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FIRST of TWO – Stanley Wojtas, an Emergency Medical Technician with Brewster Ambulance Service, received his first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine from Susan Hagenty, RN, at Dorchester's Carney Hospital on Tuesday morning. Carney – which has already vaccinated all employees who asked for the shots—expects to vaccinate at least 25 first responders this week while registering more. Said Wojtas: "I believe everyone should get it. This is the only way we can get over this pandemic."

\*\*Carney Hospital photo\*\*

## Survey suggests that a fifth of Bostonians won't take the vaccine

By Daniel Sheehan Reporter Staff

With the Covid-19 vaccine in the early stages of the rollout in Massachusetts, a new polling report indicates that major disparities exist among different populations within the city of Boston as to whether or not to get vaccinated.

In the summer of 2020, the Boston Area Research Initiative (BARI) at Northeastern University, the Center for Survey Research (CSR) at University of Massachusetts Boston, and the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) conducted a survey among 1,626 Bostonians about their experiences during the first months of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a mail and web-based follow-up survey conducted in September 2020, respondents were asked about their plans with respect to taking the vaccine – definitely, probably, probably not, or definitely not.

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# With voting timetable unsure, candidate field is in topsy-turvy mode

Walsh resignation date is key

By Katie Trojano Reporter Staff

The field of potential candidates to succeed Mayor Walsh, Secretary of Labor-designate in the Biden Cabinet, dwindled down over the last week as city councillors and others eyeing the seat waited warily to see what sort of election schedule they will be confronting during this municipal election year.

The popular incumbent from Dorchester will likely resign sometime next month upon his Senate confirmation, in the process passing his duties off to City Council president, Kim Janey, who will serve as acting mayor until an election is held.

The timing of when voters will get their first opportunity to pick a successor will likely impact who will run, and who won't. Per the city's charter, if Walsh resigns before March 5, his departure would trigger a special election— a preliminary followed by a runoff between the two highest vote getters— that would be scheduled for early summer.

The council, however, is considering a Home Rule Petition that would override that statutory provision and leave the entire matter for voters to decide in the regularly scheduled elections in September and November.

The petition, which was debated by the full council last week and sent to a committee for further review, would need to be approved by a majority of the council and by Walsh before going to the Legislature and the governor for consideration. (See related story in this edition.)

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Council President Kim Janey. Chris Lovett photo

## Mayor-to-be Janey's focus: 'Seamless transition'

By BILL FORRY EDITOR

While there are plenty of unanswered questions about what the next 10 months hold for Boston City Hall, there is one certainty: City Council President Kim Janey will be the next mayor of Boston for at least a few months—and possibly longer.

Janey will take control of the Mayor's Office the minute that Mayor Walsh submits his letter of resignation to City Clerk Maureen Feeney, the former city councillor from Dorchester who is next in line of succession. She would be acting

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## Council conundrum: election scheduling

By Katie Trojano Reporter Staff

The Boston City Council last Wednesday debated the merits of a Home Rule Petition that, if approved through four stages of signoffs, would set aside a special election that, according to the city charter,

would be triggered if Mayor Walsh vacates his seat before March 5.

The petition, introduced by Councillor Ricardo Arroyoa week earlier, must be approved by a majority of the council and Walsh before it is sent to the Legislature and the

governor for their approvals.

After the debate, the petition was sent for further study by a committee chaired by Councillor Lydia Edwards.

During the virtual Council meeting on Jan. 13, Arroyo argued that voters should wait

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Courtesy Richard family/Cedar Grove Gardens

## Pandemic down time lets Dot teen mold his passion with pottery making

By Daniel Sheehan Reporter Staff

Dorchester has long been known for its famed blue and white pottery, a distinctive look introduced toward the end of the 19th century by potter George Henderson that remains desirable in certain stoneware circles. Today. a Dorchester teen has taken up the torch and is keeping the kiln lit, so to speak. Faced with an ample amount of down time over the past year, 18-year-old Henry Richard chose to spend a good portion of it pursuing a personal

passion: pottery. He told the *Reporter* that he first became interested in pottery after taking a class on the subject as a sophomore at Thayer Academy. After graduating in the middle of a global health crisis in the spring of last

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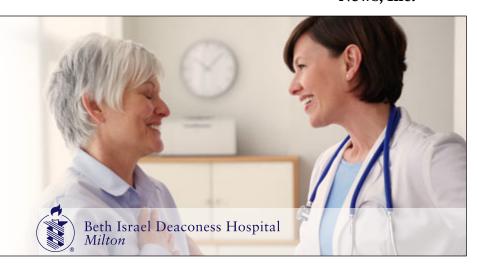


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### Police, Courts & Fire

### Dot teen, 17, shot dead; Dorchester man, 18, held, charged with the murder



A Boston Police photo shows a car connected to a hit-and-run incident on Blue Hill Ave. on Jan. 6.



Akeem Polimis

A 17-year-old boy from Dorchester was found shot to death in a car in Quincy on Friday night (Jan. 15), according to Boston Police, who say they have arrested an 18-year-old man from Dorchester on murder

Akeem Polimis, a student at the Codman Academy Charter Public School, was fatally shot at 29 Ferndale St. near Codman Square around 6:45 p.m. on Friday, police say. However, somebody put him into a car, and drove him to Victory Road in Quincy's Squantum neighborhood, where police found him dead in the car.

Juan Nazario, 18, of Dorchester, was arrested around 11:30 a.m. on Saturday on charges of murder and unlawful possession of a gun and ammunition. Police did not sav if Nazario was the one who drove Polimis's body to Quincy, but whoever did crashed into  $a\,car\,at\,Adams\,and\,Park$ streets in Dorchester, which caused the front

bumper to fall off farther down Park Street as the driver made his way to the Expressway.

Firefighters responded to two house fires in the  $neighborhood \, last \, Thurs$ day morning. The first blaze at a three-decker home on Sudan Street ripped through the rear of all three floors. Boston Fire Chief John Dempsey told NBC Boston that four adults evacuated after the smoke detectors went off. Just a few hours later, firefighters responded to a second fire at 252 Adams St. and were able to extinguish it before 7 a.m. There were no reports of injury in either incident..

Boston Police have asked for the public's help in locating a motor vehicle sought for a hitand-run crash on the evening of Sun., Jan. 6, that left a pedestrian seriously hurt. The crash occurred around 5:15 in the area of 618 Blue Hill Ave. The suspect vehicle- "believed to be a blue 2019 or 2020 Hyundai Elantra," according to BPD-sustained damage to the front driver's side windshield and possibly the front hood and roof line, police say. Contact detectives at 617-343-4470 with any

## City okays plan for Old Colony House site

#### By Katie Trojano REPORTER STAFF

The Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) last week approved a proposal to transform the former Phillips Old Colony House, a landmark Morrissey Boulevard dining and function facility that shut its doors in 2017, into a 219-unit apartment complex with a roof deck, dog spa, and 136 parking spaces.

Michaels Development,aNewJersey-based company that has recently built residential buildings in Cambridge and Brighton, will construct a 179,435-squarefoot building, with two portions at five and six stories in height.

The project will include 29 income-restricted units, in compliance with the city's Inclusionary Development Policy and



A rendering shows the layout of a proposed building at 780 Morrissey Blvd., presently occupied by the former Phillips Old Colony House restaurant and function facility. Image courtesy Michaels Development

more than 14,000-square feet of open space. The units will contain a mix of studios, one-bedroom, and two-bedroom units.

The acre-and-a-half site at 780 Morrissey Blvd., once home to the popular Phillips Old Colony House and Freeport Tavern, is now being used by a neighboring car dealership as a storage area for its vehicles.

The parcel is owned by Phillips Family Properties, which also controls Boston Bowl, Phillips Candy House, Ramada Inn, and Comfort Inn among its Dorchester holdings.

The BPDA noted that the project's planning is in step with Climate Ready Dorchester goals, including raised residential entrances to mitigate the impact of sea level rise. The project was aired to the community virtually in the fall and summer and was reviewed by the Boston Civic Design Commis-

## Healey's office is reviewing complaint against DA Rollins

#### By Deborah Becker WBUR REPORTER

Massachusetts Attorney General Maura Healey said last week that her office is reviewing a complaint filed by a Dorchester woman against Suffolk County District Attorney Rachael Rollins over a Christmas Eve incident in Dorchester.

The complaint, first

filed with the Boston Police Department, alleges that Rollins threatened a woman and inappropriately flashed her car's blue law-enforcement lights as they both tried to exit the South Bay Shopping Center on Dec.

The woman, Katie Lawson, wrote in her complaint that she was attempting to merge

into traffic when Rollins rolled down her vehicle's window and threatened her. According to Lawson, Rollins activated the blue lights on her vehicle and then drove through a red light.

As reported by the Boston Globe, Rollins, speaking during an interview with the Howie Carr radio show last week, denied threatening the woman or activating her lights. A statement from her office on Thursday said the DA will not comment on the incident.

"We have said all we are going to say on this matter and await the attorney general's findings regarding the civil rights complaint that was filed," Rollins's office said in an

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## St. Patrick's Parade in Southie is canceled

For the second year in a row, the coronavirus has caused the cancellation of the St. Patrick's Day parade through South Boston.

"Due to ongoing state restrictions limiting outdoor public events to 25 people, the 2021 South Boston St. Patrick's Day /Evacuation Day Parade has been canceled," the South Boston Allied War Veterans Council, which

organizes the parade, said on Twitter on Tuesday morning. "We look forward to finally seeing you all again in 2022.'

Last March, Boston Mayor Martin Walsh canceled the parade less than a week out when the number of coronavirus cases in Massachusetts was 41, including 9 in Boston.

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#### **UPCOMING CIVIC MEETINGS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS**

The MBTA's new Winter schedule — stops on the Fairmount Line, and during Fields aimed at aligning service with the lower ridership levels experienced during the pandemic— goes into effect on Sat., Jan. 23. Commuter rail will only offer weekend service on the Newburyport/Rockport, Framingham/Worcester, Fairmount, Providence, and Middleborough lines. All other Commuter Rail lines will not have weekend service.

The new Winter Service Schedule includes additional trains on the Fairmount Line, which runs through Dorchester and Mattapan. "These added trains help to fill in service gaps that existed in the previous schedule and help to offer more consistent train intervals, such as clockface service which makes riding simpler for passengers," according to an MBTA statement.

For instance, on the Fairmount Line, the new Winter Service Schedule offers clockface service every hour. From Readville, a train will depart on weekdays every hour at 30 minutes past the hour between 6:30 AM and 10:30 PM. This consistent interval is maintained for all

higher ridership times additional trains are available. The new schedules are available at mbta.com/CommuterRail.

State of the State delivered virtually— Gov. Charlie Baker plans to give his annual State of the Commonwealth speech from the quiet social distance of his office on Tuesday, Jan. 26, at 7 p.m. -- a day before his annual budget proposal is due to be filed with the Legislature.

The Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) will implement a right lane closure along Morrissey Boulevard (inbound) from Freeport Street to the I-93 off-ramp from Tues., Jan. 19 through Fri. Feb. 5, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. to accommodate sidewalk repair work. Pedestrian accommodations will be clearly detoured. Traffic patterns will be clearly marked and a police detail will be onsite.

The Melville Park Neighborhood Association meets the third Thursday of each month at 6;30 pm. Because of the virus we are currently doing meetings via Zoom. The link is posted on Nextdoor Melville along with the agenda.

