeting.

The purpose of this meeting is to:

- Share and discuss existing building heights, allowable zoning, and potential future heights
- Further the development of urban design guidelines and zoning for Mattapan's corridors

We will incorporate recommendations from other City and State Agencies that are also conducting and implementing various planning efforts in and across Mattapan. We encourage attendees to revisit the toolkits produced for previous workshops that include a brief overview of Article 60 (Mattapan's zoning code) and Article 80 Project Review, which can be found on our website.

Translated materials and interpretation services will be provided in Haitian Creole and Spanish.

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Crusaders win ADSL girls softball championship

BY KEVIN MONAHAN
SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

On Friday night, more than 100 spectators witnessed a gem of ADSL girls' softball Majors championship game at Toohig Park. The event quickly grabbed the attention of the entire park ranging from toddlers in the playground to a men's basketball game in the court. All activity in the park paused to focus on a group of 10-12 year old girls playing their hearts out.

The story line going into the game was whether Card/Jays (merged Cardinal-Card/Jays) could touch the Crusaders' star picture Christina George, who blanked them in last year's playoffs. That question was answered early as the Card/Jays pounced in the first inning. The first four batters sprayed the field with solid hits, highlighted by Colleen Sansone's two-RBI triple paving

the way to a Card/Jays 3-0 first inning lead.

The Card/Jays came ready to hit and showed confidence, and the Crusaders were stunned.

After a pep talk from coaches Kevin George and Neil Janulewicz, the Crusaders regrouped and answered with three runs of their own. Kelly McKenna reached base on a single and scored on a hit by Christina George. Caitlin Sweeney and Emma Allen followed with walks to load the bases. Izzy McQuaid drove a clutch bases loaded single past third base to bring Sweeney and Allen to cross home plate.

In the top of the second, the Card/Jays scored two more runs as Audrey Kelley blasted a triple to deep left field, bringing home Maeve Pugsley and Addie Willet. Kelley was held to third by some solid play by speedy left fielder Kalin Walsh using the cut off.

That key defensive play by Walsh proved to be the turning point for the Crusader defense, as they settled down.

The Crusaders' offense answered in the top of the second again with three more runs. Molly Hearon singled and Maggie Janulewicz walked. Zoe Baxter drove Hearon in with a big single. The veteran Grace Foley followed with another single, scoring Crusader rookies Maggie Janulewicz and Zoe Baxter. Sarah Mullen followed with solid contact, but the Card/Jays Lila Curley caught Foley trying to advance to third, ending the Crusader rally.

After two innings: Crusaders 6, Card/Jays 5.

After that, the starting pitchers, Christina George and Addie Willet, tamed the hot bats with the help of more solid defense.

In the top of the inning, after the first batter had

reached base, speedy Taryn Daniels belted one down the first base line but Kelly McKenna countered with a nice snag for the out. George struck out the next batter, then calmly fielded her position and fired a strike to McKenna for the final out of the third.

In the bottom of the third, the Crusaders threatened to put more runs on the board, but fell short. Ava Porter led off with a walk. Rory Shields hammered a grounder to short that moved Porter into scoring position with the heart of the Crusader order coming up. McKenna followed Shields with a double to left. Porter rounded third trying to score, but was caught at home by a 7-6-1-2 put out as Ella Cheney, Meghan McGoldrick and Rosaleen McLaughlin showed off high level skills capped by an all-star play by catcher Makala Miller.

Pitcher Addie Willet closed out the inning by snagging a Crusader's line shot back to the mound.

In the fourth, the Crusader defense continued to lock down the Card/Jays' high-powered offense. George introduced some effective changes that frustrated the Card/Jay iron of the order.

George picked up two more Ks. And Riley Porter finished off the Card/Jays' top of the order

with a pair of flawless 6-3 put outs. In the bottom of the fourth, the Crusaders added to their lead. Sara Lynch led off with a walk. Sweeney followed with a key single just past the reach of the pitcher. Lynch, with some heads up base running, advanced to third when the Card/Jays tried to catch Sweeney at first, then scored on an overthrow when the Card/Jays tried to catch Lynch at third. Emma Allen then drove in Sweeney with another single. Riley Porter and Molly Hearon followed with walks to load the bases. Rookie Maggie Janulewicz then drove Allen in with a bases loaded single, giving the Crusaders a four-run cushion. After 4: Crusaders 9, Card/Jays 5.

