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# "Happy to be home," Latin School's new headmaster gets busy right away

By MADDIE KILGANNON REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

"I am so happy to be home," Rachel Skerritt told a sold-out room of alumni, parents, and faculty last Saturday evening at the "Cel-ebration of Latin School Annual Dinner" at the Marriott Long Wharf Hotel.

The 39-year-old native of Grove Hall, who graduated from the school in 1995, has hit the ground running in the three weeks she has been the headmaster at the Contompasis's decision venerable institution. At the celebration, Skerritt jokingly referred to her early weeks as head of school as "sluggish" before listing off the dozens of rallies, meetings, school events, and games that she had somehow managed to pack into her schedule.

"All this while fumbling my way trying to direct traffic on the Avenue," she added, a reference to Headmaster Emeritus Michael

during his tenure to direct traffic outside of the school on Avenue Louis Pasteur and greet students and families every morning.

Skerritt began her career in the Boston school system, where she taught for 11 years. Her last assignment before moving to Boston was as the deputy chief of leadership development for the public schools in the District of Columbia Public Schools.

Her appointment was announced last March following a widespread search to replace Dr. Lynne Mooney Teta, who announced her resignation as headmaster in June 2016 after nine years of leading the exam school.

Briefly referencing Mooney Teta, Skerritt said, "I have truly appreciated our collegial relationship over the past decade, and having the opportunity to

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Michael Contompasis, who has served as interim headmaster of Boston Latin School over the last year, handed over the keys to the school on Rachel Skerritt's first official day as headmaster, Nov. 1. Boston Latin School Association photo



#### Dot talent drives Urban Nutcracker

This season's production of the Urban Nutcracker, now in its 17th year, includes a great line-up of Dorchester talent, including (above l-r), Ana Lucia Heebner, Hope Williams, Echo Kirke-Sofer, Benedicte Pierre Louis, Penelope Duff-Wender, Kyre Ambrose, Max Kirke-Sofer, Abraham Coumbassa, and Greta Gorman, who will perform in many of the show's signature dances as ducklings, mice, rats, party boys Hancock Hall). See urbannutcracker.com for and girls, tappers, hip-hoppers and more. Ella more info.

Moye-Gibbons, who has performed in the Urban Nutcracker several times already, says that "the show is a great opportunity to be a part of a professional production and amazing show." The dance company's run includes an autism-friendly matinée, two school matinées, and afternoon and evening shows for the whole family, starting on Dec. 15 at the Back Bay Events Center (John

## City moves ahead with \$1.6b rebuild at Old Harbor site

By Jennifer Smith News Editor

The Boston Housing Authority's oldest development, the Mary Ellen McCormack complex in South Boston, is slated to be converted to a 3,000-unit, modern, mixed-income, mixeduse community in a \$1.6 billion renovation that could take up to a decade to complete.

"The planning process is beginning in earnest,' Kate Bennett of the **Boston Housing Author**ity (BHA) told attendees at the Columbia-Savin Hill Civic Association's meeting this month. Community forums will start soon, she said, ideally with the input from residents of nearby South Boston and Dorchester neighborhoods.

Boston-based WinnDevelopment Company, LP, was selected in August to develop the 27-acre site, according to the BHA. All existing buildings,



The process has begun to totally rehabilitate the Mary Ellen McCormack complex in South Boston.

Jennifer Smith photo

which today include 1,016 deeply subsidized apartments and row houses, will be demolished and replaced. The public housing units will be rebuilt, along with an additional 2,000 middleincome apartments, and market-rate apartments and condominiums.

Chief executive Gilbert Winn said the company hopes to accomplish three things over the course of the process: "There's an improved situation at Mary Ellen McCormack; that there are jobs for people who (Continued on page 4)

#### Neighbors seek to Il 'significant' Ashmont buildings

By Jennifer Smith News Editor

Dorchester takes its historic properties seriously, from the Clapp houses on Boston Street to the distinctive churches speckled throughout the neighborhood. Unless specifically noted as historic landmarks or parts of historic districts, however, the buildings do not come with established protections and local groups often disagree over their best uses.

At the Greater Ashmont Main Street fall meeting earlier this month, Jeff Gonyeau presented the Development and Historic Preservation Committee's year-long project to catalogue properties

in the Main Street district along Dorchester Avenue.

"This is an attempt to get out in front of some issues in the district," he said, "particularly in this environment of active development and a lot of changes to buildings, to be able to be pro-active and have a sense, on our own terms, as an organization, of what we would like to see happen—what we would encourage to happen and what we (Continued on page 12)



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#### DOT BY THE DAY

Nov. 23 - 26, 2017

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

**Thursday** (23rd) — Thanksgiving. No refuse/recycling collections will be made on Thursday.

• 5k run/walk in Franklin Park at 9 a.m. Online registration Trot is open until Wed., Nov. 22. See fpc5k.com for complete information.

Friday (24th) – Celebrate! at JFK Library and Museum features Wampanoag Nation Singers and Dancers for Native American Heritage Month at 10 a.m. Performance culminates with a full audience pow-wow. Free in the Stephen Smith Center at JFK Library. Make reservations by visiting jfklibrary. org/celebrate or call 617-514-1644.

• Painting for Gratitude with Dot Art and the Martin Richard Foundation,11 a.m.-3 p.m. at The Town Field, 200 Park St., Dorchester. Join the kids and families from the Neighborhood House Charter School, Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy, the Holmes School and the Henderson School as we paint Thank you Boston banners that will adorn the construction fences of Martin's Park at the Smith Family Waterfront next to the Boston Children's Museum for the winter months while the park comes to life.

Saturday (25th) — Christmas Vendor Fair at Neponset campus Sat., Nov. 25 from 10-3 p.m. at St. John Paul II Catholic Academy— Neponset. Sponsored by Dorchester Knights of Columbus Council 107, featuring plenty of vendors to do your Christmas shopping including: Tastefully Simply, Beachbody, Mary Kay, Clothing, Crochet Items, Usborne Books, LuLaRoe, and Homemade Jewelry. Take pictures with Santa and look out for the Toshiba Tablet Raffle. Refreshments will be available.

• Holiday tree lighting tour of Dorchester villages including stops at Neponset Circle at 4 p.m., Port Norfolk (4:20), Harbor Point (4:40), Allen Park (5), Strand Theatre (5:20), St. Teresa of Calcutta (5:40), Ryan Playground (6), Fields Corner (6:20), Adams/King St playground (6:40), and Peabody Square (7).

**Sunday** (26th) — Bach Project Debut Concert at All Saints Parish at 4 p.m., this newly-formed ensemble of professional singers and instrumentalists, will be joined by the All Saints' Boys Choir. For more information, and to buy tickets, visit ahchambermusic.org.

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The All Saints' Boys Choir will join in the performance of a newly-formed ensemble of professional singers and instrumentalists this Sunday afternoon.

# Bach Project debuts in concert on Sunday at All Saints

By Daniel Sheehan Reporter Correspondent

The newly-formed Boston ensemble The Bach Project will perform in their debut concert this Sunday, November 26 at 4 p.m. at The Parish of All Saints in Ashmont. Directed by All Saints' organist and choirmaster Andrew P. Sheranian, the group of professional vocalists and instrumentalists will play a selection of pieces by Baroque composer Johann Sebastian Bach. The ensemble will also be accompanied by the All Saints' Boys Choir.

The concert is the brainchild and passion project of Sheranian, who is entering his eighth year as the All Saints' organist and will play the church's Fisk organ in several parts of the program.

"I've always wanted to bring the music of Bach to Dorchester," said Sheranian. "All Saints Ashmont is the perfect venue for Bach because it features two spectacular pipe organs, and much of Bach's beautiful music was meant to be played on the organ."

Sheranian sees the event as a perfect opportunity to showcase the recently restored church.

"The church is such a beautiful space, and I hope this concert will draw the community in and show off the restorations that have been made." The renovations, which included improving stone masonry and restoring century-old stained glass windows, were completed in 2015. But Sheranian says Sunday's event will be the first to highlight the church's new acoustic capabilities.

"As a result of the restoration, the acoustics were improved dramatically," he says. "Everything, from the organ to the choir, sounds incredible."

The Bach Project is comprised of some of Bos-

ton's most accomplished musicians drawn from the Handel & Haydn Society, Boston Baroque, and Emmanuel Music, as well as other parishes in Boston. Sheranian described it as having the best of what Boston has to offer in a well-known, accessible Dot location.

"If you're into classical music and you love Dorchester, you can come to Ashmont and hear the same quality music you'd hear in downtown Boston — without the traffic!"

Ashmont Hill Chamber Music has offered a chamber music series in All Saints' Peabody Hall for decades, but this concert marks the first ever collaboration between AHCM and the All Saints music program, and the first baroque program to be performed in the church itself. The concert is scheduled for Sunday at 4 p.m. For tickets and more information, visit ahchambermusic.org.

# Police,<br/>Courts<br/>& Fire

#### Arrest made in Bowdoin Street homicide

Police have arrested a Braintree man in connection with the mid-afternoon murder of Nelson Torres-Santa, 55, of Dorchester last week.

At about 2:51 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 13, officers at District C-11 responded along with Boston EMS to a call for an "unknown medical incident" inside 330 Bowdoin St., a Boston Housing Authority building. The officers found an adult man dead inside, since identified as Torres-Santa.

Investigators ruled his death a homicide.

Members of the BPD Fugitive Apprehension Unit and Homicide Unit identified a suspect on Monday after an investigation. They arrested 21-year-old Thomas Frank Isaac, Jr. of Braintree without incident, police said. Isaac will be arraigned in Dorchester District Court where he will be charged with murder, armed home invasion, and armed robbery.

"In less than a week, my officers were able to work quickly and efficiently to gather evidence and make an arrest," Boston Police Commissioner William Evans said in a statement. "I'm confident that they've built a strong case that will lead to a conviction of the suspect, so that the public may be assured that another dangerous individual is off the streets."

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#### **UPCOMING CIVIC ASSOCIATION MEETINGS • FULL LISTINGS ON PAGE 10**

No Thursday trash or recycling on Nov. 23 – The city of Boston will not collect refuse or recycling on Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 23). A one-day delay will be in effect.