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

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

**Civic** Association pays the household's fuel vendor directly. Right now the maximum fuel assistance benefit is \$875. Last year the top benefit was \$1,140.

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

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## Roxbury Rep. Tyler will lead Black and Latino Caucus

By Chris Van Buskirk State House News Service

As the new legislative session gets underway, the Black and Latino Legislative Caucus plans to install a new chairperson as Rep. Carlos Gonzalez transitions out of the leadership position.

Rep. Chynah Tyler, a Roxbury Democrat, will take over as chair of the caucus in February after a session that saw the caucus push through a major policing reform initiative and gain higher visibility among Democratic leadership. As she looks ahead to her tenure, Tyler said she wants to focus on the impact of Covid-9 on people of color, conditions within the Department of Correction, and economic development.

"I really, really do take pride in teamwork. I played sports my whole life so teamwork is something that I'm very, very familiar with. And so as the incoming chair of the caucus, everything was done in unison," Tyler told the News Service. "I'm really, really huge on that. I really, really, really want to make sure that folks feel included."

The caucus was created in 1973 to serve as a collective voice for politicians of color and last session there were 14 members. The caucus represents members in both the House and Senate, pushing forward members' priorities and advocating on their behalf.

Gonzalez, the outgoing chair, said the caucus has



State Rep. Chynah Tyler speaking at a Black and Latino Legislative Caucus press conference about prison visitation rules in March 2019.

Sam Doran/SHNS/File photo

established a strong footprint over the past two years. He offered one piece of advice to his successor.

"The caucus needs to have a strategic concentration when dealing with issues, not necessarily an emotional one," the Springfield Democrat told the News Service. "Sometimes in the capacity of caucus chair, you have to make sure you can build consensus, not only within the caucus but with members outside of the caucus, as well as the leadership in both chambers."

Tyler served as House vicechair of the Committee on Public Health last session and was first elected to represent the 7th Suffolk District in 2016 after a tight primary race, succeeding former Rep. Gloria Fox. Tyler served as caucus treasurer for the 2019-2020 session and is also the chair of the Boston delegation.

She was born and raised in Roxbury and earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Northeastern University. She started her career as a case manager for federal inmates where she assisted people nearing release with housing, community support, and employment.

Rep. Russell Holmes, who was chair of the caucus during the 2015-2016 session, said one of the challenges a chairperson faces is making sure that "he or she is driving the agenda that we're hearing from the community, not from the activists or lobbyists or so-called folks who think they're advocating for our communities."

"I think the biggest challenge is the fact that we are disproportionately still underrepresented for the population that we have of Black and Latinos in the commonwealth," the Boston Democrat said. "I

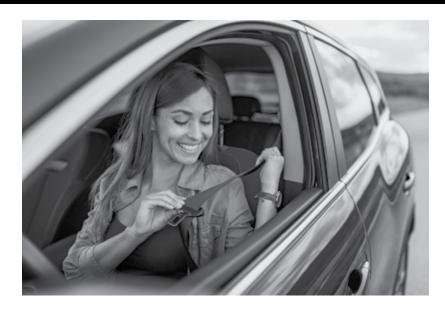
find that many Black, Latinos, and even Asians still are not comfortable making the phone call to representatives who are white, even though they may be the person that represents and has been elected from these majority of seats of color."

As the 192nd General Court starts to consider committee assignments and debate procedural rules, Tyler said she wants to make sure people of color are included equitably when it comes to leadership positions.

"That's how a lot of these things kind of get out of control is that there's no Black and Latino people in leadership across the government, just period," she said. "And when you don't have that, then it creates less of a space for fruitful legislation to be able to be created or fruitful policies to be created and also for regulations."

And regardless of what challenges the new chair of the caucus might face during the 2021-2022 session, Tyler said she is confident that she can meet the moment.

"I feel very confident in taking up any hardship at any given time, that's just who I am. But more importantly, I would say that we have a dynamic team in the State House," she said. "I'm very, very proud that we have a new speaker, Speaker Mariano, that has so much experience when it comes to just the professional life."



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## Neponset water report: Safe to swim, most of the time

By Katie Trojano REPORTER STAFF

Most sections of the Neponset River are safe for recreational use, including swimming, most of the time, according to a report prepared by the Neponset River Watershed Association (NepRWA) and discussed during a public meeting last week.

The annual report on water quality along the river for the 2020 season shows that last year it was deemed safe for swimming 61 percent of the time. With respect to state regulations for E. coli bacteria, it was deemed unsafe for any type of recreation about 16 percent of the time sampled.

The report was based on samples collected by 60 volunteers from 41 sites on six occasions between May and October, an effort that is coordinated annually by NepRWA, a non-profit group that has led actions to protect the river from dumping and other harm for decades. It conducts the annual testing to clarify where to focus cleanup efforts, to assess how the water quality changes over time, and to note how quality varies throughout the watershed.

All the people along the river "are interact-



All the people along the Neponset River "are interacting with the watershed whether they know it or not," said Declan Devine, an environmental fellow. Reporter file photo

ing with the watershed whether they know it or not," said Declan Devine, an environmental fellow who presented the results to a virtual audience.

The key testing parameters used to review the results include levels of E. coli, a bacteria harmful to humans that comes from human and animal waste, as well as critical phosphorus and dissolved oxygen levels, which are crucial in promoting plant growth and keeping animals alive.

Water quality is largely dependent on precipitation levels in any given vear, Devine said. "With wet weather, we have three times as much unsafe recreation," he said. "Precipitation has a big effect on water quality. I'd generally say avoid swimming after it rains."

In terms of how quality has changed over time, the Neponset River is seen to be on a downward trend, according to the samples reviewed since 2008.

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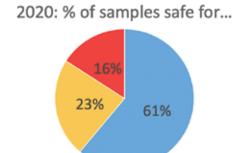
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"Prior to 2014 we usually had about 60-70 percent (swimmable water) and after 2014 we usually had below 60 percent," Devine said.

Factors that may be contributing to this trend, he added, include population growth and more development in the city.

"There's been some population growth in the watershed, more development, and we have an aging infrastructure," he said. "There is still a lot of old cast iron and

Is the Neponset Safe?



■ swimmable = boatable = unsafe for recreation

terracotta infrastructure in the Neponset Watershed, which is likely to leak."

He added: "We've also had more extreme weather events with climate change and if rainwater gets into the sewer system, it can cause it to overflow and get into the river."

Some community-level solutions to keep the river clean include contacting legislators and advocating for improved stormwater infrastruc $ture\,that\,includes\,better$ filtration, using less water, properly disposing of pet waste, serving septic systems regularly, and reducing the use of fertilizer.

In an effort to simplify the data presented in its annual report, NepWRA is working with the Environmental Protection Agency and other watershed associations to develop a "report card" system in the future. A letter grade would represent how often the bacteria levels are safe and each stream would be assigned a grade correspondingly.

The Neponset, one of the region's main connections to the sea, has a history of pollution, from both industrial and sewage sources. Devine noted. It is one of the oldest industrial waterways in the US, along which mills were built after colonial Dedham built America's first canal in 1639 to power a town grist mill. Factories of all stripes soon followed.

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## Dorchester Potteryworks: The history of a community icon

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Dorchester Potteryworks is one of our community's historical treasures. Founded in 1895 by a Connecticut man, George Henderson, and operated by him and his family, the company produced earthenware pottery for eight decades until it closed in 1979.

The business was located on Victory Road. near the edge of what in the late 1800s was the Dorchester waterfront and is now Morrissey Boulevard.

Henderson learned the pottery business in New Haven before moving to Dorchester, where he built his home and bought an industrial building across from the Mill Street residential neighborhood.

Before and just after the turn of the 20th century, the Henderson family produced plain and utilitarian products, largely for farm use feeders for chickens, storage jars, acid pots, and dipping baskets. The company also sold a popular product known as "Henderson's Foot Warmer," a porcelain pig that could be filled with hot water and placed at the foot of a

In 1914, Henderson expanded the business



Selected pieces from a Dorchester Potteryworks collection.

and built a huge "beehive kiln" - 20 feet in diameter - and for the next half century it helped to produce many thousands of pieces of stoneware pottery, adding such household items as beanpots, everyday plates, and casserole dishes. It is the only building that still stands on the site. The potteryworks was situated adjacent to the Old Colony Railroad's tracks from which boxcars of firewood were delivered to furnish the fuel to fire the furnace. Once the pottery was placed on rows of brick shelves inside the kiln, which when sealed produced temperatures reaching up to 3,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

The pottery would "cook" for some days, and then cool down for many more days afterwards. There was always the fear that if cooler air broke into the sealed super-heated kiln, every piece of pottery inside would crack.

When the furnace was cooking, huge clouds of black smoke would fill the neighborhood for days around Clam Point was formed by hand, it and Pope's Hill. In the mid-1960s, new environmental laws caused the shutdown of the wood-fired kiln and the family added new gasfired and electric-fired kilns. But they soon found that the lower heat generated in them changed the texture of their product.

While the early products were intended for very basic and unadorned utilitarian uses, in the 1940s, the company brought in decorators who developed a distinctive design to the work. Much of the pottery was produced in a distinctive blue Reporter file photo

motif, and attracted by the designs, buyers soon opened a new market for the potteryworks.

It was in 1963, when I was visiting the home of a college friend's parents, that I first heard about Dorchester Pottery. When they learned I was from Dorchester, they excitedly told me that each time they came to Boston they would visit the potteryworks and return home with many pieces – coffee mugs, plates, bowls, and other collectibles. They proudly showed me their full eight-piece dinner set – plates

cup & saucer, sugar & creamer, all in the distinctive "Blueberry" pattern.

Later, back home in Dot, I found my way to the Victory Road factory and bought four large coffee mugs - for \$4

After the large wood-burning kiln was replaced by the smaller, gas/electric units, the company reduced its hours and placed limits on sales. By the late 1960s, the retail shop was opened just one day a week and purchases were limited to two pieces per customer.

Interest in Dorchester Pottery surged after the business shut down, and several community activists sought to establish a museum at the industrial site.

In 1980, a fire destroyed the original Henderson residence and most of the industrial buildings nearby; only the brick beehive kiln structure survives today. It was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1985, and in 2001, the property was acquired by Bay Cove Human Services, which still uses the building to this day.

Material from the Dorchester Historical Society archives was used in preparing this report.

## Pandemic down time lets Dot teen mold his passion with pottery making

(Continued from page 1) him with some flexibility year, Richard decided to defer his acceptance to Pace University in New York and take an "unexpected gap year." That decision provided

to pursue his hobby, a sometimes time-consuming, multistep artistic process that involves "throwing" clay — molding it into the desired at home and then finish

shape with a pottery wheel — before glazing and firing the piece in a kiln to achieve a final

"I make all my pottery

it at my old teacher's studio," explained Richard. "Usually, I'll throw a bunch of pots, trim them and get them ready, and then bring them there in big batches to fire and glaze them."

Shaping the clay into a vessel can sometimes take upwards of an hour to get right, he added. But the room for creativity and expression makes the art of stoneware appealing to him. "I like the ability to make a lot of different shapes. I'm always experimenting," said Richard. "I always have a particular shape in mind before I start. I make a bunch of stuff, some that are functional like vases or flowerpots, and some that are just decorative." In recent weeks, Richard's pottery prowess has caught the eye of his employers at Cedar Grove Gardens, where some of his pieces now sit on display. The quality of the pieces hint at a burgeoning business model, but Richard says he's "taking it day by day," focusing only on his love for the artform. "Sometimes I'll go a week without making anything. I don't want to feel forced to do it. I haven't been treating it like a job; I've just been

trying to stay calm and





Examples of pottery artwork by Henry Richard.