The teams traded 0s in the fifth with more solid pitching and defense. George got the first and third outs by catching pop-ups back to the pitcher's mound. Sara Lynch made a key play at shortstop, knocking down a sharp grounder by Sansone and firing the best throw of the game to McKenna at first that barely beat the swift runner.

Sansone relieved Addie on the mound and struck out the first two Crusader batters. Anna Mullen kept the Crusader inning alive by beating out a ground-

er with lightning fast speed. Mallory Hanlon extended the inning with a tough at bat that ended in a walk. With the Crusaders threatening once again with a runner in scoring position, Ava Porter made solid contact but Sansone ended the rally with a pair of 1-3 putouts with Audrey Kelly, at first who played a stellar game in the field and at the plate.

Going into the top of the last inning it was still Crusaders 9, Card/Jays 5. The Card/Jays' offense was poised for a rally, and both benches were lively and cheering loudly. But Card/Jays hopes were dashed in the end by more solid pitching as George struck out the side.

Hats off to the Card/Jays coaches Jason Willet, Noreen and Matt Kelley whose team improved immensely over the season. Congratulations to Crusader coaches Kevin George and Neil Janulewicz for bringing the Crusaders their first ever championship. Big thanks to Candice Gartley of ADSL for bringing some exciting safe fun for the youth to our parks. Stay tuned for Thursday's Seniors championship game at Toohig between the Eagles and the Hawks.

Kevin P. Monahan is the ADSL Girls' Softball Commissioner.

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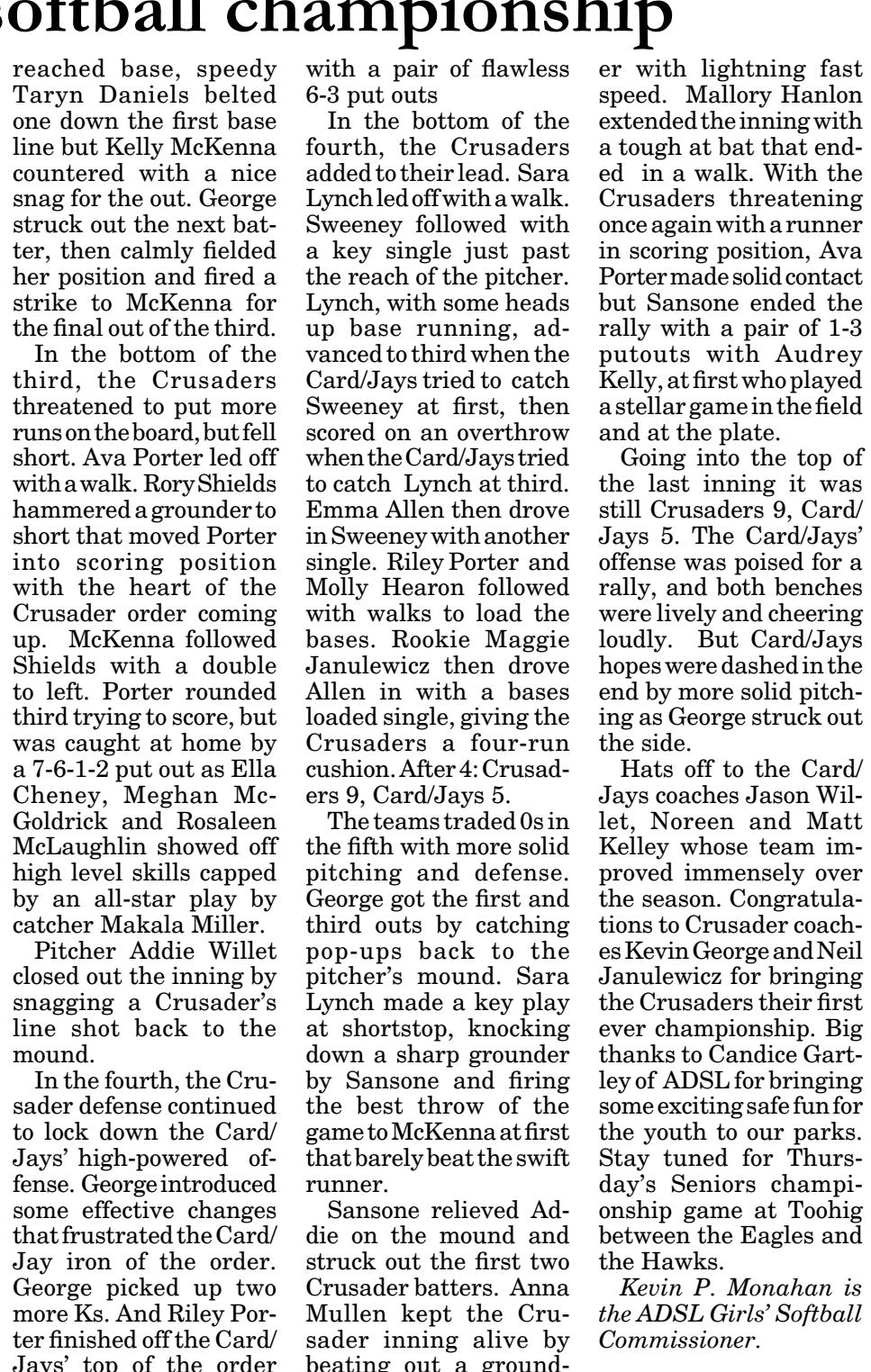
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BGCD Partners with Elevate Youth for Virtual Camp Northbound Hike: With the COVID-19 pandemic in place, BGCD and Camp Micah were unable to team up this Summer for our Annual Camp Northbound trip. Along with the support of the Mark Wahlberg Youth Foundation, Camp Northbound allows 150+ BGCD members and staff to attend a one-week overnight camp experience in Maine. The camp is a staple of the Summer schedule and is something we all have looked forward to since 2006.