Celebrate Native American culture at JFK Library – Free, family-friendly program with Wampanoag Nation Singers and Dancers in the Stephen Smith Center at JFK Library on Fri., Nov. 24 at 10:30 a.m. Make reservations by visiting jfklibrary.org or call 617-514-1644.

Glover's Corner public meeting on Nov. 29 – The BPDA will sponsor a public workshop as part of its ongoing Plan: Glover's Corner initiative on Wed., Nov. 29 at 5:30 p.m., Local 103 IBEW, 256 Freeport St., Dorchester. The focus will be on transportation, mobility and connectivity. For more info go to bit.ly/

PlanGlovers. Or call 617-918-4312.

Poverty in America topic at Kennedy Library forum – JFK Library forum on Tuesday, November 28 at 6 p.m. features Peter Edelman, Georgetown law professor and former advisor to Senator Robert F. Kennedy, discusses key challenges raised in his new book "Not a Crime to Be Poor: The Criminalization of Poverty in America." Call 617-514-1643 or visit jfklibrary.org/forums.

Tree removal hearing on Blue Hill Avenue — The Boston Parks and Recreation Department will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 7, at 10 a.m. on a request to remove one, 10 inch in diameter shade tree at 1516 Blue Hill Avenue in Mattapan to make way for a driveway. The hearing will be held

by the City of Boston's Tree Warden in the 3rd floor Conference Room of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 1010 Massachusetts Ave.

Franklin Park Pathways public meeting – The city's Parks and Recreation Department invites the public to a community briefing for Phase Vb of the ongoing Improvements to Pathways at Franklin Park on Sat., Dec. 9 at 10 a.m. at William Devine Golf Course Club House, 1 Circuit Dr., Dorchester. Call 617-961-3019 for more info.

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# Paying for a T ride could look different in three years

By Colin A. Young State House News Service

The MBTA on Monday moved towards overhauling its fare collection system to eliminate cash from its trolleys and buses and to give riders the ability to pay onboard with a credit card or smartphone, changes the T says will help keep the transit system running on time.

The T's Fiscal and Management Control Board approved a 13year, \$723.3 million contract for the design, installation, finance, operation and maintenance of the "Automated Fare Collection 2.0" project Monday afternoon. The winning bidder was a joint venture between California-based Cubic Corp. and the John Laing Group, a British company.

When implementation is completed, projected for May 2020, T riders will be able to pay for their trip by loading a balance onto something similar to a Charlie Card, tapping a credit card on one of the new fare boxes or by purchasing a ticket on a smartphone app. Riders will no longer be able to pay with cash on buses or the Green Line,



eliminating transactions that cause delays and frustration for other passengers.

"This isn't just about the next generation of fare collection, but an entirely new way that our customers learn to interact with the MBTA, with more options to pay, more fare media available for use which will have compatibility across all modes, including commuter rail and the ferries," MBTA General Manager Luis Ramirez said at Monday's FMCB meeting.

In addition to speeding up the trolley and bus boarding process, T officials said the new fare collection method will open the doors to things like all-door boarding on buses and Green Line trolleys, improved revenue and ridership data, and would allow the MBTA to consider fare policy innovations like distance- or time-based fares. It will also mean that T drivers will no longer have to also serve as fare collectors.

The shift away from cash transactions was flagged as a concern by some MBTA riders who said they are worried that the new policies would negatively impact riders who don't use smartphones or credit cards and often rely on cash. Louise Baxter, of the T Riders Union, said the T needs to make the kiosks that will accept cash in exchange for a contactless card are close to bus stops and easy for riders to find.

Transportation Secretary Stephanie Pollack stressed Monday that riders will be able to pay

for their MBTA rides with cash once the new system is in place, but they will have to do it before getting on a train or bus.

"This is not a cashless system. This is a system in which cash is not used onboard the vehicles anymore," Pollack said. "But cash will still be quite usable and easily usable by our customers who need to use cash."

David Block-Schachter, the MBTA's chief technology officer, said every fare kiosk or vending machine will accept cash and dispense cards, and riders will be able to pay with cash for MBTA fares at a "much more robust retail network." Some street-level bus and trolley stations could get small solar-powered kiosks, he said.

He also said the T is building the new system with the privacy of riders in mind. Data from the system that is "aggregated and depersonalized" will be used for service planning, but no rider will be able to be identified by that data.

"Within the design

of the system, your mobility information is separated from your personally identifiable information so that it is only the customer who can give permission for those two pieces of information to be linked," Block-Schachter said.

The T's current Charlie Card system requires users to load money onto a hard plastic Charlie Card or a paper Charlie Ticket, then either tap the card against a fare box or insert the ticket into the fare gate to gain access to the transit system.

The "automated fare collection 1.0" system was installed in 2006 and system-wide implementation of Charlie Cards began Jan. 1, 2007, according to the T.

# The Industry welcomes Irish comedian Brendan Grace

Comedian Brendan Grace, one of Ireland's most well-known entertainers, will headline a comedy night and dinner at The Industry in Adams Corner next Wed., Nov. 29. The show includes a three-course meal at Dorchester's hottest new eatery and live music by Jinty McGrath for one price: \$60.

Frank Gillepie, who is promoting the event, says it will be Grace's first Boston show in more than two years.

"This is what we intend to do more of in the future [at The Industry]," said Gillespie.

For reservations, call 617-297-9010 or go to theindustryonadams. com.



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# City moves ahead with \$1.6b rebuild at Old Harbor site

(Continued from page 1) live there; and that there is a substantial middle-income housing component."

Mary Ellen McCormack, also known as "Old Harbor" to longtime South Boston residents, is located on Kemp Street, opposite Carson Beach. The 1930s complex - 22 three-story buildings and 152 row houses – offers a mix of one-, two-, and threebedroom apartments with rents calculated at 30 percent of a resident's income or established as flat rent.

Winn told attendees that one-third of the new units will be designated to very low income, middle-income, and market rate residents, with the first priority being the protection of the BHA's most subsidized spaces. They are looking at a townhouse-inspired design around the site, he said.



Row houses and green space at the Mary Ellen McCormack complex in South Boston.

Jennifer Smith photo

City housing officials "have been searching for a way to invest in that site for some time now," Bennett said. "We don't have the capital or operating money that we need to properly invest in that site and maintain it at the level that we would like to and that our residents deserve, our

neighborhood deserves."
A public-private partnership seemed to be the best solution, Bennett said. The WinnDevelopment plan was one of five applications that BHA received in response to a request for proposals for the redevelopment this spring. According to a BHA release, "The

Winn team received high points from the selection committee for its demonstrated model for strong resident partnerships and robust resident services, items which are a priority for existing residents at the site."

Adding the marketrate units is a way to leverage the value of their land and create mixed-income housing "across that whole spectrum," Bennett said, assuring attendees that there will be no loss in quality for the subsidized units. Existing residents will have the right to return to the site after redevelopment and the BHA will retain ownership of the land.

The development flips the building and

will take place over four phases, according to the BHA. Winn said they hope to avoid disruption as long as possible through the phased building plan, but residents will be offered relocation options, including moves to other BHA public housing sites or Housing Choice/Section 8 vouchers.

WinnDevelopment specializes in affordable housing and mixed income housing, and "managing complex projects," Winn said. Most of their properties have been with the company for the past 30 years, he said. "We're sort of the opposite of the merchant builder who goes in and fling the building and

sells it to a cash builder." The developers will be hosting office hours for neighbors and community groups throughout the process, he said.

"We want to engage in a listening tour and have a lot of public forums to sort of ask folks what they think the vision of the site should be," Bennett said. "At the BHA, our first constituency is obviously our residents, but pretty quickly we'll need to bump out and talk to neighborhood associations like this one and ones that are surrounding the development."

About half the buildings will have a first-floor retail element, Winn said, such as a neighborhood market and other local amenities like dry cleaning and repair shops. Event space would also be available to the McCormack and the surrounding community.

"There are no set-instone plans right now," he said. "We know this is a high profile project that's going impact the lives of people in this room, but we also know that we really can't wait. We believe strongly that [with] the social issues that are going on, the physical condition of the Mary Ellen McCormack, that's something that we can't wait to work on."



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# MacKinnon leaned on Dot childhood for inspiration in writing latest novel

By Daniel Sheehan REPORTER CORRESPONDENT

One of Doug MacKinnon's most treasured possessions is a small plastic nativity scene. He was five years old when he bought it in Catholic school after rummaging through his father's coat pockets and finding a handful of change.

The simple figurine soon became a talisman of sorts and a constant source of comfort. At the time, comforts were scarce for MacKinnon, who grew up poor in an abusive household that crisscrossed the neighborhoods of Dorchester some 30 times a halfcentury ago. "I have a vivid memory of hiding in the closet as a small child and clutching the nativity scene," he said in an interview with the Reporter.

The nativity scene is just one of the many aspects of MacKinnon's life that have found their way into his new novel, "The North Pole Project." MacKinnon survived the hardship and trauma of his youth to eventually work in the White House and the Pentagon, write for two presidential campaigns, and become a political columnist and a novelist.

For MacKinnon, writing books is an appropriate culmination of his journey to success, which he says was made possible by books in the first place. "The thing that kept me sane through poverty was reading," he says. "The power of words really did save me, and I wanted to see if I could pass along that

Passing along gifts is, in fact, the central theme of the novel, which follows protagonist Christian Nicholas, a miserable multibillionaire who experiences a spiritual epiphany and decides to eschew his lifelong pursuit of material wealth and instead dedicate his life to philanthropy. Nicholas's character has a plastic nativity scene figurine of his own, a not so subtle allusion to the author's personal experience.

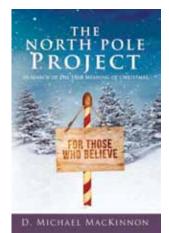
Very few aspects of the novel are entirely fictitious; MacKinnon says every single character in the book is based on someone real. Throughout much of the novel, he clearly knows about what he is describing, laying out scenes in the White House based on his familiarity with the context and protocol that goes on at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

Massachusetts also has a considerable role in the novel, parts of which take place in Westwood and Dorchester, including a brief scene on Hamilton Street, where MacKinnon grew up. He says his hometown is always close to his heart when writing. "That community means the world to me. I would never forget where I come from."