Photos courtesy Richard family/ Cedar Grove Gardens

go at my pace."

He says he hopes to continue making pottery once he begins college this coming fall. For now, his unique works are available for purchase in the Cedar Grove Gardens gift shop.



## Reporter's People

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

## Basketball standout Bosquet is making a name for himself – and for Cristo Rey

By Daniel Sheehan REPORTER STAFF

Ray Bosquet, a senior basketball star at Cristo Rey High School, reached a significant milestone last week when he surpassed 1,000 career points in a loss against Austin Prep.

The 18-year-old from Dorchester has helped put a young Cristo Rey basketball program on the map in recent years with his scoring prowess and style of leading by example, earning two All-Conference nods along the way.

Head coach Larry Merritt, who has coached Bosquet for the last three seasons, described the immense impact he has on those around him while on the court.

"He makes his teammates approach the game in a much more comfortable manner," explained Merritt. "They feel comfortable knowing Ray's around, and he makes the players around him better. He's a very unselfish basketball player."

Merritt described



Ray Bosquet, center, posed with Cristo Rey Boston's Head Coach Larry Merritt, right, and assistant coach Grady Milton, left, after the game against Austin Prep last week in which Bosquet scored his 1,000th career point. Photo courtesy Cristo Rey Boston High School

Bosquet as a slasher and "true three man" who excels at driving to the hoop and finishing at the rim while noting that he's also putting in considerable work on different parts of his game and starting to shoot

more from the perimeter to become more of an inside-out player.

"Ray's a kid who, when he decides he wants to score, he can score," said Merritt. "There's no one in the league who can stop him one on one; last year he was facing double teams and triple teams all season. His mentality is either score or get fouled."

Sure enough, a quick look at the tape bears out what Merritt has known since first work-

"There's no one in the league who can stop him one on one... His mentality is either score or get fouled."

**Head coach Larry Merritt** 

ing with Bosquet as an eighth grader: The kid is unstoppable. In game footage, the 6'3", 200 lb. Bosquet commands the attention of his opponents, even as he makes their defensive efforts seem futile. He has the strength and quickness to glide past defenders with ease, hang in the air, and use an impressive level of body control to adjust mid-air and gracefully lay the ball in. As such, Bosquet leading the team on the score sheet has been a common occurrence over the last few seasons.

He, like Merritt, is acutely aware of his ability."No one in the league can stay in front of me," he told the Reporter in an interview. "I will get to the rim no matter what."

That confidence and determination has translated to a successful career that saw Bosquet pass the 1,000-point mark last Thursday, making him the first player in Cristo Rey history to achieve such a feat. Last year, he led his team to a state semifinal game, the school's first playoff appearance since 2014.

His performances have raised the profile of the Savin Hill-based high school, which is not necessarily known as an athletic powerhouse.

"I'm feeling blessed," said Bosquet on reaching the milestone. "I think it's going to set it off for others who come after me...people didn't really know about Cristo Rey basketball before, but now they do."

Bosquet credited his coach with providing him the keys for success.

"He unlocked something in me to be the best version of me I could. Thank you to Coach Merritt and my teammates for pushing me to be the player I am."

Entering his final season, Bosquet has been accepted to the University of Dayton, Suffolk University, UMass Dartmouth, Curry College, and New England College. He has yet to make a final decision, but plans on playing basketball at the collegiate level.

## Bickerton takes the helm at Cedar Grove Civic

By Katie Trojano REPORTER STAFF

Steve Bickerton first joined the Cedar Grove Civic Association (CGCA) as a junior member in the early 2000s when his father, Steve Senior, was acting president. Now, after serving for the last five years on the association's executive board, the son is following in his dad's footsteps as he takes the helm as president this month.

The 36-year-old Bickerton, who works for the city's Parks and Recreation Department, has chaired the association's Planning and Development committee in recent months.

"I'm looking to have the position for the long term," he told the Reporter this week. "I've stepped into the role because there was a bit of a vacuum, and I intend to run if there's a contested election,



**Steve Bickerton** 

which I don't anticipate there will be."

Bickerton said he hopes to encourage "smart develop-ment" in and around the civic group's area of focus— which includes Adams Corner and the streets along Gallivan Boulevard.

"Whatever comes to the neighborhood, I want it to be smart development that still feels like our neighborhood," he said. "It's an interesting time because we have a lot of new people in our neighborhood. People know that we have a nice neighborhood here. There are some business districts, nice parks, good restaurants, and stores. Covid- aside, I think we are experiencing a really good time in our neighborhood, and in Dorchester."

Bickerton points to the success of restaurants in the building on Chickatawbut area, naming Lucy's Ameri-

the Industry as examples.

"I think there's definitely some new life being breathed into the neighborhood, and we also have the old standbys that have always been around, like the Erie Pub," he said.

"There's definitely a draw for younger families. It's a steady-eddy neighborhood that's now in an upswing with more happening.

The challenge for the civic association, Bickerton said, is accommodating responsible growth and attracting new members.

"It's an old trope to say 'It should retain the character of our neighborhood.' I think that's a really vague thing to say. But I think it doesn't make sense to put a ten-unit Street. But it totally makes see cedargrovecivic.com. can Tavern, Landmark, and sense to redevelop the China

Sky building a few years down the line and put maybe 10 to 15 residential units there."

A key goal, he added, is to "attract people my age and younger who live here but aren't necessarily active in the civic association to come to the meetings and be informed not just when something directly affects them. But come to the meetings; it's an hour a month and just be involved."

One silver lining to come out of the coronavirus pandemic, Bickerton noted, is that enhanced access through virtual meetings has boosted engagement.

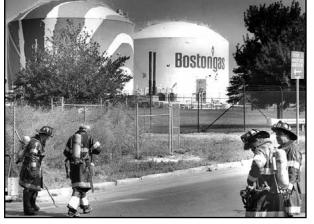
'We've had close to 100 people on some of those calls." he said. "We haven't had 100 people at a civic association meeting in a long time."

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#### **Editorial**

## The republic stands

Four years ago, we posed this question in the days after the presidential election: "Is the American experiment in democracy equipped to survive a Trump presidency?" Our conclusion: "The American experiment in democracy will be tested, perhaps to its limits, in the comings weeks and months. But we must resolve that no one individual or administration— however distasteful—can compromise its future. Our republic is built of far sturdier stuff than that."

There have been moments of great doubt, to be sure— not the least of which came on Jan. 6 when this disgrace of an ex-president unleashed a wild-eyed, blood-thirsty mob on the cathedral of our democracy in the single-worst affront to our nation ever perpetrated by a commander-in-chief.

And yet, on Wednesday, shielded by a corps of soldiers sufficient to conquer a good-sized country, power was transferred to the duly-elected successors. The system was pushed to its very limits; but it held up. Our imperfect experiment in self-government will go on. But, it's gravely wounded.

To the very end, Trump proved himself to be what was eminently predictable throughout his public life and in the 2016 campaign: an abject failure. Narccisistic and petulant, crude and cruel, unhinged more often than not. Undignified and unfit for the job. And, ultimately, a twice-impeached loser who rather than accept a sound defeat, sought to undo our election results in outrageous fashion.

On Jan. 20, Trump and his misfit court decamped from the White House in disgraceful fashion, snubbing the traditional change-over ceremony with the new President and his First Lady.

And yet, it was a relief to see our President Biden and First Lady Dr. Jill Biden spared the burden of grinning through a photo-op with this pack of fools. It's time to turn the page and get to the most pressing business at hand: deploying all possible resources to the mass vaccination of our citizens. The Biden-Harris administration has indicated that they will authorize the Defense Production Act to boost vaccine production to address the national emergency, a step that should have been employed last spring.

"We'll manage the hell out of this operation," Biden said. But he added, ominously: "We remain in a very dark winter, the infection rate is up 34 percent, we see 3 or 4,000 deaths per day. Things will get worse before they get better."

What a difference it will make to have a president who is not a chronic liar addressing a nation desperate for guidance and goodness. It was a long, agonizing four years. But, congratulations: You made it through to the other side.

-Bill Forry



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Mayor Wash giving his State of the City address last Tuesday.

## Thank You, Boston

By Mayor Martin J. Walsh

On Jan. 12, I held my final State of the City, which was broadcast live from Boston's newest civic treasure, the completely rebuilt Roxbury branch of the Boston Public Library in Nubian Square.

The year 2020 was a tough one, and 2021 is a year for healing as we keep each other safe; get through this final stretch of the pandemic; and build a recovery that moves all our neighborhoods forward.

Since the Covid-19 pandemic began, we have lost 1,077 Bostonians to the virus. They are loved and missed and their families are in my heart. Covid has affected all of us and it has hit some harder than others. Black, Latino, and immigrant communities faced the biggest impacts. Inequities in health, housing, and work opportunities caused more illness and job loss in these communities. Older Bostonians and those with disabilities face the highest risk and the most isolation. Most students have been out of classrooms since March, and families have struggled with childcare.

While 2020 was a year of struggle, it was also a year that brought out the best in our city. We saw nurses, doctors, and medical staff gearing up and going into battle to save lives and provide comfort. We saw EMTs on the frontlines of a pandemic, helping over 4,000 Covid patients. Firefighters brought recovery coaches to calls, to help those struggling with addiction. Police officers took 800 guns off the street, keeping us safe no matter the risk. Essential workers and city employees answered the call, day after day. Residents stepped up to help each other in a thousand different ways. The heroes are all around us.

As a city, we came together. We built a field hospital in five days. We created a Health Inequities Task Force to address health disparities across race and ethnicity. We've provided over six million meals to children, families, veterans, and seniors. We got 40,000 laptops to students. We got permanent rental vouchers to over 1,000 families with children at risk of homelessness. And we created the Boston Resiliency Fund, providing over \$30 million to help 250,000 households in need. And last year, despite the pandemic, we approved \$8.5 billion of new investment in our city, creating a

potential 35,000 new jobs.

In 2021, we will continue that work. One of our next priorities is getting students safely back into Boston Public Schools . We will also continue to support small businesses, renters and homeowners, and those in recovery; push even further toward meeting our climate goals; and invest in Boston's parks and civic spaces that give our residents more opportunities to come together, safely.

We also need to address all the ways systemic racism hurts people in our city. The urgency of this work has never been clearer. Last summer, George Floyd's murder sparked a long-overdue reckoning with racism. I thank Black Bostonians for the way you made your voices heard. And I thank everyone who joined the movement — Black, white, Latino, Asian, and indigenous peoples standing together. I'm asking all of us to accept this responsibility as our own and commit to fighting racism. It's our deepest moral obligation — and it's our greatest opportunity for growth.

We have tough days ahead of us. But we've been knocked down before, and we always get back up. In 2021, Boston will rise up again. We will leave no one behind, and our city will be stronger than ever.

As you might know, President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris have nominated me to be Labor Secretary in their administration. I have accepted this honor. If confirmed by the US Senate, I'm not going to Washington alone. I'm bringing Boston with me. This city is not just my hometown, it's my heart. I believe in Boston. This is the city that welcomed my immigrant parents. This is the city that picked me up when I needed a second chance. This is the city where I fought side by side with you for marriage equality, immigrant rights, addiction treatment, criminal justice reform, education funding, and good middle-class jobs.