BGCD staff members and our friends at Elevate Youth were able to offer a few special events to mark the occasion. One of the events included a hike of the Blue Hills to help bring camp to life. A special thanks to Elevate Youth for your continued partnership.

FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE:
BGCD Takes Part in 30th Annual Rodman Ride for Kids Virtual Event: Staff members at Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester are so excited for this year's Virtual Rodman Ride for Kids on September 26th. We are working hard to raise critical funds for the Club we love. If you would like to join our team, you still have time!

This year the Ride is virtual but no less important. We are giving you the opportunity to help. Whether you get on a bike, create your own adventure or just spread the word - you're making a difference! We know that fundraising now is difficult, but like any challenge - we need to face it head on together.

Join Team BGCD today or donate at rodmanrideforkids.donordrive.com/event/bgcd2020 and help us cross the finish line!



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DID YOU KNOW:
Members of BGCD Boston Marathon Team Run the Virtual Marathon on September 12th: We have three members of our 2020 Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester Marathon Team who will run this year's virtual Boston Marathon on Saturday September 12th.

Our team members will begin the marathon at 8 AM and will leave from our Clubhouse on Dorchester Ave. We will be able to track them as they complete their 26.2 mile journey through the streets of Boston and then lead them back to our Clubs to cross the finish line.

Thank you to our entire BGCD Marathon Team who helped raise vital funds to support our Clubs and families. Good luck to our team members on September 12th!

UPDATES

Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester "BGCD At Home" Virtual Programming:

BGCD's virtual programming has finished our summer programming. Please keep an eye out for our fall schedule with fun new programs coming soon.

For more information or to register your child, please email Brendan McDonald at bmcDonald@bgcdorchester.org or call 617-288-7120.



Softball season ended memorably at Toohig Park



Nina Kelley smacks one.



Crusader Team (Top row, l-r): Anna Mullen, Sarah Mullen, Christina George, Caitlin Sweeney, Kalin Walsh, Riley Porter, Emma Allen, Kelly McKenna, Grace Foley, Sarah Lynch, Mallory Hanlon. Front row, from left: Ava Porter, Zoe Baxter, Maggie Januliwitz, Izzy McQuaide, Molly Hearon, Rory Shields.