MacKinnon has documented the effects of his childhood in his memoir "Rolling Pennies in the Dark," in which, among other stories, he relates how his family was evicted and forced to move more than 30 times. He says his harsh upbringing gave him "empathy for life and for those below the poverty line." His early years clearly inform his portrayal of the wounded and downtrodden in his novel and allow him to construct believable characters.

MacKinnon says the idea for the novel came to him a couple of years ago as he was driving through a snowstorm in the Northeast at a time when seemingly every headline told of tragic news. "In that moment, I thought of the North Pole, and I thought of writing something that gave people hope," he says. "Something that would renew people's faith in humanity."

Faith plays an understated vet important role in his latest book. Christian Nicholas rediscovers his faith in the opening chapters and sets out on a path to  $redemption \, for \, his \, years \,$ of greed and selfishness. MacKinnon says he



wanted to make a point about the intangible things that truly make us happy.

"I wanted the reader to understand that even if you have all the money in the world, your life can still be meaningless," he says, "You can still be without a mission."

Faced with the weight of his mistakes, Nicholas comes up with an idea to use his resources for good and build a real-life Santa's workshop at the North Pole, recruiting volunteers from around the globe to work as "elves." It's a bold project based in altruism and selflessness, qualities that MacKinnon says capture what Christmas is all about.

"We find the true meaning of Christmas when we help others in need," he says. "That's the greatest gift we can give ourselves.

"The North Pole Project" will be released on Dec. 5 and is available for preorder at simonandschuster.com and amazon.com.

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CODMAN SQUARE BRANCH Sat., Nov. 25, 9 a.m. – USCIS Information Hours at Boston Public Library Branches.

Mon., Nov. 27, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues.**, **Nov. 28**, 10:30 a.m. – Quilt Making for Generations; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – Comics Class for Youth. Wed., Nov. 29, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Thurs., Nov. 30, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help.

#### FIELDS CORNER BRANCH

Fri., Nov. 24, 9:30 a.m. - Lapsit Story Time; 10:30 a.m. - Reading Readiness. Sat., Nov. 25, 10 a.m. – Ask a Career Counselor; 10 a.m. – Vietnamese Book Club. Mon., Nov. 27, 10 a.m. - HISET/ GED Preparation Class; 10:30 a.m. – Ask a Career Counselor; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Tues., Nov. 28, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6 p.m. - Vietnam War Screening and Community Discussion. Wed., Nov. 29, 10:30 a.m. - Preschool Films and Fun; 3:30 p.m. - Drop-In Homework Help. Thurs., Nov. 30, 10 a.m. – HISET/GED Preparation Class; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Fri., Dec. 1**, 9:30 a.m. – Lapsit Story Time; 10:30 a.m. – Reading Readiness. Sat., Dec. 2 – Ask a Career Counselor.

#### GROVE HALL BRANCH

Fri., Nov. 24, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Movies. Mon., Nov. 27, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Tues., Nov. 28, 10:15 a.m. – ESL High-Beginner English; 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 3:30 p.m. – 3D Art Class for Youth; Drop-In Homework Help. Wed., Nov. 29, 11 a.m. – Toddler Time; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Thurs., Nov. 30, 3 p.m. – USCIS Information Hours at Boston Public Library Branches; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Fri., Dec. 1, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Movies. **Sat., Dec. 2**, 3 p.m. – An Afternoon with Author S.A. "Sunny Abakwue."

#### LOWER MILLS BRANCH

Fri., Nov. 24, 9:30 a.m. - Babytime. Mon., Nov. 27, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 7 p.m. – Pajama Storytime. **Tues., Nov. 28**, 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Story Time; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; Kids Cooking with Miss Debbie. Mon., Nov. 27, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 7 p.m. – Pajama Storytime. Tues., Nov. 28, 10:30 a.m. - Preschool Story Time; 3:30 p.m. - Drop-In Homework Help. Wed., Nov. 29, 10:30 a.m. – Music & Movement; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs., Nov. 30**, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 6 p.m. – ESL Conversation Group. Fri., Dec. 1, 9:30 a.m. – Babytime.

#### MATTAPAN BRANCH

Mon., Nov. 27, 2:30 p.m. – Cartoon Afternoon; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues.**, **Nov. 28**, 12 p.m. – Towering Tots; 2:30 p.m. – 90s Nostalgia; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 5 p.m. – Fall 2017 Basic Technology Class. Wed., Nov. 29, 2:30 p.m. - Cartoon Afternoon; 3:30 p.m. - Drop-In Homework Help. **Thurs.**, **Nov. 30**, 12 p.m. – Towering Tots; 2:30 p.m. – 90s Nostalgia; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help; 4:30 p.m. – Tinkering & Inventions Class for Youth; 6:30 p.m. – Yoga. Fri., Dec. 1, 2:30 p.m. – Movie Friday. Sat., Dec. 2, 2 p.m. – Teen Resume Building.

#### **UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH**

Mon., Nov. 27, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues., Nov. 28**, 10:30 a.m. – Reading Readiness Story Time; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Wed., Nov. 29, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Thurs., Nov. 30, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Mon., Dec. 4, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. **Tues.**, **Dec. 5**, 10:30 a.m. – Reading Readiness Story Time; 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Wed., Dec. 6, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help. Thurs., Dec. 7, 3:30 p.m. – Drop-In Homework Help.

# THANKSGIVING DAY

NO

REFUSE/RECYCLING

COLLECTIONS

Will be made on Thursday

November 23, 2017

Neighborhoods with twice-weekly collections that have a Monday and Thursday, Thursday is cancelled. NO delay in Charlestown

In all other sections of the City, **Including South Boston** Collection will be delayed one day



City Of Boston Mayor Martin J. Walsh

#### Reporter's

# People

# Army journalist from Dot fights fire in Puerto Rico

By Spc. Alysia C Brewster SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico - Spc. Sam Keenan, a photo journalist with the 65th Press Camp Headquarters of the Massachusetts Army National Guard, aided employees from Homeca Recycling and a local firefighter to tame a fire until more help arrived on scene, on Nov. 15 in Loíza, Puerto Rico.

Keenan was on his way back from documenting an Air Force security forces team when he spotted a large cloud of black smoke and wanted to make sure everyone was okay.

"As a public affairs specialist, my initial reaction was to see if there was a story to cover there, it's what we do, we are journalists. But once I got there and I realized there was no professional firefighter on sight, that they may need a hand in putting out the flames" said Keenan.

Once on the scene the employees of Homeca Recycling were using small garden hoses to try and get the fire under control and when the first fire truck with a lone firefighter pulled up, Keenan grabbed a hose and continued to help.

Keenan is from Dorchester, Massachusetts and attended Norwich University, The Military College where he received Navy ROTC training. During the training he learned basic firefighting skills because when on a ship everyone is a firefighter due to the fact that rescue squads usually cannot come to their aid.

"I was just doing my job, I have a little bit of fire fighting training and it looked like they needed some help. I'm just glad everything turned out okay" said Keenan.

Once the fire fighters had things under control Keenan picked up his camera and proceeded to document the events that were unfolding. After taking photos Keenan and I coordinated distributing water to the firefighters and employees.

Keenan has been a photo journalist with the Massachusetts Army National Guard since November 2015 and exemplifies what it means to be a citizen soldier.

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> Army Photo by Spc. Alysia C Brewster, 65th Press Camp Headquarters





US Marine Corps Pfc. Kevin Ryan, honor graduate for Platoon 2074, Golf Company, 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, graduated from boot camp Oct. 6, 2017. Ryan is from Dorchester.

U.S. Marine Corps photo by Lance Cpl. Maximiliano Bavastro

# Collins-Gousby tapped as Brookview House manager

Deborah Collins-Gousby has joined the Brookview House in Dorchester as Chief Operating Officer. A Boston native, Collins-Gousby will manage all of Brookview's existing programs and services including adult, youth, clinical and community.

A graduate of the Boston Public Schools and Emerson College, she spent nearly thirteen years at Casa Myrna, a comprehensive provider of domestic violence services, starting as Director of Emergency Programs and eventually assuming responsibility for all of the agency's direct service programs. Earlier on, she worked for fourteen years at the Elizabeth Stone House, another Boston provider of shelter and communitybased services to domestic



**Deborah Collins-Gousby** 

violence survivors and their children.

Today, Collins-Gousby is President-Elect of the Jane Doe Inc. Board and a member of the Leadership Committee of the Massachusetts Women of Color Network (MAWOCN).

"Deborah's years of experience in direct services, program development, education and outreach position her perfectly to support Brookview as it evolves and expands," commented Deborah Hughes, president and CEO of Brookview House. "She is an outstanding complement to our team and we are thrilled to have her."

Each year, Brookview House provides 370 women and children experiencing homelessness with a safe,

supportive environment in which to live and acquire and practice skills to pursue education, job training and employment in order to achieve long-term stability and economic independence.

At-risk women and children who live in the community are also invited to participate in Brookview's programs.

Recognized nationally for its successful model, 92 percent of mothers who have lived at Brookview maintain permanent housing after leaving, and 88 percent of the children who participate in Brookview's Youth Development Program graduate high school, compared to the national average of only 25 percent.

#### YESTERYEAR ARCHIVE

DORCHESTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Jane Pisciottoli-Papa is a faithful follower of our Dorchester Historical Society social media pages. When she heard about our World War I project, she contacted us to see if we might feature her great-uncle in our exhibit. She sent us a wealth of information including documents and photographs from her own extensive genealogy of her family. We are happy to include Jane's great uncle in our exhibit.

Salvatore Maradei was born in Boston on June 19, 1888, to Italian immigrants Louis and Filomena (Marzano). Louis was a barber who worked at South Station. Although the vital records record Salvatore's name as "Mario Salvatore," his parents intended for his first name to be Salvatore - named for his father's father. He was baptized as such at St. Leonard of Port Maurice Church in



Salvatore Maradei

the North End of Boston. However, to his family, he was simply, "Jack."