Every minute of every day in this job, I spent listening to you, learning from you, working with you and working for you. I will never forget it, and I will forever be grateful. We may be hurting now, but the state of our city is resilient; the state of our city is united; the state of our city is hopeful; and the state of our city is deep-down Boston strong.

Boston, thank you.

## As pandemic rages, fight against opioids continues with some new tools in place

By Denise Studley, NP SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER

While the news is understandably dominated by Covid- 19 updates, there is an ongoing opioid epidemic still looming in our neighborhoods. In 2019, Massachusetts lost roughly 2,000 people to opioid-related overdoses, averaging 5 people a day.

The official 2020 data are not available yet, but due to increased risk factors related to the pandemic, it is unlikely that overdoses have decreased. While there are many contributing factors to epidemics, access to care is on the top of the list.

Last week, the US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced that it would eliminate the X-waiver requirement for DEA-registered physicians to prescribe buprenorphine, a medication used to treat opioid use disorder. Buprenorphine, more commonly known as Suboxone, is a controlled substance. It has been one of the most highly regulated medications in the country.

X-waivers, prescription limitations, consent forms, and urine drug screens have been the norm in treatment for years. The X-waiver requirement was a lengthy certification process that physicians, nurse practitioners (NPs), and physicians' assistants (PAs) had to undergo before being able to prescribe this medication. It required physicians to take an 8-hour course and NP/PAs a 24-hour course to qualify.

Addiction specialists have argued the waiver requirement was too restrictive, preventing providers

from providing lifesaving medication for a chronic condition. As of 2018, only 5 percent of physicians

Another positive step in policy change came earlier this month when Gov. Baker signed legislation requiring coverage for telehealth services permanently in behavioral health care, which is often where OUD treatment occurs. This legislation will allow for addiction specialists and behavioral health providers to adjust the current telehealth model that was put together under an emergency/temporary basis last spring.

There is still work to be done. The elimination of the waiver does not apply to NP/PAs, who represent a growing presence in primary care and behavior health services. And there are still restrictions on the physicians who qualify for the exemption. Telehealth services are not always ideal for patients.

Technology can be challenging as it lacks the face-to-face interactions patients with OUD need in order to feel connected and engaged in treatment. That being said, to have such significant advancements in policy in the midst of a pandemic is meaningful and will have a long-lasting impact on the way treatment is provided, even after Covid-19 is no longer dominating the headlines.

Denise Studley, a Dorchester resident, is a nurse practitioner and a nurse care manager specializing in addiction psychiatry at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

## The search for SSgt. Joseph W. Beard (cont.)

By Tom Mulvoy Associate Editor

Last month, just before Christmas, personnel from the US Department of Defense's POW/ MIA Accounting Agency landed in Hawaii after a "honorable carry" flight from Manila in the Philippines accompanied by the casketed remains of some 40 unidentified members of the country's armed forces who lost their lives, many in unknown ways, during the siege and overtaking of the island nation, then a sovereign entity of the United States, in the early months of World War II.

A story in the Honolulu Star-Advertiser early this month, on Jan. 4, noted that "the remains will be examined by forensic anthropologists and odontologists at the



Remains of unidentified members of the US armed forces who served in the Philippines during WWII are lined up after their arrival in Hawaii last month.

US Dept. of Defense photo

agency's laboratory in Hawaii with the hope of making identifications." The POW/MIA program is aimed at investigating, recovering, and identifying missing Americans from all past wars, according to its self-description.

In two articles and a termed by the US Army family letter late last as "irretrievably lost" in

year, the *Reporter* told the story of Staff Sgt. Joseph W. Beard, a native of Dorchester and St. Peter's parish, who died in Manila after being remanded to that city from the death march on the Bataan peninsula and whose remains were termed by the US Army

a letter to his mother in 1950.

While it is too early for families to receive confirmed identifications from this latest activity, its progress is certainly something all of them will be keeping an eye on.

In response to a *Reporter* inquiry last fall

about the possible status of SSgt. Beard's remains, Sgt. First Class Sean P. Everette, a Public Affairs officer with the POW/MIA Accounting Agency, wrote: "As part of our historians' review of unknown remains from World War II, we have been compiling information on individuals who died in the vicinity of Clark Field and Fort Stotsenburg, to include Sgt. Beard. The long-term goal is to see if we can initiate a disinterment project for some of the unknowns recovered from that area. We are not actively seeking DNA for these individuals yet. However, family members are welcome to contact the Army to contribute a reference sample so that we have it on file."

 ${\bf A letter to the } Reporter$ 

in October, written by Joe Beard of Pembroke, a great-nephew of the sergeant, noted that the Beard family was actively engaged with the Department of Defense offering to help in any way its members can to clarify the status of their fallen soldier-relative 78 years and counting after his death in a faraway land fighting for his country.

The POW/MIA Accounting Agency has noted in the recent past that as far as World War II is concerned, of the 16 million Americans who served in the conflict, more than 400,000 died, that approximately 73,000 remains are still unaccounted for, and that about 30,000 of them are considered possibly recoverable.

## Governor vetoes omnibus climate, emissions reduction bill

By Matt Murphy State House News Service

Scuttling what looked to be a major session-ending accomplishment for the Legislature, Gov. Baker last week vetoed ambitious climate legislation over his concerns that key pieces of the bill could stymie housing construction, and that the Legislature did nothing in the bill to help cities and town adapt to the effects of climate change.

Baker said he supports much in the bill, but believes key components fly in the face of another legislative victory - the passage of his "housing choice" proposal - that he signed on Thursday night as part of a \$626 million multiyear jobs bill.

The governor also urged the Legislature not to rush into another major procurement of offshore wind power as Massachusetts continues the "massive undertaking" of working with other northeastern states to change the ways clean energy is purchased.

The veto sets up an early confrontation in the new year between the governor and legislators. Democratic leaders have signaled a lack of willingness to budge on a bill that was negotiated over the past five months and overwhelmingly approved by the last Legislature. If lawmakers pass the same bill or a similar one in the new session, Baker would be able to offer amendments, an avenue largely closed off with this bill.

The lead Senate negotiator of the bill, Sen. Michael Barrett, said he was "deeply disappointed" by the governor's action, which he described as "really about politics, not policy." After reading Baker's veto message, he added: "I'm not persuaded."

The bill would have locked the state into a goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2050, with interim benchmarks for reducing carbon emissions every decade. It would have also directed utilities to purchase more offshore wind power, set efficiency standards for appliances, and increased the amount of renewable sources that feed the state's electricity supply to 40 percent by 2030.

On the surface, Baker's energy priorities look to be in harmony with the legislation. He used his executive authority last year to set his own goal of net-zero emissions by 2050, and believes wind power will be key to reaching that goal. He objected, however, to several components of the bill, including one piece that would have allowed municipalities to update their building codes to require new construction to be "net-zero."

"One of my big concerns is I've gotten a lot of incoming from a lot of folks who are in the building and home construction business who have said that certain pieces of this bill, which, remember, I can't amend and send back, literally may just stop in its tracks any housing development in the commonwealth, and those words get my attention," Baker said at a press conference on small business relief Thursday in Boston.

He also criticized the Legislature for not providing any resources for municipalities, including economically and environmentally disadvantaged communities, to adapt to climate change. The governor proposed this session to gatherr more than \$130 million a year for climate adaptation projects by raising real estate transfer taxes.

Groups like the Greater Boston Chamber of Commerce and NAIOP, which represents the real estate development industry, pushed Baker to veto the climate bill because they said it would have made construction of new homes cost prohibitive to developers by allowing cities and towns to adopt a net-zero "stretch energy code."

Barrett, who helped write and negotiate the final bill with the House, said legislators had actually worked with the housing construction industry to ensure that there would be a lot of flexibility in the law.

"There is no grounds for the governor feeling activity of any kind is going to stop development in its tracks. His people can read. I am totally puzzled by this latest development," Barrett said.

The Lexington Democrat pointed to a section of the bill that he said gave the administration the ability to build in exemptions, as well as control some of the timing of the adoption of the new building codes. He said cities and towns would be able to incorporate additional exemptions.

"By design we want to tighten up energy efficiency in buildings without squelching construction. That's the balance we've struck," he said.

The veto came just a day after House Speaker Ronald Mariano and Senate President Karen Spilka pledged that if the governor vetoed the bill, it would be refiled unchanged and passed again in the coming days.

"Climate change is the greatest existential threat facing our state, our nation, and our planet, and so Gov. Baker should sign the climate change bill that is now on his desk. Should he not take this important step, the Senate and House are united in our intention to refile and pass the conference committee bill in its entirety and get it onto the governor's desk in the coming days," Mariano and Spilka said.

The two Democratic leaders made that commitment hoping to persuade

Baker to sign the bill, but they may have made it easier for him to veto it, knowing that legislative leaders were determined to take it up again quickly in the new session. Baker said that if had had more than 35 hours at the end of the session to review the bill, he would have offered amendments, but now, he said, he hopes to work with lawmakers quickly to find common ground.

In a separate bill, the governor on Thursday signed an exclusionary zoning reform that he has fought for years to get done and that he believes will make it easier for cities and towns to approve housing development.

The provision of the jobs bill would reduce the threshold to change local zoning bylaws from two-thirds of the government board to a simple majority, making it easier for officials to approve developments. Baker believes this will help bring relief to a housing market plagued by high prices and low inventory.

"We've got to build more housing that's less expensive, not less housing that's more expensive, and that issue in particularly really rings true for me," Baker said.



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## Housing fears fuel Uphams Corner rally against condo plan

#### By Katie Trojano REPORTER STAFF

Neighbors opposed to a proposed five-story condo complex on what is now a vacant lot in Uphams Corner gathered outside a nearby apartment building last Friday to rally against the plan - and to call on city planning officials to respond to their concerns.

City Life/Vida Urbana— a tenant advocacy group- and the Dorchester Not for Sale organization set up the standout in front of 6 Humphreys Place, which is owned by the same person who wants to build a new housing complex at 706 Dudley St., just two blocks away.

The Dudley Street proposal - which includes 26 condo units—has been under review by the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA) since 2019. The project's proponent, Greg McCarthy, has been met with stiff resistance from neighbors, who have mainly raised concerns about affordability and housing stability for tenants at the Humphreys Street building, who say that McCarthy has repeatedly attempted to evict them in recent years.

Most recently, neighbors and tenant activists pushed back against the Dudley Street proposal during a virtual public meeting held last November. On Friday, several speakers lashed out at both McCarthy and the BPDA, which they say has not followed through on commitments to hold additional meetings to review McCarthy's latest plans for the Dudley Street site.



Steve Meacham, organizing coordinator at CLVU, at right, talks to protesters at the standout at Humphreys Place last Friday.

"They promised to do more outreach, to have another community meeting, and to involve residents," said Lori Hurlebaus, a member of Dorchester Not For Sale. "Now there's no meeting planned, the comment period is closed, and so we are saying no. We want to be standing on land that's affordable housing for our communities.'

McCarthy's proposal for 706 Dudley St. calls for 26 two-bedroom condominium units – 3 on the first floor, 6 on the next three floors, and 5 on the fifth floor—and 17 parking spaces tucked underneath 2,747 square feet of commercial space at ground level. The project would include three affordable housing units as required by the city's Inclusionary Development Policy.

In Nov. 2019, two tenants facing eviction from their apartments at 6 Humphreys Place won an 18-month legal battle, when a jury granted them the right to stay in their apartments. Protestersincluding some tenants in the Humphreys Place building—said they now fear that McCarthy is marketing the Katie Trojano photo

property to other investors whose business interests would likely motivate future eviction attempts. With their rally, tenants said they are taking public action to tell any investors eyeing their homes that they will continue to fightoff eviction.