Colleen Sansone hurls one.



Card/Blue Jays: Top (l-r) Lila Curley, Katie Kelley, Ella Cheney, Niamh Tobin, Audrey Kelley, Meave Pugsley, Rosaleen McLaughlin, Colleen Sansone, Maeve Flaherty, Addison Willet, Makayla Miller, Valentina Villanueva. Bottom row: Rozelin Arquinzoni, Bridgid Casey, Emma Brooks, Meghan McGoldrick, Nina Kelley, Taryn Daneils. (Not shown: Taryn McGuire). Coaches Jason Willet & Noreen Kelley.



Riley Porter waits on a pitch.



Christina George winds up.



The Curley family socially distances while watching the action. All photos: Kevin Monahan

RECENT OBITUARIES



BROSNAHAN, Margaret E. "Bette" (Allen) of Wrentham, formerly of Easton and Canton. Wife of the late Daniel T. Mother of Daniel J. Brosnahan and his wife Lisa of Lynnfield, MaryBeth White and her husband Dan of Norfolk, Rita Johnson and her husband Brian of Sharon, and Jennifer Gay and her husband Kenny of Uxbridge. Sister of John Allen of Uxbridge, Fred Allen of Thompson, CT and the late Mary Bixby and Rita Davis. Also survived by 8 grandchildren. Donations may be made in her memory to Hope Hospice, 1324 Belmont St., Brockton, MA 02301.

CUSSEN, Anne Marie of Dorchester.

Daughter of the late John W. and Grace (Doherty) Cussen. Sister of the late Theresa Cussen and the late John Cussen. Retired Boston School teacher. Please consider a donation to Project Hope Boston, 550 Dudley St., Roxbury, MA 02119.

GALEWSKI, Maureen P. (Grant) of Quincy, formerly of South Boston. Mother of Kacie Rogers and her husband Timmy, and Kiley Galewski, all of Dorchester. Grandmother of 2, sister of Tim Grant and his wife Lynn, Rene Grant, and the late Cindy Heiskell, daughter of Ralph Grant and his wife Doris, and the late Anne (Marks) Grant, niece of Charles Marks. Also survived by her many nieces, nephews and her dogs Emmett and Otis. Maureen was a longtime employee of National Grid and the Steel Workers Union Local 12003. Also longtime member of the Roofers Union Local 33. Donations in memory of Maureen may be made to the Susan G. Komen

Foundation, 13770 Noel Road Suite 801889, Dallas, TX 75380.



GREGORIO, Antonia on her 96th birthday. A longtime resident of Saint Augustine, Trinidad and Tobago. She left Trinidad and Tobago and migrated to Boston, MA in 1977. She resided in Dorchester until her passing. Daughter of Celestina Reyes and Julian Marine. Mother of Lita (Gregorio) Thomas, Philomena Shirley (Gregorio) Frank, Francis Xavier Gregorio, Malcolm Wayne Gregorio, and Clint Michael Gregorio. She is survived by 7 siblings by father (the Marines and the Laras). Antonia also leaves 20 grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren.



HANAFIN, Lorraine born in New Bedford as Lorraine Farley to parents Isabelle and Lionel, 79. She leaves behind a loving husband, William, two children, Michelle and Michael, a daughter-in-law, Jean and three grandchildren. She was the oldest of six siblings and also leaves behind three sisters, Carol, Helen and Monica and a brother George. Her brother Ron passed a number of years ago. We would welcome donations to the Wuesthoff Brevard Hospice at 661 Eyster Blvd., Rockledge, FL 32955 in Lorraine's name.

JOHNSON, Leonard, born in 1934 in Bos-



ton to the late Everton C. Johnson and Eugenie H. (Morris) Johnson. Leonard was educated in the Cambridge Public school system. He was inducted into the U.S Army in 1954 and completed his military obligation in 1962. Leonard had two sons Leonard Tracy and Charles Michael Johnson during his first marriage with Judy Robinson. He later married Janice Brown and from that union his daughter Cynthia was born. In 1973 he moved to Mattapan where he lived for the remainder of his life. He is preceded in death his siblings, Elaine Dodson, Curtis Thompson, Olga Johnson, Norma Bookner, Everton Johnson. He leaves to mourn his children Leonard Tracy and wife Carla (Montero), Charles Michael and wife Yvonne Johnson and Cynthia Johnson, his brothers Owen Johnson and Stanley Johnson and wife Vivian (Thompson), his grandchildren Nathaniel, Tristian, Cayden, Cayla and Mekhi and Michael nieces, nephews, great nieces, great nephews and additional family and friends.