In the 1910 US Census, Salvatore was 21 years old and living at home on Coleman Street in the Meetinghouse Hill/Fields Corner neighborhood of Dorchester with his father and his three siblings: Elvira (19), William (16), and Frank (14). His occupation is listed as "book binder."

He registered for the draft at age 29 in June of 1917 and was described as being a young man of short stature, stout build, with brown eyes and black hair. He left for Europe from New York City aboard the RMS Mauretania, a British luxury liner that had been commissioned by Great Britain during World War I to carry American troops to the battlefields of Europe.

Salvatore served as a private in the Headquarters Company of the 55th Coast Artillery of the United States Army Coast Artillery Corps (CAC). The CAC delivered US-manned heavy artillery, railway artillery, and anti-aircraft artillery against the Germans, mostly working alongside French forces. Salvatore served in France in a number of engagements including Aisne-Marne, Oise-Aisne, Meuse-Argonne, and Vesle. He returned stateside from Brest. France, in New York City on Jan. 22, 1919, aboard the SS Cretic and was honorably discharged the next month.

He returned to work as a book binder. By 1934, Salvatore was living on Delmont Street in the Neponset neighborhood. Two years later, he was living in the Fenway and working as a "forwarder" at the Boston Public Library. He died unexpectedly on April 14, 1944 at age 55. He is buried in Mt. Benedict Cemetery in West Roxbury with his parents.

You can reach us at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org. Check out the Society's online catalog at Dorchester. pastperfectononline.com; the archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the website.

# Savin Hill 500 Years Ago (a mural by James Hobin)



This fall marked the 18th anniversary of the mural "Savin Hill 500 Years Ago" that was painted in 1999 by James Hobin with assistance from Joe McKendry, and student artists from the Boys and Girls Clubs of Dorchester, including Lauren Clark, Shane Hassey, Chau Nguyen, Halan Tran, and Rose Morgan. On Nov. 6, 1999, approximately 400 people, including Mayor Thomas Menino, turned up at the corner of South Sydney Street and Savin Hill Avenue for the dedication ceremony at which Toni Weeden, the daughter of the noted Native American historian Tall Oak, performed traditional song. The mural remains mounted there now on the side of McKenna's Café. From the Charles River in Boston south to Plymouth, Indian tribes were members of a federation ruled over by Chikataubut, the Sachem of Passonagessit (Weymouth). The federation was also known as the Massachusetts.

The foreground of the mural is Meetinghouse Hill with Savin Hill - or Rocky Hill, as the first Puritan settlers called it— in the distance. The mural is still in good shape, thanks to the stewardship of the Edward Ingersoll Browne Fund for Public Art in Boston.

#### **Editorial**

## A cruel strike at Haitians is latest White House outrage

Cruel. Heartless. Wrong. Counter-productive. Choose your favorite adjective to describe the Trump administration's plans to eliminate Temporary Protected Status (TPS) for Haitians impacted by the country's devastating 2010 earthquake and subsequent disasters, including an ongoing cholera epidemic.

There's one word that you won't find many people using to describe the announcement that came on Monday evening, and that's "surprising." Is there anyone who actually believed that a White House led by this president would actually seek to do the right thing by Haiti?

Elections have consequences. For people like the nearly 60,000 Haitian nationals and their dependents impacted by this ruling, the consequences of an extremist, anti-immigrant US presidency will be severe. They'll have until July 22, 2019 to leave this country.

The earthquake of 2010 may seem distant to some, but the Trump team seems willing to disregard a far more recent and still-unresolved crisis in Haiti: a cholera epidemic introduced by UN troops in October 2010 that has killed some 10,000 people and sickened more than 800,000, according to the Boston-based Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti.

Gov. Charlie Baker, in making his own appeal to the Trump administration, wrote: "It is not consistent with the traditions and values of the United States to order the return of large numbers of foreign nationals who have been living under our laws and contributing to our economy and culture to countries that are dangerous, politically unstable, and incapable of providing basic services and protections for their citizens."

Our governor has it right. Unfortunately, it will take more than written appeals to reverse this cruel

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#### **The Urban Gardener**

# The Urban Gardener's Thanksgiving Day Schedule

(Editor's Note: Due to popular demand, we are pleased to reprint Mary Casey Forry's classic column about her schedule of activities around the house for Thanksgiving Day. This article first appeared in the Dorchester Reporter in November 1986.)

#### By Mary Casey Forry

**6:15 a.m.** - Rise and attempt to shine. Find way to kitchen without falling over sleeping animals on the dark, narrow, back stairs. Remove cold, dead fowl from refrigerator and give it a sponge bath, remembering to remove innards in little plastic bags which butcher hides in any number of cavities throughout carcass. Preheat oven.

6:30 a.m. - Remove celery and onions from refrigerator; cut them into small pieces and saute them

in pan while attempting to keep stomach under control. Add bread and spices and prepare to insert them into fowl. Do not, under any circumstances, attempt to cut corners by stuffing the fowl the night before, or everyone at table will die of food poisoning before sundown.

**6:35 a.m.** - Rummage through dark house looking for needle and thread with which to sew fowl back together again. Contort the

fowl to fit into roasting pan by bending its little wings behind its back. If this does not work, cut them off (he's finished using them).

**6:45 a.m.** - Massage fowl liberally with butter or some other lubricant (other than motor oil) to keep it moist while cooking. This procedure never works, but it makes us feel like Julia Child.

**6:50 a.m.** - Put fowl in oven and check cooking chart for time. Figure anywhere between five and 36 hours until fowl is done. If anyone asks later what time dinner is, be optimistic and say, "Sometime today."

7:00 a.m. - Remove bakery pies from trunk of car and line them up where everyone can see them. Throw boxes away and when family asks if you made them, look offended, lie and say, "Of course."

7:05 a.m. - Sit down and have morning beverage of your choice.

**7:10 a.m.** - Remove appropriate vegetables from refrigerator and peel or otherwise ready them for cooking. It is best to do this early because some juggling for burner space on stove is in order since there are only four burners and 17 side dishes. Neighbors are of no help at this time, since they are in same boat.

 $8:\!00$  a.m. - First family member appears in kitchen demanding bacon and eggs for breakfast. Give them a dollar and point them in the general direction of the nearest McDonald's.

8:15 a.m. - Husband suggests that you accom-

pany him to a football stadium where you can sit in 20 degree weather watching high school students maul and maim one another. Tell him you are much too busy, but to go and have a wonderful time and don't forget to take the children with him. Use next several hours attempting to make up lost sleep.

10:30 a.m. - Catch glimpse of Thanksgiving Day parade on television. Notice how spectators are smiling and waving at the camera. That's because they're having dinner at someone else's house and don't have to cook.

11:00 a.m. - Set dinner table with best linen, china, crystal and silverware and candles. Stop and admire it, because now is the best it's going to look all day.

12:45 p.m. - Husband and children arrive home and want to know when dinner will be ready. Smile and try to contain yourself.

**1:00 p.m.** - Set cooked fowl on platter. Assemble various vegetables, sauces, gravies, condiments,

1:30 p.m. - Announce that dinner is ready. Husband will want to know if you can hold everything for 10 more minutes until halftime in the Stuffing Bowl. Tell him if he's not at the table in 20 seconds, he'll be the first casualty of the holiday weekend.

1:32 p.m. - Family assembles at table. Say Grace. At this point some family member, usually the youngest, announces how bad they feel for the turkey, spoiling everyone's appetite.

1:50 p.m. - Dinner and halftime over. Remove dishes and food from table. Wash dishes, pots, pans, silver and crystal. Attempt to remove gravy and candle wax stains from linen.

**2:30 p.m.** - Set out desserts and beverages

2:40 p.m. - Remove dessert plates and silverware, cups and saucers, and wash same.

3:30 p.m. - Finish removing debris from kitchen and dining areas. At this point, husband usually saunters into kitchen and asks what he can do to help. This way you know that the Stuffing Bowl is over and the Squash Bowl has not yet begun. Tell him thanks a lot, but his concern and good wishes are more than enough.

6:00 p.m. - Finish last chore and sit down with youngest child to watch "Santa and the Million Dollar Parents" on television.

6:30 p.m. - Husband and children want to know what's for supper. Tell them the kitchen is closed for repairs.

7:00 p.m. - Tell children for the last time that under no circumstances are there any Christmas decorations going up in this house tonight!

**8:00 p.m.** - Sit down to relax with newspaper. Realize from the ads that there are only 26 shopping days left until Christmas. Take a Prozac, wish one and all a Happy Thanksgiving, go to bed and cry self to sleep.

Mary Casey Forry co-founded the Reporter in 1983. She passed away in December 2004.

# 'Oh, The Hunger That Many Suffered'

#### By Peter F. Stevens REPORTER STAFF

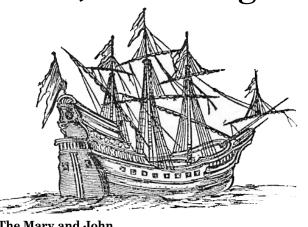
On Thursday, November 22, 2012, the aroma of roast turkey and all the trimmings will drift from Dorchester's kitchens, familiesgatheringaround dining room tables piled with all the fixings of the holiday. Three hundred and eighty-two years ago, however, Dorchester's first English settlers sat at rude wooden tables not to feast, but to stay barely alive.

Colonist Roger Clap wrote of the Mary and John passengers facing their first brutal New England winter, in 1630-31: "In our beginning, many were in great Straits for want of Provision for themselves and their little Ones." There would be no Thanksgiving for that beleaguered band of settlers clinging to their footholds near "Rocky Hill" (latter-day Savin Hill).

Atlantic gusts lashing the rough wooden cabins, "lean-to's," and shelters of Dorchester's early colonists, and dipping temperatures all along the bay heralded a harsh winter. Having arrived too late to plant sufficient crops, the settlers confronted winter with meager stocks of "salt junk [meat] and hardtack [rock-hard bisuit] left over from the voyage." With barely enough food for their own families, "Dorchester's Freemen" had to "turn loose [their indentured servants] to fend for themselves."