One of those tenants-Tunde Kunut, was on hand at Friday evening's rally.

"This is an outrage, and we're not going to take it," said Tunde Kunut, who lives at 6 Humphreys Place. "But we have love. And together, we are a lion."

Jean Paul, another tenant at the Humphreys Place building, said: "The owner came here, and he quickly wanted to flip the building and the people inside. The greed pushes everybody to come to our neighborhoods and put everybody out on the street. This is our village and we have a right to stay."

An attorney for McCarthy did not respond to a request for comment before publication this week.

Markeisha Moore, a member of Dorchester Not For Sale, criticized McCarthy for not keeping up with repairs to his building on Humphreys St.

"You don't purchase a home for \$850,000 and then do absolutely the bare minimum repairs only after you are told you need to from a court, and now try to sell the building for twice as much as you bought it for," she said.

"We live in Dorchester, we deserve to have some place to stay where we will not be pushed out. We don't deserve for people to come into our neighborhoods and make our homes for profit. Anyone who wants to purchase this building, this is what you are going to have to contend with. If you are not good for our neighborhoods, you will not be here without a fight."

The rally took place one day after Gov. Baker vetoed the Tenant Opportunity to Purchase Act (TOPA), which would have enabled the residents to make an offer on the property in partnership with a community-minded developer,

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## Home sales across state hit 16-year high during pandemic

By Colin A. Young STATE HOUSE

News Service

More single-family homes were sold last year in Massachusetts than in any other year since 2004, despite a once-in-a-century pandemic that threatened the financial security of thousands of residents and dramatically changed the process of buying and selling a home.

There were 61,469 single-family home sales in 2020 "a 3.9 percent increase over the sales total of 2019," according to The Warren Group. The median sale price for those homes climbed 11.4 percent from 2019 to hit \$445,500 last year.

"In the wake of the first COVID-19 lockdown way back in March, single-family home sales took a nosedive for the entire second quarter," Warren Group CEO Tim Warren said. "If you told me back then that by the end of the year that the total number of sales would surpass 2019, there's no way I would have believed you ... yet here we are. Another  $record\text{-}setting year in \, the$ books for Massachusetts real estate."

Warren said an unprecedented December helped to boost the 2020 totals. December 2020 saw 6,410 single-family home sales in Massachusetts - the most ever recorded for the month and up 28.6 percent from December 2019. The median sale price for the month jumped 14.4 percent to \$455,000, an alltime high for the month and the sixth consecutive month with a median sale price greater than \$450,000, Warren said.

continued right into December, four straight months of sales gains of 25 percent or more," driven by low interest rates and people spending more time at home. "The more time they spend at home, the more

"The hot market has

they think about the home and some ask what they want to change," he said on The Warren Group's podcast.

Almost everyone who sold or purchased a home in 2020 probably had to deal with Covid-19 restrictions and safety measures in one way or another. Packed spring open houses gave way to virtual showings and eventually to tightly scheduled and timed windows for prospective buyers to tour homes for

But despite the new hurdles that the pandemic imposes on buying or selling a home, the virus and its accompanying shift toward remote work helped to fuel a migration away from cities and toward "vacation"  $areas\ in\ Massachusetts$ like Cape Cod and the Berkshires, Warren said.

He said that he expects the housing market will "continue to sell well" in 2021 but saw a concerning trend emerge at the end of 2020. "The one thing I worry about is the rapidly-rising median price across the state," he said. "For six straight years, we saw a very good market but with restrained growth in price – just two to five percent. The tail end of 2020 saw huge changes and prices rose by 14 percent or more for five straight months. For the year as a whole, prices rose 11.4 percent. I consider that to be unsustainable."

He added, "I hope we see the market cool and consolidate its gains before we create a bubble in prices as we did in 2005. The collapse of the market in 2006 and beyond was very painful."

Gov. Baker last week signed an economic development bill that included a housing production measure anchored to local zoning changes, and another initiative designed to boost housing near MBTA stations.

## Housing fears fuel Uphams Corner rally against condo plan

such as a land trust or  $community \, development$ corporation.

Organizers said they saw TOPA as a key piece of legislation that would prevent evictions and stabilizing housing for renters like those at 6 Humphreys Place.

"Greg McCarthy tried for over two years to evict people over and over again. We had several rallies here and

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over at Uphams Corner and we were able to win a collective bargaining agreement here, for five years limiting rent increases a year ago," said Steve Meacham. organizing coordinator at CLVU. "People here wanted the building to be fixed and they wanted to start paying rent. They couldn't do that. We've been putting a lot of emphasis on trying to get



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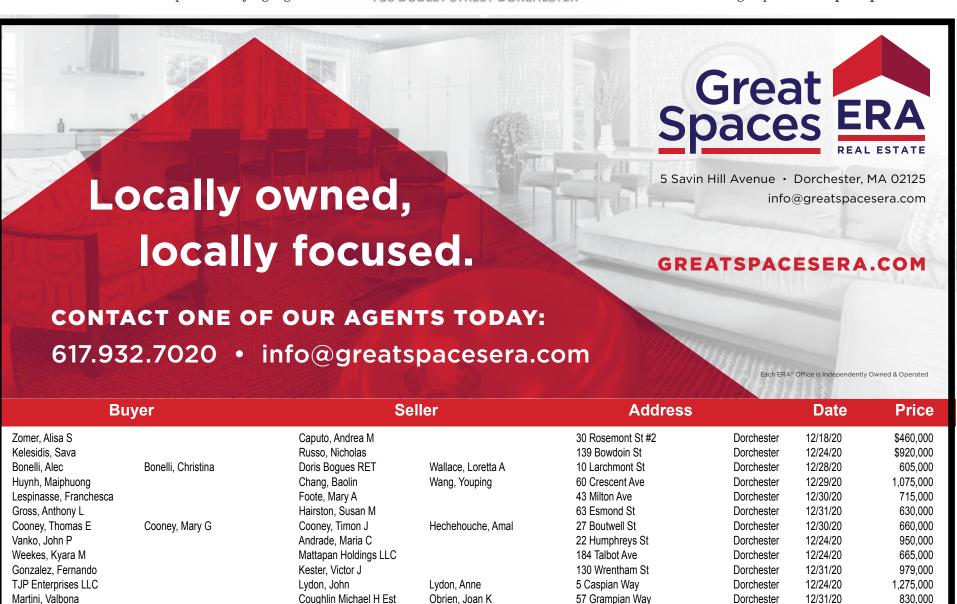
the building purchased by a nonprofit.

Meacham added: "That's why we are extremely disappointed in the governor's veto yesterday of the TOPA bill, which would have solved this whole problem had it been in existence three years ago. We are going to keep using this building as a poster child for that law and demanding that the building be pur-

A spokesperson for the BPDA told the Reporter

chased by a nonprofit."

this week that the 706 Dudley St. project remains under review and that additional public meetings and opportunities for public comment will be scheduled. There are no plans to bring the project to the BPDA's board until additional engagement is complete, the spokesperson said.



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## Survey suggests that a fifth of Bostonians won't take the vaccine

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Researchers reported that one in five respondents said they are not planning to get vaccinated and that nearly half of Black Bostonian respondents said they have little or no interest in receiving the vaccine when it becomes available to them. They also reported that more than a quarter of Hispanic respondents said the same about their interest in getting the shots, while a quarter of women polled said they will not take advantage of the vaccine's availability.

Extending the percentage of respondents' negative answers in the report about vaccination preferences to the city's overall population of close to 700,000 suggests the following in rounded-off numbers: 140,000 residents in all are not planning to take the vaccine; 85,000 Black residents say they have little to no interest in getting the medication; 33,000 Hispanic residents are saying no to the program; and 80,000 women say they won't participate, either.

These numbers stand in stark contrast to statistics reported from other demographics: over 90 percent of white and Asian/Pacific Islanders surveyed said they would



First responders were shown in a waiting area at Gillette Stadium on Jan. 15 after receiving a dose of the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine. Patients who receive the vaccine must sit in a waiting area for 15 minutes before leaving to ensure they do not have any adverse reactions to the medication.

\*\*Jesse Costa/WBUR photo\*\*

nat was inequities throughout

our past, it came as no

surprise that Covid-19

has disproportionately

impacted low-income

communities and people

of color," she said. "If we

are going to minimize

racial health disparities

in the future, we need

to prioritize vaccinating

and testing those who

have not only been hit the

hardest by the pandemic,

but also who our system

has historically placed at

Dr. Cassandra Pierre,

an epidemiologist at

Boston Medical Center

and a Hyde Park resi-

dent, described the gap

between those eager to

get the vaccine and those

who remain skeptical as

a "trust deficit. These are

understandable, reason-

able reactions to centu-

ries of discrimination

and bias in society in

general but also within

the health care system,"

she said. "Education is

only part of the answer

because many people are

uneasy because of that

history of discrimina-

tion. I think some people

are rightly thinking,

'Why as a Black person

are you suddenly so con-

cerned about me getting

vaccinated when just six

the back of the line."

tion and abuse that was especially acute in US racialized populations," he said. "It's understandable why some folks might be skeptical."

The UMass Boston report underscores calls by elected officials to prioritize low-income communities of color in the vaccine rollout process. On Tuesday, state Rep. Brandy Fluker Oakley of Mattapan called on the Baker administration to consider using neighborhood schools as vaccination centers.

"Because of health

months ago you couldn't care less whether or not this virus was decimating my community?"

A sense of urgency is needed to address people's fears and concerns before the virus can continue to spread and claim more lives, Pierre said. Explaining to patients what exactly is in the vaccine and how it works – introducing mRNA to the body that creates proteins and develops an immune response – sometimes helps.

Other times, statistics do the trick: Severe allergic reactions are "very, very rare," she said, and occur in 1 in 90,000 patients, a tiny ratio considering the 42 million people worldwide who have already been vaccinated.

Pierre described her own experience receiving the vaccine as going smoothly aside from some slight soreness at the injection site, which is normal for most vaccines.

"I really want people to take from the system what they need. We may not trust the government, we may not always trust the health care system, and with good reason, but this is something that has been shown and demonstrated to be safe and

effective," she said.
Pierre, who is Haitian-American, acknowledged that Boston's Haitian immigrant communities have been hit hard by the pandemic and urged vaccination as a vital step to recovery

a vital step to recovery. "The Haitian-American community is not a monolith," she said. "There are a lot of young people and older people that have different views. Some people are very much willing and excited to take the vaccine and some people are skeptical. We are a very family-based society and culture. There are many milestones that are celebrated with food and family, and this pandemic has frayed the bonds of our community. We can't sustain like this, and for that reason, we need to take advantage of what's being offered."

Most Covid-facing healthcare workers and first responders have already been vaccinated. On Monday, vulnerable communities in Massachusetts congregate care facilities — group homes, shelters, and correctional facilities -became eligible to receive the vaccine. Vaccinating the rest of the general public will begin in February, according to the Department of Public Health's distribution timeline, as mass vaccination sites continue to pop up across the commonwealth.

A report from the state's Department of Public Health shows that, as of Jan. 12, a total of 347,450 doses had been shipped to Massachusetts, and 239,147 of those doses — a little more than two-thirds — have been administered.

Shots became available to first responders last week, and the next portion of phase one is set to begin next week. The state's first large-scale vaccination site, at Gillette Stadium, opened to first responders on Monday.