MANNION, Patrick J. of Quincy, formerly of Dorchester, born in Gal-

way, Ireland. Husband of the late Annie R. (Lydon). Father of Patrick J. and his wife Christine Mannion of Dorchester, Philomena M. Mannion of Dorchester and John M. and his wife Gina Mannion of Peabody. Grandfather of 8. Brother of Gabriel Mannion of Dorchester, Ann Cosgrove of Dorchester, Mary O'Halloran, Barbara O'Donnell, Peggy Mannion and the late John Mannion, all of Ireland. Remembrances may be made to St. Brendan School in memory of Patrick Mannion.



NIEDERBERGER, Rose Bernadette (Barrette) of Dorchester. Wife of the late Francis L. Niederberger. Mother of Maryann Mulattieri and her husband John of Dorchester, Francis Xavier Niederberger and his late wife Donna of Bourne, Lois Debisz and her husband Manfred of Salem, NH, Mark A. Niederberger and his wife Mary of Dorchester, John A. Niederberger of Taunton, Andrew X. Niederberger and his wife Karen of Topsfield, and Rose Ann Montgomery of Quincy. Grandmother of 8. Great-grandmother of 5. Member of Opus Dei and former art teacher at St. Brendan's School.

At the time of his mother's remarriage in 1976, Rev. Murphy A. Lewis, fondly known as "Pop", raised him along with his brothers Troy and Alan, as his own son. He matriculated to Fitchburg State College in 1984 and later received his Bachelor of Science in Communications/Media/Technical Writing. There Barry met who was to be one of his best friends, Dr. Albert Turner whom remained close by his side until the day he took his very last breath. Father of Alexis Chanté Davis-Smith. His career path included reaching some of the most challenged youth of Boston. He spent a few years as an educator in such Boston Public Schools as the Grover Cleveland Middle School and McKinley Middle School. Barry is preceded in death by his step-father, Rev. Murphy A. Lewis. He leaves to mourn and celebrate his memory, his daughter, Alexis Davis Smith, mother, Delores Lewis, father, Alfred Smith (Jackie), sister, Korian Lewis Bradford (Clint), brothers, Rev. Troy Smith, Alan Smith (Melanie), Jonathan A. J. Lewis, Andrae Klutts and Marcus Smith, sister-friend, Charlene White, and Godchildren Joshua and Jamesia Beasley. He will be missed by a host of nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and extended family members, colleagues, neighbors, and dear friends.

STANLEY, Frances of Dorchester, 79. She was the mother of Paulette Hiddo of Dorchester, Neil Clarke of Stoughton and Wayne Smith of Dorchester. Grandmother of 12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Frances was born and raised in Jamaica and was very proud of her Jamaican heritage. She was a child care provider for many years serving many families with her kind and nurturing



SMITH, Barry Michael born in Boston in 1966 to Delores Smith Lewis and Alfred Smith.

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Employers face ‘staggering’ hike in unemployment taxes

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With unemployment soaring, state lawmakers are considering ways to soften the blow from a major impending increase in the taxes employers pay toward the state’s unemployment system, a jump in costs that one business group described as a “pretty staggering.”

With the unemployment insurance trust fund suddenly facing a multibillion-dollar deficit over the next four years, the contributions required from Massachusetts businesses are set to increase nearly 60 percent when the calendar turns to 2021 and then continue growing at a smaller rate through 2024.

Those higher taxes — estimated at an average of \$319 more per qualifying employee next year — will be due starting in April, raising concerns that the sharp uptick will put a drag on the economic recovery from the ongoing Covid-prompted recession and make it more difficult for employers to bring back jobs they cut.