The colonists were more than willing to hunt in the dense local forests and to fish the waters teeming with cod and other fish, but were hampered by a range of problems in any attempt to level a musket at a wild animal or to cast a line into the ocean.

In a letter to his father back in England, a local man lamented: "Here [in Dorchester and Boston] is good store of fish if we had boats to go 8 or 10 leagues to sea to [go] fishing. Here are good store of wild fowl, but they are hard



The Mary and John.

to come by. It is harder to get a shot than it is in Old England...Therefore, loving father, I entreat you that you would send me a firkin[measure]ofbutter & a hogshead of malt... for we drink nothing but water....We do not know how long we may subsist, for we cannot live here without provisions from Old England."

Renowned historian Samuel Eliot Morison notes that the drastic changes in the customary diet of the band from the Mary and John and the other Puritans who had debarked from vessels along Massachusetts' shore was pronounced, weakening them by November and leaving them in poor shape to endure the coming winter of 1630-31.

"But the Englishman of that period considered himself starving without beef, bread and beer," Morison writes. "And even today, if you will try a steady diet of shellfish and spring water for a week, you might feel some sympathy for these Puritan colonists bereft of their stout British fare."

For many of the Mary and John settlers, one of the available foodstuffs — "Indian corn" — wreaked havoc with their digestive tracts. "There is one and another allusion to the fact that these people, bred to the use of English wheat, rye and barley," records Chronicles of the First Planters, "disliked the bread made of Indian corn. They probably had not yet learned the art, which is not an easy art to this day, of properly subduing that grain by

the process of cookery." Cramps and worse bedeviled many settlers forced to rely on the harsh local corn as a staple.

By late November 1630, many of the colonists foraging from the Neponset to "The Neck" for food were taking on a gaunt, weakened collective visage. Thoughts of any day of Thanksgiving were remote to men, women, and children alike. Thoughts of scraping enough food for the daily larder consumed the hours. And, as Chronicles of the Planters asserts, "as the winter came on, provisions began to be very scarce....and people were neccessitated to live upon clams and mussels and ground-nuts and acorns, and these got with much difficulty in the winter time. Upon which people were very much tired and discouraged." With hunger came two dread companions - scurvy and "a contagious fever, probably typhus.'

On Christmas Eve, temperatures plummeted below freezing, with icy winds roaring in from the ocean. Relentless snowfall soon piled upon Dorchester and the nearby settlements. As John Winthrop and other locals described, "many of the people were yet inadequately housed, living and dying in bark wigwams or sail-cloth tents, 'soe [sic.] that almost in every family, lamentation, mourning and woe was heard, and no fresh food to be had to cherish them.'

Roger Clap's words captured the incessant misery and deprivation

settlers battled day by frigid day: "Oh, the Hunger that many suffered. and saw no hope in an Eye of Reason to be supplyed [sic.] only by Clams, and Muscles[sic.], and Fish.... Bread was so very scarce that sometimes I tho'ht the very Crusts of my Father's Table would have been very sweet unto me. And when I could have Meal and Water and Salt boiled together, it was so good who could wish better?...It was accounted a strange thing in those Days to drink Water, and to eat Samp [mush] or Hominie without Butter or Milk. Indeed, it would have been a strange thing to see a piece of Roast

Beef, Mutton, or Veal." The hardships notwithstanding, Clap battled his travails with stoicism and bedrock Puritan religious beliefs, as did many of the Mary and John contingent literally hanging on for dear life as the seemingly endless winter dragged on. "I took notice of it," he wrote in his journal, "as a Favour of God unto me, not only to preserve my Life, but to give me Contentment in all these Straits; insomuch that I do not remember that I ever did wish in my Heart that I had not come unto this Country, or wish myself back again to my

that the Mary and John Father's House."

That tough-minded approach would carry Clap and many of his fellow Dorchester companions through the winter, ensuring that the fledgling settlement would survive.

In February 1631, Clap and company needed every last source of inner strength upon which they could draw, for their situation reached its desperate worst. Food stores had dwindled to virtually nothing, and profiteering was rampant the princely sum of 5 pounds for a single pig and 3 pounds for a nearly starved goat the going rate.

Finally, in that grim February, a relief ship materialized in the waters alongside the Puritan settlements. The Lion, out of Bristol, England, was laden with supplies procured by one of Dorchester's "guiding lights," John White, and other supporters of the colonists. Among the most important items off-loaded from the vessel was lemon juice, "which cured the scurvy." To the delight of the haggard colonists craving a bit of bread and meat, sailors rolled and lugged sacks of grain and "barrelled beef" ashore, as well as peas. Dorchester was one of "the several

towns" receiving a share of the supplies. As John Winthrop noted, the Lion's arrival was "the occasion for a February thanksgiving day."

That Thanksgiving day for the settlers of Dorchester and the region was not a "Pilgrimesque" feast, but a day of prayer and reflection.

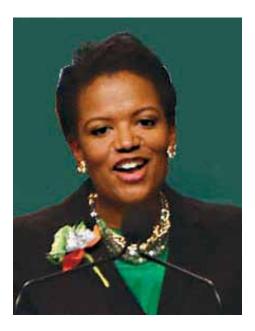
Roger Clap also offered thanks to another source of aid to the Dorchester Company: "Yet this I can say to the Praise of God's Glory, that He sent poor raven-nous Indians, who came with their Baskets of corn on their Backs to Trade with us, which was a good supply unto many.'

This Thanksgiving, as families gather in Dorchester for turkey dinners, they might pause for a moment to ponder how blessed they are. Three hundred and eighty-two years ago, the town's first colonists truly grasped how precious family and a full table

Peter F. Stevens is the author of more than a dozen books, including The Voyage of the Catalpa and Notorious and Notable New Englanders. He  $is \, a \, regular \, contributor \, to \,$  $the\,Reporter\,Newspapers.$ A version of this article article first appeared in the Reporter in 2001.



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# Reporter's Neighborhood Notables

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#### TREE LIGHTING TOUR ON SATURDAY

The traditional holiday tree lighting tour of Dorchester villages is set for Sat., Nov. 25 including stops at Neponset Circle at 4 p.m., Port Norfolk (4:20), Harbor Point (4:40), Allen Park (5), Strand Theatre (5:20), St. Teresa of Calcutta (5:40), Ryan Playground (6), Fields Corner (6:20), Adams/King St playground (6:40), and Peabody Square (7).

HOLIDAY STROLL IN LOWER MILLS ON NOV. 25

The tenth annual Lower Mills Holiday Stroll will be on Sat., Nov. 25 from 3-6 p.m. with a tree lighting at Meetinghouse Bank set for 4 p.m. A holiday pop-up market will be staged at the St. John Paul II Catholic Academy at the corner of Richmond Street. Free trolley rides and live music at Baker Artists Lofts. **GLOVER'S CORNER PUBLIC MEETING ON NOV. 29** 

The BPDA will sponsor a public workshop as part of its ongoing Plan: Glover's Corner initiative on Wed., Nov. 29 at 5:30 p.m., Local 103 IBEW, 256 Freeport St., Dorchester. The focus will be on transportation, mobility and connectivity. For more info go to bit.ly/ PlanGlovers. Or call 617-918-4312.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY HOLIDAY PARTY ON DEC. 10

There will be music and surprises at the Dorchester Historical Society's holiday party on Sun., Dec. 10 from 2-4 p.m. at William Clapp House, 195 Boston St., Dorchester.

#### COMMUNITY MEETING: IMPROVEMENTS TO FRANKLIN PARK PATHWAYS

Join the Boston Parks and Recreation Department on Sat., Dec. 9 at 10 a.m. at William Devine Golf Course Clubhouse, 1 Circuit Drive, Dorchester for a public community briefing for Phase Vb of the ongoing Improvements to Pathways at Franklin Park. The update meeting will focus on the tennis area of the project. For further info, please call 617-961 3019.

CELEBRATE! AT JFK LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

Family-friendly, free programs in the Stephen Smith Center at JFK Library. Make reservations by visiting jfklibrary.org/celebrate or call 617-514-1644. Fri., Nov. 24 at 10:30 a.m.— Native American Heritage Month: Wampanoag Nation Singers and Dancers; Tues., Dec. 26; The Fairy Circus: Tanglewood Marionettes; Mon., Jan. 15; Clap Your Hands: Martin Luther King Jr. Day, George Russell Jr. and Company.

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In honor of Veteran's Day, Dorchester-based IBEW Local 103 collected 510 care packages to send to veterans posted outside of the United States. Over 200 union members gathered on November 11 at the IBEW Local 103 union hall to assemble and send the care packages. "This is just one way that Local 103 gives back and shows our support for active duty service men and women," said IBEW Local 103 Business Manager Lou Antonellis. "We are thankful and pleased to see all the folks who came to the union hall contributing time and resources to making this happen. For those of us that didn't serve it's really a special way to say thank you to the troops." The volunteers included a a girl scout troop from Braintree and boy scouts from Quincy. Above, Girl Scouts from Braintree Highland School with Local 103 President Bob Sheehan, left, and Business Manager Lou Antonellis, right.