Gov. Baker said he anticipates there will be four or five such mass vaccination sites set up around the state by the end of the month. The combination of those locations, pharmacies, health care providers, and community health centers "starts to look like the type of infrastructure that we'll need to start doing thousands and thousands and thousands of these every day," the governor said.

"But, again, we need to know that the vaccine is actually going to be coming in volumes that are great enough to actually make sure that we can take advantage of that," he said.

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## State reverses flu vaccine mandate for all students

Massachusetts will scrap a controversial mandate that students across all age groups receive flu vaccines, officials announced last Friday, walking back a months-old policy that the Baker administration had pitched as permanent.

The Department of Public Health updated its immunization guidance on Friday to eliminate a requirement that students in child care programs, pre-schools, K-12 schools, and higher education receive a flu vaccine to attend their educational programs.

The department "is removing the requirement for flu vaccina-

tion for attendance in childcare/preschool, primary, secondary and postsecondary education,"DPH spokesperson Kathleen Conti said in a statement. "Preliminary data show that this has been a mild flu season to date, presumably as people have received their seasonal flu vaccine and have been adhering to mask-wearing and social distancing due to COVID-19.

"Given the intensive Commonwealth-wide efforts regarding Covid-19 vaccination, DPH wants to alleviate the burden to obtain flu vaccination and focus on continuing our [coronavirus] vaccination efforts."

Baker administration officials announced the new mandate in August, saying that students needed to receive it by Dec. 31 for the 2020-2021 flu season unless they had a qualifying medical or religious exemption in an attempt to lessen the burden of respiratory illnesses during the pandemic.

Shortly after unveiling the policy, Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders clarified that it was intended not as a one-off but "on a go-forward basis."

- CHRIS LISINSKI SHNS

#### **Commentary**

## We need to lead, not follow, on doing mass vaccinations

By BILL WALCZAK REPORTER COLUMNIST

Based on current trends in administering its first vaccinations for Covid-19, Massachusetts would complete giving first doses to all Massachusetts residents in June of 2023.

Since Dec. 15, first doses of the vaccine have found the arms of 206,190 in Massachusetts, or 7,110 people per day, according to Massachusetts Department of Public Health data (to Jan. 12). Removing the December data to account for the holidays and just counting the latest seven days of available data (Jan 6-12), results in a count of 7,463 first doses per day.

Divide that into the 6.6 million Massachusetts residents who have not gotten a first dose gives you 884 days until we've reached everyone in the state. Adding the expected 5,000 per day vaccinations at Gillette Stadium increases the potential first dose delivery per day to 12,463, with the result that all residents would have had a first dose by July 2022.

How can this be in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, considered a center of the healthcare world and home to Moderna?

Relatives in New York are suggesting that those of us over 65 drive to New York to get vaccinated. I know of one person who is heading to Florida to get hers. Both of these states have altered their plans to allow access to the vaccine to anyone 65 or older. But in Massachusetts, we are strictly following the plan, which has numerous phases during which various groups are eligible to get the vaccine. Currently, we're near the end of Phase 1, which includes first responders, nursing home residents, and health care workers.

Rigidity has not worked. Every day that Massachusetts fails to get the vaccine into more arms continues the stress in our health care system with increased hospitalizations and deaths. The slowness undermines our economy, and frustrates residents who don't understand why we can't move more quickly.

Harbor Health CEO Chuck Jones this week expressed frustration at the way the plan is being rolled out. "We spend more time trying to figure out who should get the next shots than giving the shots," he said.

Sandra Cotterell, CEO of the Codman Square Health Center, noted that "the governor and mayor are very methodical about the plan," and that she is waiting to see what will be announced.

"I think we'll start to see some opening up in the next couple of weeks," she said. "I'm not sure if it will go down to 65, but we'll start to see movement. By February, we'll be moving beyond first responders and nursing homes." Codman," she said, "is ramping up for 75 plus, and those with chronic disease, so we can do the outreach."

But there are issues with moving toward mass vaccinations. Jones noted that "we're focusing on a relatively small population," and Harbor Health "would benefit if we opened up to everyone 75 and over. Until we do that, we can't get to operational efficiency for many doses. In addition, with the 15-minute wait following the dose, if you don't have a big enough space, it's tough to push through a large volume."

Cotterell said that Boston is "looking for sites for mass vaccinations." She and Jones say they're interested in having community health centers work together at a larger site in Dorchester that can serve a greater number of people per day, partly because staffing for vaccinations will become more problematic as Massachusetts seeks to do mass vaccinations. Even with President Biden's allocation of dollars to accelerate vaccinations, both are concerned about staffing.

"We have to be innovative about administering the vaccine," said Cotterell, noting that the state needs to approve allowing other medical workers, such as medical assistants, to inject the vaccine.

Jones added: "Staffing is a real challenge. We have difficulty staffing status quo operations." He suggested creating a common certification and competency process to allow other health professionals to inject the vaccine.

Beyond the travails of meeting the medical needs of a pandemic while continuing to operate the regular healthcare system is the reality that unless the state starts thinking bigger, bolder, and faster, we will not be able to achieve herd immunity through vaccination in time for having a safe summer, and children in school in September.

Covid isn't going away on its own. To do that, we need better infrastructure that can accommodate mass vaccination in spaces that work for that purpose, and staffing sufficient for the need.

Ken Burns stated on NPR that, "in 1947, the city of New York vaccinated in less than one month the entire population, 6 million inoculations against smallpox." How about it, Massachusetts?

## Baker signs maternal health panel bill

A new state commission, established under a law Gov. Baker signed on Jan. 13, will be tasked with seeking out steps to address racial inequities in maternal health.

The panel will explore ways to reduce or eliminate inequities in maternal mortality or "severe maternal morbidity" and investigate barriers to

accessing prenatal and postpartum care, the availability of doulas and birthing centers, and the impacts of "historical and current structural, institutional and individual forms of racism."

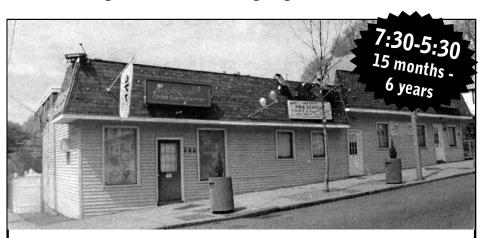
In a statement issued last week after the bill (H 4818) cleared the Legislature, Sen. Becca Rausch said Black

people giving birth in Massachusetts are twice as likely as their white counterparts to die due to complications during and after childbirth, and Rep. Liz Miranda — who represents parts of Dorchester and Roxbury—said the bill "allows us to approach the maternal mortality crisis as both a racial justice

and public health issue by seeking to understand both the socioeconomic determinants of health while also tackling the issue of racism head-on."

The 27-member commission will have until March 2022 to file a report, recommendations, and any draft legislation.

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## Voting timetable unsure, candidate field is in topsy-turvy mode

As that critical issue is sorted out, the field of possible candidates has been slow to take full shape. So far, only two candidates are firmly in the succession field: Councillors Michelle Wu and Andrea Campbell, both of whom launched campaigns last year when Walsh was still considered a probable candidate for re-election. Last week, two potentially strong candidates – Suffolk Sheriff Steve Tompkins and downtown Boston state Rep. Aaron Michlewitz, chair of the Ways & Means Committee at the State House-withdrew their names from the mayoral mix.

Those still weighing bids for the full-time post, according to multiple sources close to them, include Janey, who will run City Hall for at least a few months once Walsh leaves; Annissa Essaibi-George, an at-large councillor from Dorchester who has built an increasingly strong citywide base over the last three election cycles; and Councillor-at-Large Michael Flaherty, the longest-tenured member of the council who lives in South Boston.

State Sen. Nick Collins, who represents South Boston, most of Dorchester, and parts of Mattapan, is also mulling a run as are Marty Martinez, a Dorchester resident who serves as the city's chief of Health and Human Services for the city; John Barros, another Dorchester resident who is the city's chief of Economic Development in the Walsh cabinet, by those who have talked to him; William Gross, the city's police commissioner, who told reporters last week that he was leaning towards a go; and state Rep. Jon Santiago, a physician who represents the South End and Back Bay in the Legislature.

Wu and Campbell can both claim serious head starts over new entries in the race.

Wu officially announced her bid for mayor last September— two weeks ahead of Campbell. The at-large councillor from Roslindale- now in her fourth term on the council—notched the race's first big-name endorsement on Jan. 9 when US Sen. Elizabeth Warren threw her support to Wu, whom Warren taught as a professor at Harvard Law.

Campbell, who lives in Mattapan, has represented District 4 on the council since unseating longtime incumbent Charles Yancey in 2014. She announced her bid last September, citing her policy work on

The field of potential candidates to succeed Mayor Walsh, Secretary of Labor-designate in the Biden Cabinet, dwindled down over the last week as city councillors and others eyeing the seat waited warily to see what sort of election schedule they will be confronting during this municipal election year.

the council and her roots in the city.

According to the Office of Campaign and Political Finance (OCPF), Wu had \$535,589 in the bank at the end of 2020 and Campbell was a bit behind her at \$523,731.

Janey, who will be the first Black person — and the first woman — to serve full-time as the city's chief executive, has not yet said if she will seek a full, four-year term. She had \$96,965 in her campaign account at the end of last year.

Essaibi-George is said to be seriously weighing a mayoral campaign, according to sources close to her. A former Boston Public Schools teacher and the owner of the Stitch House on Dorchester Avenue, she has been a longtime ally of Walsh, whom she has known since childhood. She has built her citywide base over three terms in office, and is one of several people with ties to Walsh's political organization and donors who could mount a viable candidacy. She finished 2020 with over \$110,000 at her disposal for electioneering.

Flaherty first joined the city council in 1999, and after running poorly against incumbent Mayor Thomas M. Menino, he returned to the council in 2013. He has roughly \$198,000 in the bank, according

Flaherty told the *Reporter* last week that he is "weighing" his options, adding, "There are a lot of factors to consider, including who enters the race and whether we have a special election or not. Our city needs a mayor and leaders in each elected position who are fully committed to both bringing our city through this pandemic and continuing the work of making Boston a better, more resilient and

equitable place for all its residents."

Martinez, who currently has the high-profile job of leading the city's Covid response, told reporters last week that his experience in that role would be an asset in the mayor's office.

"The next mayor ... will have a huge responsibility to make sure we can finish this response and get to an equitable recovery, and I'm absolutely considering running for mayor," he said.

Martinez does not yet have an account registered with campaign finance office and neither does Barros, who is also seen as a likely candidate. A Dorchester resident who ran for mayor in 2013 and finished fourth in the preliminary election, he is now a seasoned City Hall veteran with strong connections to the city's business and civic leaders.

Of Cape Verdean descent, Barros was the longtime leader of the Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative before joining the Walsh cabinet.

 $Gross\,told\,reporters\,last\,week\,that\,he\,is\,"90\,percent$ in" as a candidate himself. He was promoted to the BPD's top spot by Walsh in 2018 and is a popular figure among officers and their families.

A Dorchester resident in his youth, Gross lived in Milton in more recent years before moving back into the city— to Roslindale— after his appointment as police commissioner.

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

Michlewitz, who lives in the North End, said last week that he won't run for mayor, that he will keep his seat in the Legislature, where, he said in a statement, "I believe I can be most effective to the residents of the city of Boston in my current role as the chair of Ways and Means with a seat at the table leading us through the economic recovery necessary to see the commonwealth of Massachusetts out of the damage caused by the pandemic."