Christopher Carlozzi, state director for the National Federation of Independent Business Massachusetts, said his group and the employers

with which it works view the projected increases as “a looming crisis. It’s almost a Catch-22,” Carlozzi said in an interview. “You want these businesses creating jobs. Now you’re making it prohibitively more expensive to create a new job by increasing the tax on employers simply to employ people.”

The Legislature has on occasion stepped in to prevent a significant increase from hitting employers, but it’s unclear if it will do so this year. Lawmakers continue to weigh ideas to accelerate economic growth.

During the Great Recession, lawmakers and former Gov. Deval Patrick agreed to several consecutive years of unemployment insurance rate freezes amid projections that the rate schedule would climb to the highest allowable level.

A key lawmaker said this week that the anticipated increase in 2021 might not come to pass.

Sen. Patricia Jehlen, who co-chairs the Labor and Workforce Development Committee, told the News Service she believes the Legislature will look to freeze rates on employers to limit the additional strain, but stressed that because of the size of the shortfall,

will need to play a role in any solution.

“Traditionally, and I think we would want to do this again, we would need to freeze,” Jehlen said. “We would love to freeze rather than allowing it to go up during a recovery because so many businesses are in trouble. But we really need help from the feds to make that possible.

“Like everything else, we’re just totally dependent on the federal government in this situation,” she added.

Over the first six months of the pandemic, Massachusetts has — like many other states — faced an unprecedented level of demand for joblessness benefits and demand remains high. The state paid more than \$4 billion in aid between January and July, compared to just \$812 million over the same period in 2019.

The account used to pay those claims was not equipped for the sudden surge. At the end of July, it was already \$748 million in the red, and the Baker administration projected in an August quarterly report that the shortfall will grow to nearly \$2.5 billion by the end of the year.

Each of the following four years will also run negative, officials estimate, pushing the five-

year total to a roughly \$20 billion net deficit—an outlook that is somewhat better than the \$27 billion net deficit projected in the previous quarterly update issued in May.

To help prevent the fund from becoming insolvent, the average cost per employee is estimated to increase from \$539 in 2020 at rate schedule E to \$858 in 2021 at rate schedule G. Officials expect to remain at the highest rate schedule through 2024, topping out at an average cost per employee of \$925 in the final year of projections.

Carolyn Ryan, senior vice president of policy and research for the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce, said her group’s members are also worried about the impact of the higher contributions amid a recession.

She and other business leaders are weighing possible advocacy efforts, but Ryan warned that the unemployment taxes are “probably the first of many bills” from the pandemic — an economic crisis she said will likely surpass the Great Recession — that Massachusetts will need to pay.

Lawmakers have yet to even embark on debate over an annual budget with a four-month interim spending plan currently in place, and while tax collections are

holding up early in fiscal 2021, experts previously said the state could fall billions of dollars short of pre-pandemic tax revenue estimates.

“There’s going to have to be shared pain. It’s probably some budget cuts, probably some borrowing, probably some revenue raisers in the mix of those,” Ryan said. “It’s going to be painful no matter what. That’s the really sobering part of this. It’s stuff that, if I were in charge, would keep me up at night.”

The current outlook has revived broader debate about the state’s unemployment system and whether its eligibility and benefit levels need to be reformed.

Carlozzi, whose group has been pushing for changes to UI infrastructure for years, said the forthcoming strain makes a clear case that Beacon Hill should consider raising the bar for benefits and lowering the requirements on employers.

He pointed to a December 2019 report from The Tax Foundation, a think tank that broadly supports lower tax burdens, that placed Massachusetts dead last among states in a nationwide ranking based on its rates and its \$15,000 taxable wage base.

“It is something law-

makers may want to consider at this point because it’s going to be a difficult tax to pay for employers, especially those looking to get people back working again under very difficult circumstances,” Carlozzi said. “They really haven’t had an appetite to do it, but it might be the time.”

Labor organizations have often resisted calls to restructure the system, describing unemployment benefits as a key crutch to keep workers afloat during challenging times and promote economic development.

Phineas Baxandall, a senior analyst at the left-leaning Massachusetts Budget and Policy Center, argued that agreeing to scale back the system would only set the state up to fall short at protecting its residents from future economic harm.