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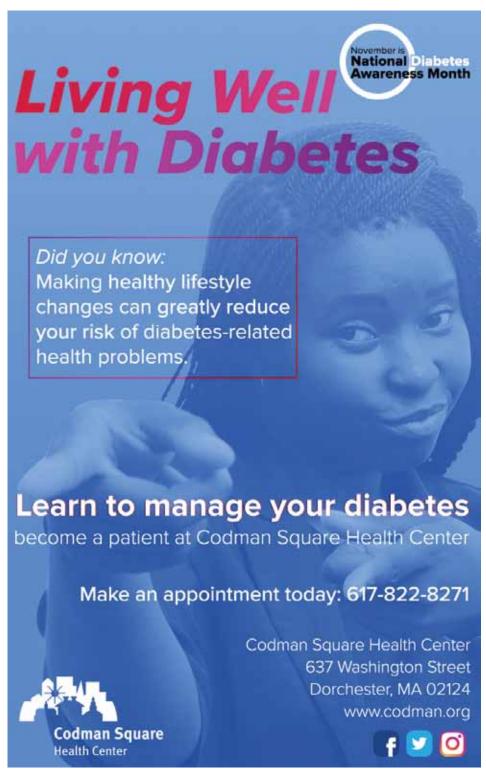
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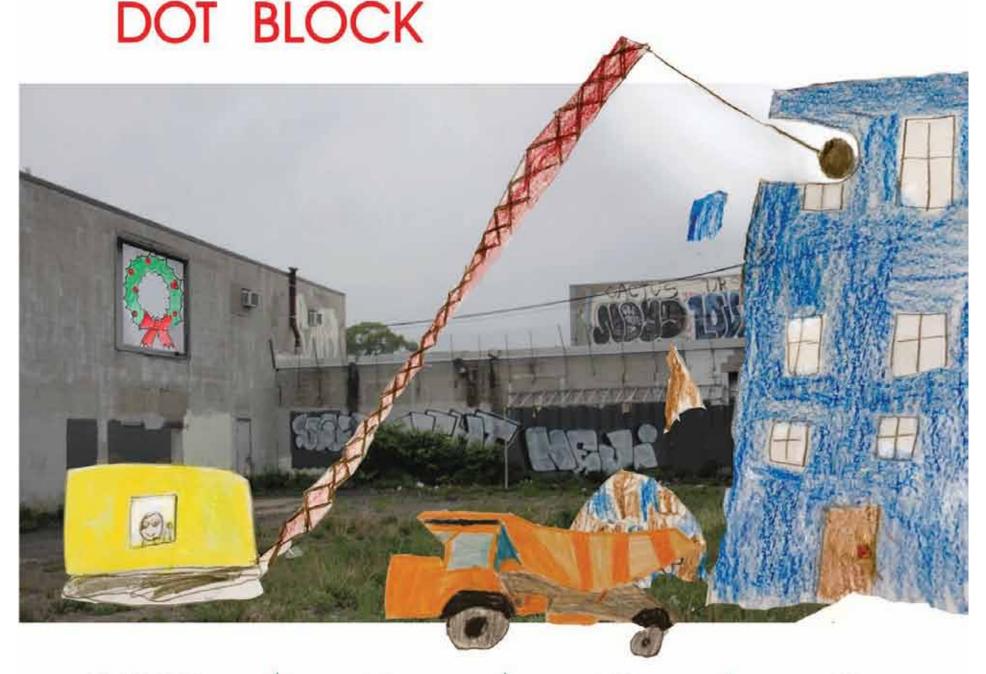


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# Neighbors seek to ID 'significant' Ashmont buildings

(Continued from page 1) would discourage from happening."

In the Greater Ashmont Main Street District Property Index, sites are classified by colors and numbers indicating the historic merit of a building and the committee's suggestion for amounts of preservation or development. If classified as "red" in the index, properties are considered "so architecturally or historically significant to the district and to its character that they must be preserved and maintained." They might be noted as historic by the Boston Landmarks Commission, considered for status as a landmark, possess unique architecture or a relationship to an historic person, or whose loss would have a "significant negative impact" on the surrounding area.

Examples cited at the meeting included O'Brien's Market at Ashmont, the Peabody Square Apartments, St. Mark's Church, and the

Carruth Building. Both "yellow" and



The former ODWIN learning center is one of the properties identified in the Greater Ashmont index, cited as an example of the 'flexible categories."

"green" properties would be considered for redevelopment by the Main Street group if "excellent projects are proposed." The former denotes buildings of historical and architectural interest that are "preferably maintained and preserved," while the latter includes vacant lots or properties with no such interest.

every vacant lot should be developed," Gonyeau said, "but that's again a green light to encourage development on these

Once the buildings' values are assessed. the index also includes subcategories for levels of maintenance and preservation that the group would require or the level of redevelopment "This isn't saying that they could support. In broad strokes, "red" parcels include Level 1 recommendations for bringing the building into landmark status or making modifications to the site to better reflect the building's significance.

Level 2 suggestions might require further research into the site's history, suggest rehabilitation, or support some kind of multi-story,

mixed use development. Level 3 encourages redevelopment, whether that be a new structure on an empty lot, a proposed project, or supporting a development already in progress.

Buildings can shift between categories as the committee digs into their history, Gonyeau said. The former ODWIN Learning Center building at 1943 Dorchester

Ave. was initially classified as "yellow (2)" It was built sometime around 1850 or 1860, the group first believed, but on looking into it, Gonyeau said, "We could never figure out when it was built, or much about its original origin, but it had been so heavily altered over the years as a funeral home and then as the ODWIN site that it didn't really have any of its architectural character or value left."

So they designated it as a "green (1)" site instead, deciding to support the multi-story, mixed-use redevelopment already under way on the property.

That parcel is a "good example of the flexibility that[theindex]isable to have," Gonyeau said. He told meeting attendees that the index is still in draft form and the committee is reviewing categorizations. They hope to note every parcel in the Main Street district, he added, "so if something were to be proposed for the site, we have a response articulated."

# 'Happy to be home," Latin School's new headmaster gets busy right away

(Continued from page 1) see so many exciting new programs that have been developed over the past ten years. I look forward to the continued collaboration to come."

In her address, Skerritt took up the issue of the competitive and controversial exam that students in the city have to take to gain admission

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to the exam schools, which include not only BLS, but also Boston Latin Academy and the John D. O'Bryant School of Mathematics and Science.

"I still remember my nervousness as a student the morning of the Latin School test, knowing how consequential it was that I secure a seat," she said.

"The shared experience of preparation for that moment along with the competition of earning one's place at BLS is important and key to our identity as a school.'

She also acknowledged the criticism that the exam is a barrier for many city students, making perhaps the most elite school essentially inaccessible to many of them. Only about 20 percent of the most recent class of students admitted to BLS are currently Boston Public School students. That's a statistic that local officials and activists see as evidence of the school's failure to reflect the city's racial diversity.

there are brilliant young people in the city that for reasons ranging from lack of sufficient coverage on test topics at their elementary schools to a lack of information about the exam schools in general to the potential language barrier between school and home," said Skerritt, adding "that there are young people who do not have the opportunity to compete, but would thrive at BLS if given the chance."

Staying with the issue, she said, "I've heard some express fear that we may be migrating away from BLS as a meritocracy. Making sure that there

"We're aware that is equity around access is, in fact, the opposite. A more level playing field makes for a tougher and richer contest."

Once infamous for its high attrition numbers, the Latin School now maintains retention rates in the high 90s as a percent, Skerritt said. "Does our low attrition rate mean that we have lowered our standards?" she asked. "It does not," she answered. It means that we raised them. It means we have to be more innovative and creative to ensure that our mission is realized for all students who gain admission to BLS,' Skerritt said.

Skerritt did not explicitly address the "Black and BLS" campaign, which has sparked both school-wide and city-wide conversations regarding race and inequalities at the school, choosing instead to focus on her own experience. "I've maintained that one of the strategies to ensure that every student is successful is to acknowledge race as a critical factor in the educational and overall experiences for students of color," said the first person of color to serve as headmaster in the school's 382-yearhistory.

"It was drilled into my head by my parents growing up, as I'm sure it was for many individuals in this room from minority communities, that I had to be twice as good in order to be seen. Not to



**Rachel Skerritt** 

be seen as equal, just to be seen," she said, before pausing for a moment.

"For anyone who thinks that's a ridiculous notion, please visit the Globe article announcing my appointment and read the comments. The most offensive ones have been removed by the editors, but there are still quite a few gems in there, including the short but poignant 'her picture says it all, which I inferred to mean that this position was not something that I had earned but something I was handed."

Skerritt added: "Acknowledging our differences does not in any way take away from the fact that we do play for the same team. ... the constant feeling of having to battle back from people's low expectations is exhausting, especially when there is no one to process it with you or even acknowledge it. We must continue to set a sky-high bar for our scholars and then we have to love the heck out of them as they work to meet our lofty expectations.'

After the headmaster finished her address, the gathering supplied the punctuation: a standing ovation.

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November 16, 2017

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#### Community Health News

# Baker signs free contraception bill into law

By MATT MURPHY STATE HOUSE News Service

Gov. Charlie Baker signed a law Monday that insulates Massachusetts from federal changes to birth control coverage under Obamacare, protecting a woman's right to free contraception in a move that supporters, including the governor, cheered as a message to Republicans in Washington.

The new law requires health insurance plans to cover most types of oral contraception without co-pays. The coverage extends to over-the-counter emergency contraception, and would allow women to fill prescriptions for birth control for 12 months at a time.

"This is exactly the sort of opportunity where Massachusetts has a chance to send a message to the rest of the country about how we think and how we feel about this issue and I'm proud to be part of the team," Baker said at a bill-signing ceremony in the State House library.

The event drew scores of advocates and supporters, and Baker was joined around the podium by a host of leading Democrats, including House

Speaker Robert DeLeo, Senate President Stanley Rosenberg, Attorney General Maura Healey and Treasurer Deborah Goldberg.

"We're not going away," Healey said. "We're going to continue to stand for the rights of women."

The legislation gained steam on Beacon Hill following President Donald Trump's executive order making it easier for companies to opt out of covering birth control on religious or moral grounds. A compromise struck between state insurers and women's health advocates over the details of the bill help push it across the finish line.

"If Washington is going to be hostile to the programs and policies we know work, then we need to be prepared to act," said Senate Majority Leader Harriette Chandler, a Worcester Democrat and co-sponsor of the legislation.

The bill passed the House and Senate overwhelmingly in recent weeks, clearing the House 140-16, with only three Democrats voting against it, and on a 27-0 standing vote in the Senate.

"All women of this com-

monwealth, all women of this country, all women of the world are entitled to affordable, reliable and safe contraceptive care and I think that's what this was all about. Very, very simple," DeLeo said.

Chandler filed the legislation along with Speaker Pro Tempore Patricia Haddad and Rep. John Scibak at the beginning of the session as uncertainty swirled over whether the new Republican Congress would repeal the Affordable Care Act, and with it the protection of birth control coverage.