Tompkins issued a similar statement last week: While I am greatly flattered by both my inclusion in the discussion as a contender for this honor and by the many calls of support and encouragement I've received from friends and colleagues, urging me to seriously consider taking the leap, it is with powerful conviction and a renewed sense of purpose that I respectfully decline this opportunity to serve the people of Boston in this capacity."



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effect. Sources within

City Hall say that a close

review of the city charter

leaves it open to some

interpretation. But, if

a Home Rule petition

to push off a special

election this summer is

successful, Janey would

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One power that Janey

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she takes the acting may-

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technically—be the city

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## Soon-to-be Mayor Janey keeps focus squarely on transition

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mayor in the event that Janey is out of town or indisposed during her time as Walsh's replacement.

This week, Janeywho has represented Roxbury and parts of Dorchester that are included in District 7 since 2018— reiterated that she has not yet made a decision on whether she will seek a four-year term when an election is held this year. She is, instead, squarely focused on preparing for a daunting task that could begin as soon as next week, depending on when Walsh is confirmed by the US Senate.

"My focus right now is on ensuring there is a seamless transition so that we can keep the people of Boston safe during this public health crisis," Janey said in a statement to the Reporter on Monday. "I am confident I will be able to do what's needed to get our residents vaccinated, safely get our children back to school, and help our businesses start to grow so we can achieve an equitable economic recovery for all of Boston."

She added: "I appreciate the efforts that Mayor Walsh and his team have made in working with me to make this transition successful."

Walsh and Janey met last week before his State of the City speech, according to sources who tell the Reporter that planning for the transition is now fully underway. She is getting daily, detailed briefings from department heads, several of whom have pledged to stay on after Walsh's departure to be of service to the acting

In addition, sources familiar with her own transition plans say, Janey has been busy calling prominent Bostonians to seek their advice and counsel as part of a transition team that is now in assembly mode.



Mayor Walsh, accompanied by now-President Joe Biden, his partner Lorrie Higgins and his mother, Mary Walsh, at his 2018 inauguration. Chris Lovett photo

The response to Janey from leaders from a wide array of institutional Boston has been uniformly supportive — to a person, the sources say, the city's leadership is determined to help the new mayor get the job done.

"It will be historic and exciting to see Council President Janey step into that role," Councillor Andrea Campbell, one of two declared candidates for mayor, said i this week. "A transition of leadership during an ongoing public health crisis will not be easy, especially for the thousands of city employees who continue to show up every day to keep our city safe and moving.

"So, it's critical we support Councillor Janey and our city leaders during that transition to ensure that the city's response to Covid-19 is proactive and equitable, that our schools can reopen safely and bring students back for in-person learning as soon as possible, and that every neighborhood is a part of an equitable economic

recovery." Michelle Wu, the atlarge councillor who is also a contender for the mayor's job, said she is "confident that City Hall is equipped to navigate"

the change in leadership.

"This moment will be a turning point in Boston's history," said Wu in a statement to the Reporter on Tuesdy. "My first year on the City Council was another moment of transition for Boston, and I saw firsthand how our enormously talented and dedicated city workers and city leadership ensured a seamless transition back in 2014. I am confident that City Hall is equipped to navigate this moment as well. It's the start of a big year, and as we see big changes in City Hall and the White House, I'm excited about what's possible to deliver real change and build a healthier, more equitable, and more connected Boston."

Councillor Annissa Essaibi-George, who is mulling a candidacy of her own, agreed.

"It's a time of change," she said. "It's important for me as someone who represents the entire city to make sure it's as smooth as possible and that we're very much focused on the business of the city and that the city council is playing a partnership role in leading the city."
There is still debate on

the full scope of an acting mayor's powers - and when they might take acting mayor. Though he retained the City Council presidency, Menino did not mix his powers as mayor and councillor, going so far as to refrain from even setting foot in the council chambers. When Janey becomes

Tom Menino became

acting mayor, her role as presiding officer shifts to Councillor Matt O'Malley, the panel's president pro tempore. O'Malley announced in December that after 10 years, he would not seek reelection and has said he will not *ticle*.

be a candidate for mayor.

Whether or not Janey will seek to join a larger group of candidates seeking a full four-year term is—for now at least—on the back-burner. The urgency of preparing for a huge job that could start any day has taken the full attention of Janey, her team and those from the Walsh administration committed to an orderly and successful transition.

Maddie Kilgannon contributed to this ar-



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## City Council conundrum: election scheduling

(Continued from page 1) for the already scheduled September and November municipal elections to choose Walsh's successor.

"I want to make clear that everything this petition calls for would happen automatically if Mayor Walsh resigns on March 5," Arroyo argued. "This has been an extraordinary year and we are continuing to see Covid positivity numbers increase and an alarming number of hospitalizations.

He added: "There is a very real possibility of three mayoral transitions this year, and four different mayors at the helm in eleven months. Under these conditions, when we can act to prevent it, we should. Spending precious funds for multiple elections for the same office in the same year is not fiscally responsible."

Council President Kim Janey, who will become acting mayor when Walsh resigns, supports Arroyo's petition because, she said, "special elections historically disenfranchised communities of color and low-income communities."



Petition author City Councillor Ricardo Arroyo cites transition possibilities.

Councillors Michelle Wu and Andrea Campbell, who are actively running for mayor, have come out in favor of Arroyo's petition as well. But not all of their colleagues agree with them.

District 6 Councillor Matt O'Malley, who announced in December that he will not seek re-election this year, noted that the March 5 "line of demarcation" in the city charter is "not an arbitrary date. There is some thought behind it."

He said, "The decision of whether or not to have

a special election this far out is meant in the spirit of fairness for an open race. The other side of that is that there are certain powers vested in an elected mayor that do not transfer to an acting mayor and having an acting mayor for a longer period of time could potentially result

in complications."
O'Malley added that the petition "would benefit some, and in a time where there is such cynicism around those seeking elected office. I would hate to see that we're putting the thumb

on the scale for anyone."

District 8 Councillor Kenzie Bok, who is not running for mayor, argued that there are "obvious political implications for folks who are maybe considering a run for mayor" at play in considering Arroyo's petition.

"Even when something is inconvenient, you shouldn't change the rules in the middle of the process," she said. "If you're in a position where you have more of an organization and money pulled together, you're likely to benefit

in a special election. If you're someone thinking about running for mayor or if your acting mayor, you'd be advantaged by canceling the special election."

Dorchester's Frank Baker, the councillor for District 3, said he did not "have a dog in this race," but argued against overriding the charter.

"The rules should stay the same," he said. "Let's play by the rules. Just because we have the ability to change the rules in an election doesn't mean we should necessarily do it."

Baker also took issue with how passing the petition would "hand the city over to someone that has not been duly elected for 10 months. I think that that is a problem," he said.

Councillor Julia Mejia, an at-large member from Dorchester, said she "wholeheartedly supports" Arroyo's petition. "Oftentimes there are some people that benefit more from the current construction," she said. "This is about making sure that we create a pathway for all folks to make sure they have a successful run."

Edwards plays a key role in what happens next, since the petition is now before the council's Government Operations committee, which she chairs.

This week, Edwards's office told the *Reporter* that she plans to hold a hearing on the matter "in the next few weeks," which would likely be at the end of January or early February.

"We are about to have a historic conversation that weighs whether our charter is meeting the practical realities of a pandemic and what is the most democratic way to ensure voters are fully enfranchised," she said in a statement.

"There are a lot of opinions on the table, including edits to the original proposal. I'm looking forward to the dialogue."

Maddie Kilgannon, a Reporter correspondent, contributed to this article.

## If he gets it, Baker seen likely to sign the Home Rule Petition

Gov. Baker suggested last Thursday that he would sign a home rule petition from the city of Boston meant to do away with a special election for mayor if Mayor Walsh resigns before March 5.

The city's charter mandates a special election for mayor if the office is vacated more than 16 weeks from the date of

the next general election, which this year is Nov. 2. Walsh has been nominated for US Secretary of Labor, but the timeline for his confirmation by the US Senate is uncertain, but likely by mid-February.

Some members of the city council and Secretary of State William Galvin support doing

away with the special election, which would mean four elections over the next ten months. Others think changing the rules now might look like the council is trying to help certain candidates over others. A petition offered by Councillor Ricardo Arroyo on Jan. 8 is in committee awaiting a hearing.

"As a general rule, as two former select board members, we sign home rule petitions," Baker said, referring to himself and Lt. Gov. Karyn Polito. But he didn't offer an opinion on the Boston case. "I tend to try to stay in my own lane on this stuff," he said.

– MATT MURPHY SHNS

# FBI is on alert all week for 'actionable intelligence' A day before Presi- "Rest assured, if there

A day before President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President-elect Kamala Harris were to be sworn into office in Washington, law enforcement officials in Massachusetts said they were not aware of any specific or substantiated threats of violence directed toward Beacon Hill.

"Rest assured, if there were any actionable intelligence to develop indicating a potential threat, it will be immediately disseminated to our law enforcement partners through our five Joint Terrorism Task Forces," Kristen Setera, a spokesperson for the Federal Bureau of Investigations Boston Division, said on Wednesday.

Boston police closed the streets around the State House and descended upon the Beacon Hill area on Sunday in a show of force following national reports of possible armed protests at state capitol buildings.

In Massachusetts, officials have covered some State House windows with plexiglass and erected metal fences in front of the steps. As for Inauguration Day on Wednesday, FBI Boston said they were maintaining a "heightened posture to monitor for any emerging threats to the region."

"We are focused on identifying, investigating, and disrupting individuals who were involved in the siege of the Capitol, and those who may try to instigate violence and engage in criminal activity here locally," Setera said in the statement. Spokespersons for Boston police and State Police did not immediately respond to requests for comment. - SHNS



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**BGCD Keystone Club Continues Annual "Cupcakes for Caring" Event:** See details below

#### **CONNECT THE DOT: BGCD Keystone Club Continues** Annual "Cupcakes for Caring" **Event:** Teen members of the Keystone Club at Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester hosted their 6th

Annual "Cupcakes for Caring" event as they spent Martin Luther King, Jr. Day delivering cupcakes to First Responders across the community. Thanks to our friends at Stop &

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For more information on the Keystone Club, please contact Teen Director, Ariana Nazario at anazario@ bgcdorchester.org.

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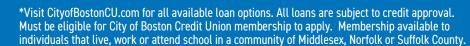






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### RECENT OBITUARIES

BAMBERG, ris E. (Johnson) of Stoughton, formerly of Dorchester, 96. Wife of 67 years of the late Walter H. "Wally." Mother of the late Walter H. Bamberg, Jr. and Eric Nils Bamberg. Also survived by several nieces and nephews. Donations in Doris' memory may be made to Guiding Eyes for the Blind, 611 Granite Springs Rd., Yorktown Heights, NY 10598. Published in Boston Globe from Jan. 15 to Jan. 17, 2021.

CAPPELLO, Robert A. of Dorchester, formerly of Arlington. Son of the late Mario J. and Sadie M. (DiModica) Cappello. Brother of Lawrence T. and Richard P. Cappello of Mashpee.

CINCOTTA, Gilda (Paino), 91 of Norfolk, formerly of Wellesley, and raised in Dorchester91. Wife of the late Francis "Frank" Cincotta. She leaves behind her children: Jo-



seph Cincotta and his wife Barbara, Jannette Steed and her husband Robert, Elisa Ryan and her husband James; her 9 grandchildren and 2 great-granddaughters. She also leaves behind many nieces and nephews as well as countless friends. Along with her husband, she was predeceased by her parents Giovanni "John" and Giovannina "Jennie" (LoSchiavo) Paino and siblings Joseph Paino, John Paino and wife Josephine, Mary Paino, Helen Rando and husband John, Arthur Paino and wife Gloria and Joan Paino.