“To me, one of the real lessons from the last months is how the unemployment system has saved the Massachusetts economy from freefall,” Baxandall said. “It has saved us from a chain reaction in which layoffs erase consumer demand and even workers with jobs cease spending because they’re just a pink slip away from destitution.”

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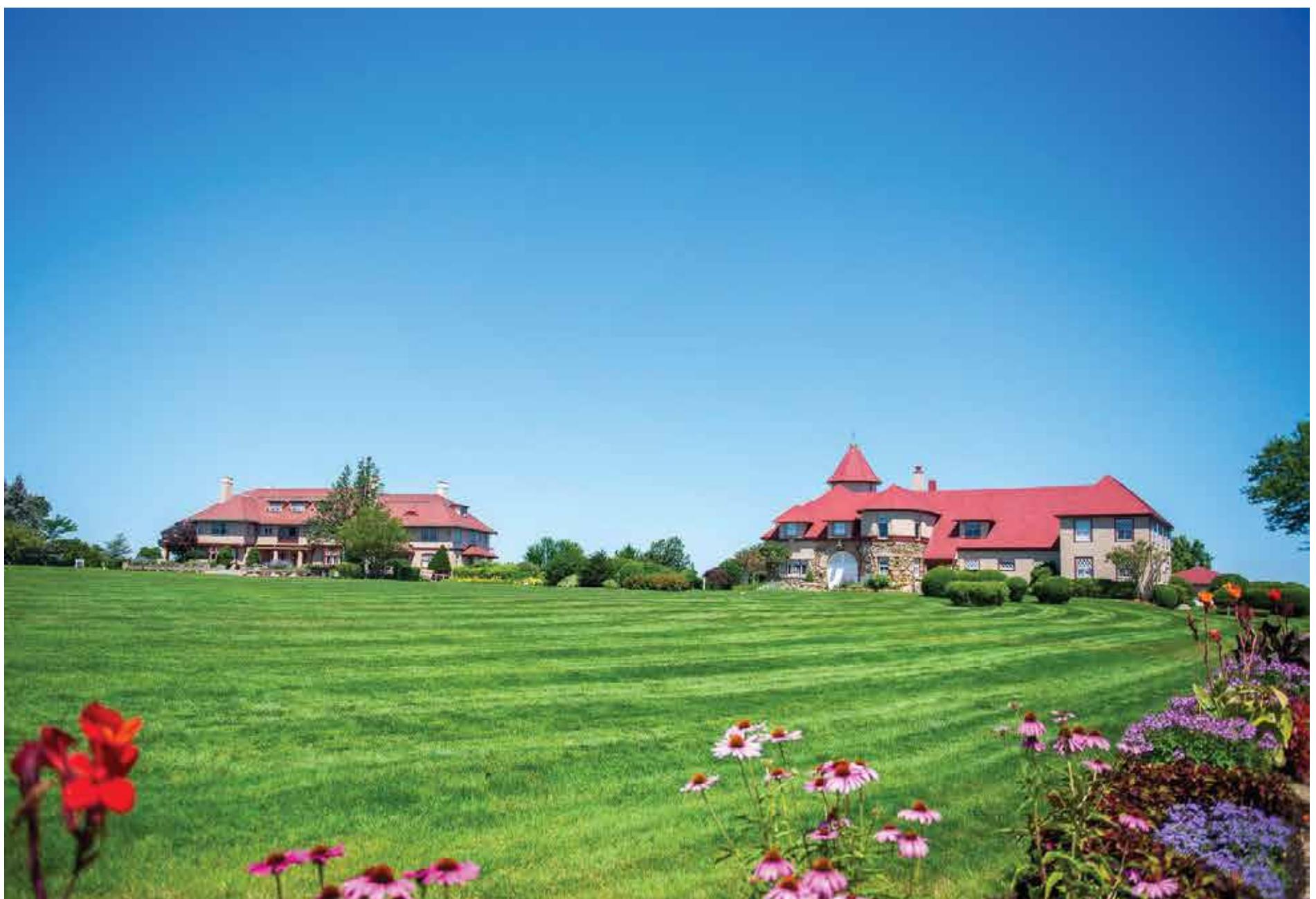
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