After Trump's executive order, the Rep. Aaron Michlewitz and Sen. Jamie Eldridge requested that the Center for Health Information and Analysis expedite its review of the potential costs of the coverage mandates. CHIA produced its analysis at the end of October, determining the bill would add between 7 cents and 20 cents to the average monthly premium.

Andrew Dreyfus, the CEO of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, said the company was proud to be among the state health insurers supporting the new law after Planned Parenthood and others advocates cooperated to reach consensus.

One of the concessions allows insurers to charge co-pays for brand name contraceptives if a generic drug is available. Condoms are also not covered.

The Catholic Action League of Massachusetts was one of the few groups that vocally opposed to the bill.

Baker proposed in

his budget last year a five-year moratorium on new health insurance mandates as he explored strategies to control the cost of health care, particularly within the state's Medicaid program. But he said this situation warranted an exception.

"In this particular case,

there was a tremendous concern about a particular issue that involved the uncertainty associated with federal policy. I think it's terrific that everyone got together and got this done to protect women's reproductive rights here in Massachusetts." he said after the event.



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# Neighborhood Notables

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**DONATE YOUR OLD WINTER COAT IN LOWER MILLS** 

Now through Sun., January 7, Standish Village Assisted Living, 1190 Adams St., Dorchester is serving as a drop-off site for the Coats for Kids fundraiser. Accepted items include warm, winter coats for adults or children, which can be slightly used or new. We are especially looking for pre-K and XL sizes. Anton's Cleaners will be cleaning all donated coats free of charge and distributing them through Coats for Kids' Distribution Partners Network. When you drop off your donation at Standish Village, stay for a complimentary cup of coffee or hot chocolate!

FIFTH CONSTRUCTION UPDATE MEETING FOR

**CASEY ARBORWAY PROJECT** 

Wed., Dec. 6 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Boston English High School's auditorium, 144 McBride St., Jamaica Plain. The meeting will focus on the integration of a new, permanent canopy to provide shelter to waiting riders in the Upper Busway at Forest Hills Station into the current construction contract and how this work will be completed. All residents, abutters, local business owners, and interested commuters are invited to attend. For accommodations or language assistance, or to be added to the project e-mail list, please contact MassDOT municipal liaison, Jim Kersten by phone 857-368-9041, or by email at james.a.kersten@state.ma.us.

**PAINTING FOR GRATITUDE IN FIELDS CORNER** 

On Fri., Nov. 24 from 11-3 p.m. at The Town Field, 200 Park St., Dorchester join the kids and families from the Neighborhood House Charter School, Saint John Paul II Catholic Academy, the Holmes School and the Henderson School as we paint banners to say "Thank you Boston." Banners that we create with the expert guidance of Dot Art will adorn the construction fences of Martin's Park at the Smith Family Waterfront next to the Boston Children's Museum for the winter months while the Park comes to life. Organized by the Martin Richard Foundation and DotArt.

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#### MAYOR'S ENCHANTED TROLLEY TOUR

**AND TREE LIGHTINGS** 

The 2017 Mayor's Enchanted Trolley Tour and Tree Lightings Schedule is as follows: Fri., Dec. 1 at 5:30 p.m. in Mattapan Square, Mattapan. Sat., Dec. 2 at 1 p.m. in Codman Square, Dorchester. Sun., Dec. 3 at 6 p.m. in Adams Corner, Dorchester. For further information please call 617-635-3911, visit boston. gov/tourism. For further information please call 617-635-3911. For a full schedule, please visit boston. gov/news/mayors-2017-enchanted-trolley-tour.

#### BACH PROJECT DEBUT CONCERT AT ALL SAINTS PARISH

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#### FRANKLIN PARK TURKEY TROT ON NOV. 23

The Franklin Park Coalition is preparing for a 5k run/walk Thanksgiving morning (Thurs., Nov.23) in Franklin Park at 9 a.m. Online registration for the 2017 Turkey Trot is open until Wed., Nov. 22nd. See fpc5k.com for complete information. For additional information, please contact: Samantha Weschler, Executive Director at sam@franklinparkcoalition. org or Debbie Munson, Race Director at turkeytrot@franklinparkcoalition.org.

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#### ASHMONT HILL BOOK GROUP

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#### **JFK LIBRARY FALL 2017 EVENTS**

All forums are free and open to the public. Make a reservation online or call 617-514-1643. For more information, visit jfklibrary.org/forums. Tues., Nov. 28 from 6-7:30 p.m.; Peter Edelman, Georgetown law professor and former advisor to Senator Robert F. Kennedy, discusses key challenges raised in his new book "Not a Crime to Be Poor: The Criminalization of Poverty in America."

#### STANDOUT FOR BLACK LIVES AT ASHMONT T STATION

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New citizenship classes will be held on Mondays and Tuesdays starting this month at Notre Dame Education Center in South Boston. Call 617-268-1912.

**MATTAPAN TREE HEARING ON DEC. 7** Thurs., Dec. 7 at City of Boston's Tree Warden (or designee) in the 3rd floor Conference Room of the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, Roxbury from 7-10 a.m. The request is for the removal of one ash tree measuring 10 inches DBH (diameter at breast height) due to proposed construction of a driveway at 1516 Blue Hill Avenue in Mattapan. Public testimony will be taken at the hearing, or may be provided prior to the hearing in writing to the Tree Warden, Boston Parks and Recreation Department, 1010 Massachusetts Avenue, 3rd floor, Roxbury, MA 02118 or by emailing parks@boston.gov with "Mattapan Tree Hearing" in the subject line. A final decision regarding the request will be made within two weeks of the hearing. For further information, please contact the Tree Warden at 617-635-7275.

#### BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY'S HOMEWORK HELP

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

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• Holiday tree lighting tour of Dorchester villages including stops at Neponset Circle at 4 p.m., Port Norfolk (4:20), Harbor Point (4:40), Allen Park (5), Strand Theatre (5:20), St. Teresa of Calcutta (5:40), Ryan Playground (6), Fields Corner (6:20), Adams/King St playground (6:40), and Peabody Square (7).

#### Sunday, Nov. 26

• Bach Project Debut Concert at All Saints Parish at 4 p.m., this newly-formed ensemble

of professional singers and instrumentalists, drawn from the Handel and Haydn Society, Boston Baroque, Emmanuel Music, Trinity Church in Copley Square, and the Church of the Advent, will perform organ, instrumental, and choral music of Johann Sebastian Bach, including Brandenburg Concerto No. 6, the motet "Lobet den Herrn" and Cantata 47. They will be joined by the All Saints' Boys Choir. For more information. and to buy tickets, visit ahchambermusic.org.

#### Monday, Nov. 27

• Mayor Martin J. Walsh, the Boston Parks and Recreation Department, and The Friends of Copley Square welcome the holidays with the annual Copley Square Tree Lighting from 5 to 6 p.m. The free event will feature appearances by Santa Claus and Rudolph along with musical performances by the Boston Children's Chorus, the Boston Pops Brass Quintet, and Berklee College of Music students Britani Washington and Sam Robbins.

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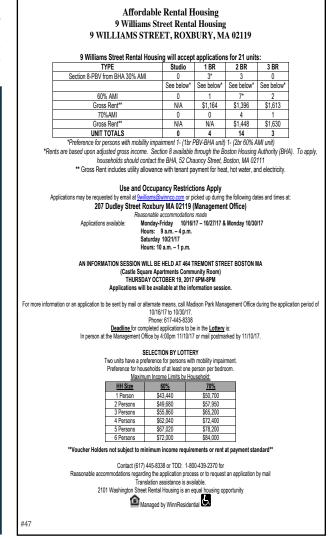
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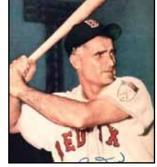
# Let's sing the praises of Charlie Morton the Astro

This being the beginning of the special time in the year, and because it seems to me to have been insufficiently noted or appreciated, let's begin with the inspirational tale of Charlie Morton, dauntless but improbable World Series hero. It's wonderful.

If there were a Profiles in Courage Award in baseball, he would be a lock. Few have stood taller on the mound than the battered. weary, but implacable 34-year-old Morton did in Game Seven, when he slammed shut the

#### **Sports/Clark Booth**





At left, Charlie Morton, Baseball's Profile in Courage; right, Bobby Doerr, dead at 99, an exemplar of the right stuff his whole life through.

door on the Dodgers ing an unhittable curve with four innings of impeccable relief, mix- he had done to finish

with iron will, just as

off the Yankees in the ALCS. It's something no pitcher had ever done win two sudden-death Game Sevens in the same post-season.

"Big deal," you say, "a mere footnote." But when something happens in baseball that's never happened before, we pay attention. Moreover, you must consider the ordeal Morton had experienced over an agonizing 10year struggle to reach his historic moment, wandering from Atlanta to Pittsburgh to Philadelphia before landing in Houston.

For openers, he had three major surgeries, one on each hip plus the dreaded Tommy John ulnar-nerve transplant, and countless trips to the DL for related miseries. In 2016, he pitched four winless games for the Phillies, tearing his hamstring so badly in April that he was in rehab the rest of the season. In nine years, he won 46 games, never posting a winning record and hanging on by his nails mainly because people respected his character. Still, when Houston-out of nowhere - handed him a two-year, \$14 million deal, many of the same folks snickered. It

seemed so inexplicable. Whoever made that call, it testifies heavily to the brilliance of the Houston front office, which has turned a perennial doormat into a powerhouse in four years. After going 14-7 with a 3.62 ERA and roughly 10 whiffs per nine innings pitched, Morton, in the postseason and healthy at last, essentially saved Houston's shaky pitching staff which had brinked

on collapse near the end. He was valiant, an oldfashioned baseball story like something from a Mark Harris novel. You don't find jewels on scrap heaps anymore, except in fiction.

Well educated and articulate, Morton seemingly is handling his new-found fortune well, neither reveling excessively in it nor bemoaning what he endured along the long way. How did he ever stay the course? In his post-game comments, he attributed it to a keen sense of "professional responsibility," by which, he explained, he means: "It's not glorious. But it's my job to approach each situation professionally

and I try to do that." Eureka! We have a modern athlete who quietly asserts that what mainly sustains him through endless travail is simply a sense of "professional responsibility." How very refreshing! We may never hear from Charlie Morton again, but he has made his mark in the game's annals, I'd say.