DALY, James T. Jr. of Dorchester. Husband of the late Helen (Connerton) Daly. Father of Blaise Daly and his wife Kimberly of Rockland, Lauren Daly of Dorchester, Carolyn Daly and her partner Stephen Hart of Dorchester, James Daly and his wife Kimberly of Dorchester, and Allison Monahan and her husband Brian of Dorchester. Granddad to 6. Brother of Joseph Daly and his wife Connie of Randolph. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and friends. James was US Army veteran. He was a retired employee of Eversource as well as a member of Local 369. Donations in memory of James may be made to Dorchester Youth Hock-



DeFINA, Joseph E. "Joe" of Dorchester, formerly of Tewksbury. Joseph was the son of Dorothea B. (Walsh) and the late Joseph V. DeFina. He was employed at Granite

Telecommunications

### Madelyn M. (Finn) Carney

Madelyn M. (Finn). Carney of Boston, died Jan. 11, 2021.

Born in November 1929, Madelyn graduated from Mission High School, attended Boston College Intown School, and earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Art Education at Massachusetts College of Art. In Ware, MA, Madelyn designed and taught the art curriculum for the town, enriching the lives of her students.

In 1953, Madelyn married her true love, Atty. John J. Carney, with whom she raised nine children. She resided in Savin Hill for more than 60 years. With her love of literature and conversation, she easily made people feel at home. Unafraid of hard work, she was active in her community, and tirelessly strove to promote affordable housing. Later, a lodging house Madelyn ran became home to the Missionaries of Charity. Their founder, Mother Teresa, would stay there or in Baltimore, MD, when visiting the United States. Another home became refuge to Caritas Communities, dedicated to preventing homelessness. Madelyn also served for years as treasurer for the MassArt Alumni Association, and proudly served on Boston College's Institutional Review Board. At the Boston College ILR, she taught Irish History, and enkindled a passion for writing, later publishing a memoir entitled Hills and Harbors.

Madelyn was in tune with nature. Although a "city kid," she loved the outdoors, eventually finding a second home amid Provincetown's art community, where she tended to her beautiful seaside garden. Over 40 years, Madelyn painted there, recording the changing and vast skies of that outermost reach of Cape Cod. She had unwavering religious faith, and encompassing all she approached was her artistic vision, her trained hand, and a genius

for capturing sublime light. Having expanded all our horizons, Madelyn has now come into her own.

Survivors include children Bernard and Mary Kickham Carney, Eileen, Maureen, Kathleen and Donald Thibeault, Claire and John Griffin, Janine, Joanne, Mary and partner Mitch Jones, and Elisabeth. Grandchildren include Andrea, John, Grace and Robert Carney; Andrew, John and Madeline Thibeault; Maryclare Griffin and Ted Westling and Norah Griffin; Alana and Miren Parkinson; William Volya and Elena Madelyn Pavlenkov; Zachary Fox, and Connor, Duncan and Piers Echols-Jones. She is also survived by several beloved cousins and sisters-in-law, and many loving nieces, nephews and friends, dearest among whom are James Wagner and Prashant Shankar, MD. She was predeceased by her husband, John, her parents, Thomas and Mary Keeley Finn, brothers Thomas Paul and William P. Finn, sister Barbara MacDonald, and son-in-law Paul Hansen.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to Pioneer Valley Symphony (pvsoc.org); or to Dot Art, c/o Walter Baker Artist Lofts, 1231 Adams St., Dorchester, MA 02124 (dotart.org); or to Village In Focus, Inc., for Maria Assumpta School, Bbanda, Uganda (villageinfocus.org) c/o Barney Carney, 231 Savin Hill Ave., Dorchester MA 02125.

Funeral services will be private, but please view her Funeral Service live streamed on Saturday morning, January 23rd, at 11 A.M. using the link provided in her obituary on the funeral home website, www.jmurphyfh.com.

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in Quincy for 15 years. Joseph leaves behind a sister, Maureen O'Brien and her husband William, brothers John De-Fina and wife Suzanne, Michael DeFina and sister Patricia Fennessy.

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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court. Date: January 11, 2021

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He is also survived by nephews and nieces. Please make donations to The Greater Boston Food Bank, 70 South Bay Ave., Boston, MA 02118.

MAHONEY, Desmond C. "Desi," 82, of Brockton and formerly of Uphams Corner. He was the husband of the late Joan (Brooks) Mahoney. He is survived by his children, Susan Leydon and her husband Jimmie of Savin Hill, Kevin Mahoney and Michael Mahoney (BFD) and his wife Carolyn of Brockton.



McLAUGHLIN, Mary T. of Dorchester. Daughter of the late James J. and Mary (Finneran) McLaughlin. Sister of the late Rita McLaughlin, John McLaughlin, James McLaughlin, and Paul McLaughlin. Mary is survived by 9 nieces and nephews, 15 grandnieces and grandnephews, and 12 great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews. Donations in memory of Mary may be made to St. Brendan's School, 29 Rita Rd., Dorchester, MA 02124.



MANGAN, Patrick of Dorchester. Husband of Joan (Hegarty) Mangan. Father of Michael, Patrick, and Richard and his wife Heather. Grandfather of 2. Brother of Chrissy Tischbier and her husband Heinz. and several siblings in Ireland. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, and close friends.

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## Legal sports betting sponsor sees odds improving in 2021

By Matt Murphy STATE HOUSE News Service

Two years ago, the New England Patriots were preparing to play the Kansas City Chiefs for the chance to go to the Super Bowl and state Sen. Brendan Crighton was putting the finishing touches on a legislative proposal to legalize sports betting in Massachusetts.

Fast forward to today and the Patriots are at home on the couch, but Crighton is right where he was in mid-January 2019, again hoping this will be the year the Legislature acts to pull sports betting out from the shadows.

He is preparing to re-file his sports betting proposal with a few updates, including a higher tax rate and a significant increase in licensing fees that, he said, will generate needed revenue for Massachusetts before a wager is even placed.

The Lynn Democrat said he believes there will be an appetite in the Senate to consider the topic this session, despite Senate leadership slow-walking the issue for much of the past two years. He hopes his bill can provide some early direction for the debate.

"Sports betting is alive and well in Massachusetts, but unfortunately we're letting money go

down the drain to the black market and states that have legalized," Crighton said. "I think we have a real opportunity here to generate some revenue at a time we're facing a lot of uncertainty."

And he may be right. Sen. Eric Lesser, who last session co-chaired the committee that studied sports betting, plans to file his own bill in the coming weeks. While he didn't think the economic development bill was the right vehicle - the House had included a legalization measure in its version of that bill - Lesser told the News Service that he personally believes "the time has come" for Massachusetts to join its neighbors and legalize sports betting.

Lesser, a Longmeadow Democrat, said his position was only reinforced when New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced this month that he supports an expansion of sports betting into mobile sites.

In 2019, when Crighton filed his sports betting bill, the activity was legal in eight states.

Now, sports betting is operational in 19 states and the District of Columbia. Three more states have laws signed and on the books, and in three additional states voters approved legal sports betting in November, and legislators must now set up a regulatory framework, according to ESPN.

Crighton was among the first legislators to offer a framework for legal sports betting in Massachusetts the Supreme Court in 2018 opened the door for states outside of Nevada to enter the market.

His proposal was followed by others, including a bill filed By Gov. Baker.

Crighton's newest bill would create an opportunity for the state's two casinos, in Everett and Springfield, the slots parlor in Plainville. horse-racing license holders, and mobile platforms like the Boston-based DraftKings to host in-person and online sport betting.

Should thoroughbred racing return to Massachusetts, a new track would also be eligible to join the industry, which would be regulated and overseen by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission.

Prospective license holders would have to pay a \$10 million licensing fee, which is up from a high of \$1 million in Crighton's original bill, and the tax rate would be increased to 15 percent. Crighton originally proposed to tax wagers at 12.5 percent.

still allow for sports betting providers to be competitive against the black market," Crighton

As with his original bill, he is proposing to allow wagers on professional and college sports, but not on collegiate teams from universities located in Massachusetts.

Some other bills filed last session, including Gov. Baker's, proposed to exclude college sports from any new betting framework, but Baker recently told the News Service he would ac-

"We believe this will included betting on college sports because it's already happening in neighbor states.

"If we want people to leave their illegal marketplace and come into a regulated one, we need to keep that attraction available to them," Crighton said.

The senator's bill also excludes any type of "integrity fee" for the professional sports leagues or venues that host games on which wagers are placed.

Senate members of the Committee on Economic Development and Emerging Technologies cept a framework that last session abstained

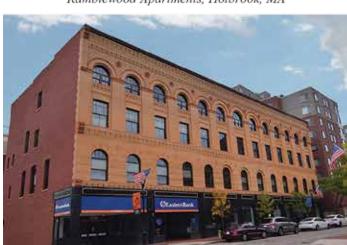
from a vote to advance a sports betting bill drafted by the committee, which was co-chaired with Lesser by Rep. Ann-Margaret Ferrante. Senate leaders then ignored a sports wagering proposal tacked on by the House to a major economic development bill in July.

It's unknown who will chair that committee this session, but Crighton believes the Senate will be in a better position to consider his bill and the issue in general now that the Legislature had better adapted to working through the pandemic.





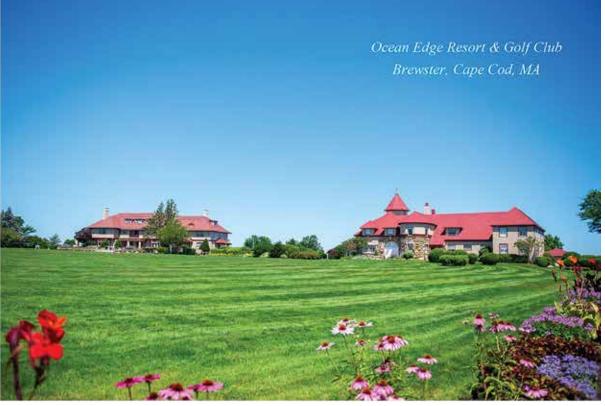
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#### **NEW 2020 DODGE DURANGO SXT PLUS AWD**

MSRP......\$40,480 REBATES......-2,950

FIRST RESPONDERS -500 DISCOUNT...

CHRYSLER CAPITAL.... QUIRK DISCOUNT....

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MONEY DOWN \$ LEASE: \$3,995

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### **NEW 2020 Ram 1500 BIG HORN CREW CAB 4x4**

<sup>\$</sup>44,685 REBATES.....-4,000

HONDA CONQUEST......-1.500 FIRST RESPONDERS DISCOUNT...

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CONQUEST LEASE.



MONEY DOWN PER MO. 39 MOS.3 LEASE: \$3,995

ZERO DOWN PER MO. LEASE: QUIRK DISCOUNT. Quirk

#### **NEW 2021 RAM 1500 REBEL** CREW CAB HEMI V8 4x4

MSRP......556,990 REBATES......-1,500 FIRST RESPONDERS DISCOUNT... HONDA CONQUEST.....-1.500

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DISCOUNT.

CONQUEST LEASE.

Quirk **Price** 

MONEY DOWN S LEASE: \$3.995 ZERO DOWN LEASE: QUIRK DISCOUNT

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