#### Of injuries and the NFL

A recent headline in a New York tabloid screeched "Game of Life and Death: Future of football looks bleak." If you're keeping score on the NFL weekly injury report (at best, an incomplete document) you may be nodding in agreement. Totals in the first half of the season again reached an all-time high – up 33 from this point last season.

You could form the nucleus of a couple of allstar teams merely from this sampling of perhaps the top 10 players wasted for the entire season: Esteemed QBs Andrew Luck, Deshaun Watson, Aaron Rodgers, the Giants' Odell Beckham, KC's Eric Berry, and the Vikes' Joe Thomas, and arguably the game's two best defenders, J.J. Watt and Richard Sherman. The Patriots dearly miss mainstays Don't'a Hightower and Julian

On and on goes the drumbeat, with the costs soaring. In the end, damages awarded for injuries will cripple the NFL. It's become inevitable. Yet the owners, obsessed with their immediate profits, do nothing to address long-term consequences. They'll regret



#### **Baseball awards:** Right on

MLB's award season proved predictable. No real surprises unless you fancy a Kershaw over a Scherzer, though there's hardly a dime's difference. Hereabouts, partisans are ruffled not so much by Corey Kluber denying local pet Chris Sale the AL Cy Young as by doing so by a veritable landslide. Was the dogged Indians righty that much better than our prize lefty? Probably not. But it illustrates how much we here overrate our lads. Sale was not as good as he looked while burning through mid-summer piling up all those strikeouts. This he swiftly verified when the going got tough at the end. All of which the rest of the league saw more clearly. It's that simple.

As for the MVPs: Like it or not, Giancarlo Stanton was inevitable in the year of the long ball, with no clear alternative. Happily, reason prevailed in the AL. Anyone but Jose Altuve winning was unthinkable, and the campaign in behalf of Aaron Judge was dumb. But the admirable young Goliath makes a superb Rookie of the Year pick. No question!

#### **Bobby Doerr:** Mr. Respected

A last word on Bobby Doerr. It's pleasing when someone notable passes on after a long and much blessed life, and when vou can personally verify that all the nice things being said of him or her are richly deserved. This is thunderously the case in the death of Robert Pershing 'Bobby' Doerr, every inch a Hall of Famer on and off the field.

He lived 99 years and may never have raised his voice, certainly not in anger. Touching was the respect ne commanded in baseball's rowdy culture. You didn't cuss around Bobby, nor take the Lord's name in vain. His dignity was never forced nor feigned. It came as natural to him as drawing his next breath. There are many heroes in sports, but few exemplars. Bobby Doerr was an exemplar.











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#### FIND OUT WHAT'S INSIDE

College Fellows: College Fellows, part of our College & Career Prep program, meets once monthly with high school students from each grade-level to go over some aspect of preparing for and getting accepted into college. Upcoming for December:

Tuesday, December 5 Seniors Tuesday, December 12 Juniors Tuesday, December 19 Freshman/ Sophomores

Keystone Gives Back: Our Keystone Club will be giving back this holiday season. They help put on a Polar Express holiday event for younger kids on December 9th, and they will also be volunteering at Seniors First Night, a special New Year celebration for senior citizens in the Seaport on December 28th, and at Christmas in the City on the 16th



**PUMA Culture of Community:** We hosted a basketball shootout where members raised over \$3000 which was matched by PUMA for a total of \$6500. Thank you PUMA for your commitment to promoting a culture of community!

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Winter Registration for enrichment programs will be taking place as well, on December 13 starting at 6-8PM. This is the one chance to sign up for evening enrichment programs, and they are first come first served. Evening enrichment programs include athletics and healthy lifestyle classes, arts and music, and leadership programs. More details will be coming soon, and check out our Facebook page for more specifics as they become available, at facebook. com/bgcdot.

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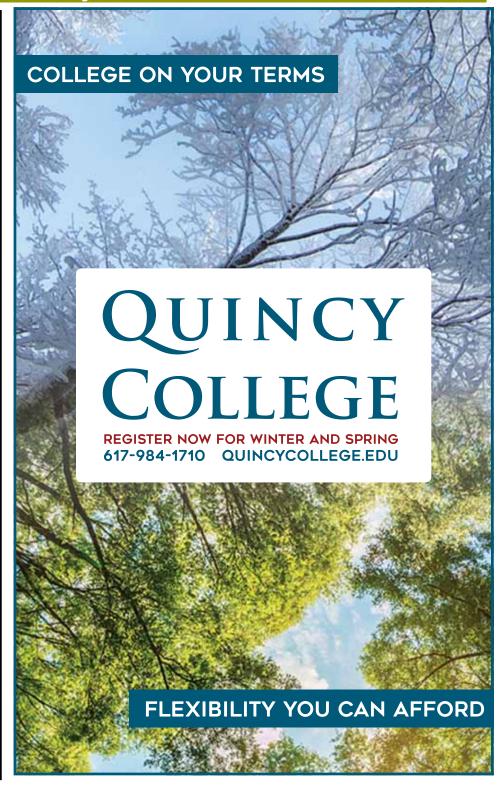
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Joseph W. Coulombre of Medfield. Sister of her late siblings Eleanor J. Cuddy, Robert Collett, Edward Collett and Paul Collett. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews.

FICO, Crescenzo 92 of Braintree, formerly of Dorchester. Crescenzo was born in Afragola, Naples, Italy. He came to

the United States in 1953 settling in Dorchester. He was employed by the Keystone Camera Co. of Dorchester and then he purchased his own pizza shop, Teresa's Pizza in Codman Square which he owned for several years. Crescenzo also worked for Colonial Provisions Co. of South Boston prior to his retirement in 1986. He loved cooking for his family and was an avid gardener. He moved to Braintree with his family in 1978. He is the husband of Philomena (Abundo) Fico to whom he has been married 63 years. Father of Teresa Fico and Ann Marie Fico both of Braintree, Frank P. Fico married to Gina of Dedham, and Diana E. Fitzgerald married to James of Braintree. He is the proud Grandpa of Sophia E. Fitzgerald, James D. Fitzgerald II, Nicholas A. Fitzgerald and Catherine P. Fico.

HIGGINS, RichardS. in Dorchester, formerly of Franklin Field. Husband of Margie E. (White). Father of Michelle and her husband Stephen Breslin of Bridgewater,

Lorrie Higgins, Richard Higgins, and Michael Higgins, all of Dorchester. Son of Patricia (Brown) Lewis of Taunton and the late Richard J. Higgins. Son-in-law of Kay White of Dorchester and the late Robert White. Papa of Lauren, Shaelyn, Makayla, Shane, and William. Brother of James Higgins, Stephen Higgins, John Lewis, and the late Michael Higgins. Survived by many other relatives and friends. Veteran Vietnam War-U.S. Army. Retired electrician for the Jamaica Plain V.A. Hospital for over 30 years. Past Vice-President and President of the American Federation of Government Employees, AFL-CIO L.U. 1213. Donations in Richard's memory may be made to the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester, 1135 Dorchester Ave.,

Dorchester, MA 02125.
O'CONNOR, Attorney Jeremiah V. in Malden, formerly of Dorchester. Son of the late Patrick J. and Mary C. (Tobin) O'Connor. Twin brother of Catherine M. and her husband William J. Murphy of Quincy, and the late Patrick J. O'Connor. Uncle of Andrea Keane, Sheila Chamberlain, Shawn Murphy, Maureen Murphy Narbonne, Christopher O'Connor,

all of Quincy, Thomas O'Connor of Norwell, Judy O'Connor of Quincy, and the late Karin Murphy. Survived by many grandnieces and grandnephews. Jerry was an attorney for the Boston Municipal Juvenile Court. He served as a medic in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He was an active member of the National Scoliosis Foundation, involved in numerous political campaigns, and attended and supported many charity events throughout Boston. He was also active with the Jesuit Urban Center and St. Cecilia's Parish for over 35 years. Donations in Jerry's memory may be made to the New England Shelter for Homeless Veterans, 17 Court St., Boston, MA 02108.

**SWEENEY**, Matthew **J.** of Dorchester, formerly of South Boston. Husband of Mary (Murphy) Sweeney. Son of the late Bernard and Fanny of South Boston. Devoted father of Mary Lou Sweeney of Weymouth, Dorothy and Thomas Woods of Milton, Sheila Sweeney of Milton, and Matthew andJill Sweeney of Dorchester. Brother of Donald Sweeney and his wife Marie of Hyde Park, and the late Bernard and Betty Sweeney, John and Helen Sweeney, Eleanor

and William Cornwell, Elaine and Edward "Red" McGuire, Robert and Claire Sweeney, William Sweeney, and Brian Sweeney. Caring brother-in-law of Lorraine Sweeney of Hingham and Sheila Sweenev of Quincy. Grandfather to Jake Feeney of Milton, Connor and Ryan Sweeney of Dorchester, and his angel the late Christina Feeney of Milton. Veteran Sgt. U.S. Army WWII. 37 year Boston Police Department Sgt. Active member of the John P. McKeon Post #146 AMVETS. Past member of the Emerald Society. Remembrances may be made in Matthew's name to the Boys Club of South Boston or to the Homeless Veterans. Interment in Massachusetts National

Cemetery, Bourne.
WESTON, Jane M. (Robinson) of Dorchester. Wife of the late Ernest B. Weston. Mother of Katherine J. Kennedy of Dorchester, Edward L. Weston of Los Angeles, CA and the late Stanley W. Kennedy. She is survived by a host of dear friends and a devoted church family. Donations in Jane's memory may be made to St. Mark Congregational Church, Ruth Chambers Fund to benefit St. Mark children's programs.



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Docket No. SU17P2423GD
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contain a request for certain specific authority
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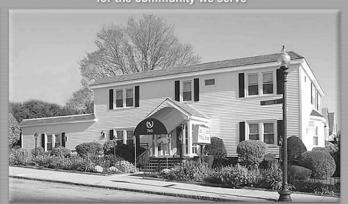
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